

Safety & Training Committee

Minutes of the virtual meeting held by Microsoft Teams on
Thursday 2 July 2020 at 19:00

Present:	Jeff Montgomery	-	Chair STC/STO
	Iain Anderson	-	St Andrews
	Dylan Bartle	-	RAFSPA
	Alex Busby-Hicks	-	Skydive Tilstock
	Stacey Canning	-	APA
	Mike Carruthers	-	Skydive Northwest
	Bryn Chaffe	-	Sky High
	Andy Clarke	-	Wild Geese
	Hans Donner	-	JSPW(N)
	Dave Emerson	-	Isle of Wight
	Paul Floyd	-	London Parachute School
	Reg Green	-	Pilgrims
	Chris McCann	-	Sibson Skydivers
	Ryan Mancey	-	Go Skydive
	Stuart Meacock	-	Hinton Skydiving
	Sara Orton	-	Skydive GB
	Noel Purcell	-	Skydive Hibaldstow
	Mally Richardson	-	Skydive Jersey
	Nick Robinson	-	Air Adventures Wales
	Pete Sizer	-	Chair Riggers' Subcommittee/Headcorn
	Gary Small	-	Skydive Chatteris
	Jason Thompson	-	Beccles Skydivers
	Richard Wheatley	-	Skydive Langar
	Dave Wood	-	Cornish Parachute Club
	Paul Yeoman	-	Black Knights
Apologies for absence:	Martin White	-	CSPC Cyprus
	Trudy Kemp	-	Assistant to COO/STO (on furlough)
In attendance:	Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag
	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer
	Mark Bayada	-	Council / Chair Canopy Working Group
	Dr John Carter	-	Medical Adviser / RSWG Medical Panel
	Jack Davies	-	Council
	Angel Fernandez	-	Communications Manager
	Dr Simon Guest	-	RSWG Medical Panel
	John Hitchen	-	Vice Chair STC & Vice President
	Tony Knight	-	Aviation Adviser
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair of Council
	Martin Shuttleworth	-	Secretary-General (Acting Secretary)
	Simon Soper	-	Council
Observers:	Jake John, Pete Mather, Billy Steele		

Item Minute

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all involved to this first virtual meeting of STC. He said the meeting would be recorded to assist with preparation of the minutes after which the recording would be deleted.

The Chair asked those who wished to speak to make him aware by using the wave icon or chat feature on Teams. He made a roll call of Chief Instructors as the voting members present, and then outlined the voting procedure. He asked two individuals whose name did not show on their account to identify themselves.

2 Declarations of interest

The Chair asked that any voting member with a personal, financial or material interest in business on the agenda should declare that interest at the appropriate item.

3 Minutes of the meeting on 6 February 2020

STC APPROVED the previously circulated minutes of the meeting on 2 February. Proposed by Pete Sizer, seconded by Ryan Mancey and carried unanimously.

4 Matter arising: Canopy Working Group (page 1, minute 3)

Mark Bayada (Chair, Canopy Working Group) reported that it had not been possible to continue this work whilst there had been no jumping during lockdown. Work would resume once it became possible to hold physical meetings again. He planned to call on active coaches to provide an input. He advised against STC bringing in new canopy rules this season, as much of the season had been lost in lockdown. Rather, he asked CIs to consult the existing spreadsheet - which the COO would re-circulate with the minutes or separately - and make their own decisions on any jumpers who fell outside its wing loading recommendations.

Action: COO

He also said that some jumpers may need to start to regain their currency on lower-performance canopies.

5 Notes and any matters arising from STC e-votes between meetings

The Chair re-confirmed the outcome of the two STC e-votes that had been held during the lockdown.

5.1 STC e-vote of 23 March 2020

Notes on, and the result of, the STC e-vote, which had been called on 23 March and had closed on 30 March 2020, had been circulated to CIs on 3 April. This included amendments to the Operations Manual (Appendix 1) that had been approved by Council at its meeting on Saturday 4 April (Council minute 38.1).

5.2 STC e-vote of 15 May 2020

The result of the STC e-vote, which had closed on 15 May, for the 20 one-off Permissions and Exemptions effective once the sport resumed from lockdown, had previously been circulated to CIs (Appendix 2). This had been approved by Council at its meeting on Saturday 16 May (Council minute 84.2.1).

6 Minutes of the meeting of the Riggers' Subcommittee on 6 February 2020

STC ACCEPTED the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Riggers' Subcommittee held on Thursday 6 February 2020. Proposed by Pete Sizer, seconded by Noel Purcell, and carried unanimously.

The STC Chair said the date of the next meeting of the Riggers' Subcommittee would be notified once things got back to normal.

7 Return to Skydiving Working Group (RSWG)

7.1 Guidance on Return to Skydiving

The Chair reported that British Skydiving's Guidance on Return to Skydiving after the Covid-19 lockdown had been issued to Affiliated PTOs on 30 June, following circulation of a draft to DZ Operators and CIs. The three main areas of guidance were DZ Entry, Ground and Airside. The document had been produced at pace by the Return to Skydiving Working Group (RSWG),

which had been chaired by the STC Chair/STO, and whose composition had included representation from PTOs of different sizes, Council, and experienced skydivers with relevant professional expertise including a panel of three medical doctors,

The Chair said he had received little feedback to circulation of the draft guidance, although he appreciated that the tight publication schedule had meant there had been only a very short time for this. He invited any further feedback from STC now.

The Chair asked CIs kindly to ensure that the areas highlighted in the Guidance document were adhered to where applicable and to ensure that everyone attending their PTO was aware of the risks.

7.2 RSWG proposals for amendments to the Operations Manual

RSWG had proposed amendments to the British Skydiving Operations Manual, for consideration by STC, as follows.

- a. Because of the Covid-19 crisis the working group had requested that the requirement be removed for Tandem Students to wear a 'French-Type' ribbed helmet. This was because of the possibility of coronavirus transmission from one Tandem Student to another. It was not thought that this would affect skydiving safety, as many countries permitted Tandem students to jump without helmets and British Skydiving was not aware of this causing a problem anywhere.

Therefore, it was proposed by Nick Robinson and seconded by Alex Busby-Hicks that **SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), Paragraph 3 (Personal Clothing and Equipment), Sub-para 3.1.2, be changed to read:**

- 3.1.2. Tandem Students are not required to wear helmets, unless dictated by the Chief Instructor, where a 'French Type' ribbed helmet must be worn.

In discussion, it was noted that this type of helmet gave the student head protection whilst on board the aircraft. Being made of soft material, these helmets were unlikely to cause harm if knocked against the instructor.

STC APPROVED this amendment to the Operations Manual, which carried unanimously. On the recommendation of the Chair, STC agreed that the amendment would be reviewed after 6 months.

- b. The working group also recommended that because of the lockdown and with little or no flying for several months, the Operations Manual requirement at Section 9 (Flying), Sub-para 1.1.6, which stated:

'Proficiency checks. All Pilots must complete a proficiency check at least every twelve months. This must be conducted by a CP or PE and signed off on Form 108E. This form is to be retained in a Pilot's personal file, which is to be kept and maintained by the CP'

should be subject to a one-off extension to authorised pilots whose proficiency check was in-date on 20 March 2020 but due to expire before 31 October 2020, for their proficiency expiry date to be extended until 31 October 2020.

STC APPROVED this amendment to the Operations Manual, which carried unanimously on a proposal by Mike Carruthers, seconded by Iain Anderson.

8 Peterlee WDI restriction removal request and proposed amendments to the British Skydiving Operations Manual

A paper from Bryn Chaffe (CI, Sky High, Peterlee) had been circulated with the agenda, requesting the removal of a Wind Drift Indicator (WDI) restriction that had been placed on the PTO many years ago. The paper also requested amendments to the Operations Manual. STC considered each request separately.

- a. **Peterlee WDI Restriction removal request**

Bryn Chaffe's paper stated that he was requesting the removal of the requirement of throwing a WDI on the first lift of the day regardless of the type of load on board. This

restriction was placed following a fatality over 15 years ago and had not been revisited since. The paper gave details.

STC APPROVED the removal of the Peterlee WDI restriction. Proposed by Gary Small, seconded by Paul Floyd, and carried with an abstention by Bryn Chaffe who declared an interest as the restriction had applied at his PTO.

b. Operations Manual Amendment (WDIs)

Bryn Chaffe's second request is a minor change to **SECTION 8 (SKYDIVING LIMITATIONS), Paragraph 2 (Wind speed and direction), sup-para 2.2.3(e), which read:**

- e. *A WDI must be thrown if Static Line Students are on the first lift of the day, or before the start of a skydiving display.*

The request gave the reason for his suggested amendment. The suggested change was:

Original wording of suggested change:

'A WDI must be thrown if Static Line Students are on the first lift of the day or at the CI's discretion, or before the start of a skydiving display.'

Revised wording of suggested change:

Bryn Chaffe had since asked for the above to be revised to:

'The Chief Instructor shall determine the exit point for students using information available, this could be wind forecasts, electronic information gained on the day or a WDI.' The Chair said that he presumed Bryn Chaffe also wished to retain the provision 'A WDI must be thrown before the start of a skydiving display'.

The revised wording had not been circulated in advance with the agenda. Therefore, under normal STC procedure, it would not have been appropriate to vote on it at this meeting. However, in discussion, STC considered the variations between the first and second versions to be sufficiently minor to allow this meeting to vote on either or both. The consensus of the meeting was that the second version was clearer, so a vote was taken on accepting the revised version of the suggested change.

STC APPROVED the revised wording of the suggested change above. Proposed by Andy Clarke, seconded by Nick Robinson, and carried with an abstention by Bryn Chaffe who declared an interest as the restriction had applied at his PTO.

c. Licensed skydivers acting as Tandem Students

Bryn Chaffe's next request was that 'A' licensed skydivers be permitted to act as Tandem Students for Tandem Instructors carrying out **any** Tandem currency jumps, including currency jumps with a wrist/hand camera.

Bryn Chaffe believed that because of the number of Tandem Instructors that would be needed to carry out currency jumps after the Coronavirus lockdown, there was likely to be shortage of volunteers qualified to 'B' licence or above.

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructor) referred to all Tandem Instruction. However, Bryn Chaffe's request did not state whether he intended that it should apply to all Tandem jumps that at this time specified a 'B' licensed skydiver, such as TI qualifying jumps. He had also not stated whether his request was for a temporary or permanent amendment to the Operations Manual. He had since clarified his intention: that it was only for currency jumps, not qualification jumps, and that it would be permanent.

The Chair invited Bryn Chaffe to speak to his request, which was then discussed.

STC AGREED to 'A' licensed skydivers being permitted to act as Tandem Students for Tandem Instructors carrying out currency jumps only, and **not** for qualification jumps (see below). Proposed by Alex Busby-Hicks, seconded by Ryan Mancey and carried with an abstention by Bryn Chaffe, who had brought the request to the table.

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructor), Sub-paras 5.6.2. - 5.7. - 5.7.3. - 5.7.5. - 5.7.6. - 5.8.1. - 5.9.2. & 5.10.2.c. Change to read:

5.6.2. A minimum of 2 descents with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver acting as a Student Tandem Skydiver.

5.7. Requirements to use a hand/wrist mounted camera

Tandem Instructors wishing to jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera must have a minimum of 500 Tandem descents and have completed a minimum of 250 Tandem descents within the previous 12 months. Prior to jumping with a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students the Tandem Instructor must demonstrate the ability to perform 3 successful consecutive Tandem jumps with a 'A' Licence skydiver acting as a Tandem Student whilst using a hand/wrist mounted camera.

5.7.3. Prior to jumping with a 'A' Licence skydiver the TI must make a minimum of 2 descents with a hand/wrist mounted camera on Tandem equipment using a suitable container.

5.7.5. The 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

5.7.6. Each 'A' Licence Tandem descent must be filmed by inside/outside camera person and this must be included in the Tandem Instructor's debrief.

5.8.1. Any TI, who has not made a Tandem descent in the preceding 3 calendar months, must make one Tandem jump with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver before taking a Student Tandem Skydiver. The British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

5.9.2. Any TI previously cleared to jump a hand/wrist mounted camera who has not made a Tandem descent within the preceding 3 months must either meet the requirements of 5.8.1. above, or be within 12 months of their initial Tandem hand/wrist mounted camera Clearance, and in each case, they must make a jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera with a 'A' Licence skydiver before jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students. The British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

5.10.2.

c. One descent with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence Skydiver, who has been fully briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

d. Helmets for 'A' Licensed Skydivers and above

Bryn Chaffe had requested that 'A' licensed skydivers may wear helmets permitted by the CI, including suitable full-face helmets.

The Chair noted that Bryn Chaffe's paper suggested that full-face helmets provided additional protection from the transmission of Covid-19.

In the discussion that followed, Dr John Carter, Medical Adviser, said there was little scientific evidence that full-face helmets provided more protection against transmission of Covid-19 than goggles and face protection. His concern was that full-face helmets might introduce new risks by limiting students' visual field, both in terms of restricting their peripheral vision and through the risk of the visor fogging up at a critical stage of the jump. In addition, the action of lifting the visor would put an additional demand on a student under canopy.

Both the Department for Transport and CAA had stated that any measure to mitigate the risk of transmission of the virus must not have a detrimental effect on other aspects of safety. In response to Bryn Chaffe's point about the safety-rating of full-face helmets, Dr Carter noted that open face safety-rated helmets were available and

said it was important to ensure that the safety rating had been given by a competent authority.

Richard Wheatley called attention to the additional risk to spectacle wearers of spectacles fogging up under a full-face helmet. Stuart Meacock said it was important for any student with spectacles who was wearing a snood to pull down the snood below their nose before exiting the aircraft, to help to prevent their spectacles from fogging up.

The Chair called attention to the amendments to Section 6 (Equipment), Paragraph 3, sub-para 3.1.1. and 3.1.3, that would apply if a motion to adopt Bryn Chaffe's request were to be carried.

Alex Busby-Hicks proposed, and Nick Robinson seconded, a motion that STC approve Bryn Chaffe's request that 'A' licensed skydivers may wear helmets permitted by the CI, including suitable full-face helmets. The vote was: five in favour, including one proxy vote; ten against; and three abstentions including Bryn Chaffe who had made the request.

MOTION NOT CARRIED

9 Permissions: Meghan Hawes – Application for a radio licence

A letter from Noel Purcell had been circulated with the agenda asking for an exemption for Megan Hawes to hold a 'B' Licence before applying for her radio operator's licence. Noel Purcell's letter stated that Megan Hawes had nearly completed the requirements for her 'A' licence and was keen to advance. As a member of staff at Skydive Hibaldstow, where Noel Purcell was CI, she had been working as part of the ground crew and had been trained on DZ control and radio use, without performing it live. She would be ready to progress to DZ control as soon as she had obtained her 'B' licence. Noel Purcell said she would like to avoid the current 6-week wait for the licence to be processed before she could be left unsupervised.

Mally Richardson proposed that provision this should be extended to all 'A' licence holders. The COO said any such proposal could not be considered at this meeting as due notice had not been given by circulation in advance with the agenda.

STC APPROVED Noel Purcell's request for an exemption to Meghan Hawes to hold a 'B' licence before applying for her radio operator's licence. She was not to progress to DZ control until she had obtained her 'B' licence. Proposed by Pete Sizer, seconded by Jason Thompson, and carried with an abstention by Noel Purcell who had requested the exemption.

10 Any other business

Richard Wheatley was formulating a proposal for consideration by the next meeting of STC on eligibility to sign off Licence and Grading applications. At present, the Operations Manual specified that sign off must be by an AI.

Richard Wheatley said he planned to request that a very senior instructor at Skydive Langar, who held CSI and AFF ratings and had over 10,000 jumps, should also be eligible to sign off Licence and Grading applications. He sought advice from STC on whether he should apply for an individual permission or whether there was likely to be support to amend the Operations Manual to widen the current criteria.

There followed a discussion at which a range of views was expressed. In response to a suggestion that any widening of the eligibility to sign-off might take into account the number of years an instructor's rating had been held, and also that it should not carry over from one DZ to another if the instructor moved, the COO said the first would require additional checking by HQ and the second would be very difficult to monitor.

The Chair invited members of STC to send their views direct to Richard Wheatley at Langar so he could take them into account in preparing his application for consideration at the next meeting.

11 Date of next meeting

To be notified.

The Chair said that this first virtual meeting had generally run smoothly, notwithstanding some delay at the start as online identities were verified. He expected the practice of running virtual meetings to improve further as more may be held in future.

The meeting closed at 20:19 (duration 1:19)

Attached:

Amendments to the British Skydiving Operations Manual, 2 July 2020

Appendix 1: Notes on, and result of, the STC e-vote, which closed on 30 March 2020, including amendments to the Operations Manual of that date. Approved by Council at its meeting on Saturday 4 April (Council minute 38.1).

Appendix 2: Result of the STC e-vote, which closed on 15 May, for the 20 one-off Permissions and Exemptions effective once the sport resumed from lockdown. Approved by Council at its meeting on Saturday 16 May (Council minute 84.2.1).

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AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH SKYDIVING OPERATIONS MANUAL

At the STC meeting of 2 July 2020 the following amendment was made to the British Skydiving Operations Manual:

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), Paragraph 5 (Tandem Instructor), Sub-paras 5.6.2. - 5.7. - 5.7.3. - 5.7.5. - 5.7.6. - 5.8.1. - 5.9.2. & 5.10.2.c. Change to read:

- 5.6.2. A minimum of 2 descents with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver acting as a Student Tandem Skydiver.
- 5.7. **Requirements to use a hand/wrist mounted camera**
- Tandem Instructors wishing to jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera must have a minimum of 500 Tandem descents and have completed a minimum of 250 Tandem descents within the previous 12 months. Prior to jumping with a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students the Tandem Instructor must demonstrate the ability to perform 3 successful consecutive Tandem jumps with a 'A' Licence skydiver acting as a Tandem Student whilst using a hand/wrist mounted camera.
- 5.7.3. Prior to jumping with a 'A' Licence skydiver the TI must make a minimum of 2 descents with a hand/wrist mounted camera on Tandem equipment using a suitable container.
- 5.7.5. The 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.
- 5.7.6. Each 'A' Licence Tandem descent must be filmed by inside/outside camera person and this must be included in the Tandem Instructor's debrief.
- 5.8.1. Any TI, who has not made a Tandem descent in the preceding 3 calendar months, must make one Tandem jump with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver before taking a Student Tandem Skydiver. The British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.
- 5.9.2. Any TI previously cleared to jump a hand/wrist mounted camera who has not made a Tandem descent within the preceding 3 months must either meet the requirements of 5.8.1. above, or be within 12 months of their initial Tandem hand/wrist mounted camera Clearance, and in each case, they must make a jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera with a 'A' Licence skydiver before jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students. The British Skydiving 'A' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.
- 5.10.2.
- c. One descent with a British Skydiving 'A' Licence Skydiver, who has been fully briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.

SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), Paragraph 3 (Personal Clothing and Equipment), Sub-para 3.1 (Helmets), Change 3.1.2. to read:

- 3.1.2. Tandem Students are not required to wear helmets, unless dictated by the Chief Instructor, where a 'French Type' ribbed helmet must be worn.

SECTION 8 (SKYDIVING LIMITATIONS), Paragraph 2 (Wind), Sub-para 2.3 (Suspension and Resumption of Skydiving), Change 2.3.3.e. to read:

- e. The Chief Instructor shall determine the exit point for Student Skydivers using information available, this could be wind forecasts, electronic information gained on the day or a WDI. A WDI must be thrown before the start of a skydiving display.



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Below are the results from the requests for Permissions sent the Chief Instructors (CIs) on 23 March.

The following 16 CIs cast votes for some, or all of the requests:

Dylan Bartle	-	RAFSPA
Mike Carruthers	-	Skydive North West
Bryn Chaffe	-	Peterlee Parachute Club
Andy Clark	-	Wild Geese
Paul Floyd	-	London Parachute School
Ryan Mancey	-	GoSkydive
Chris McCann	-	Sibson Skydivers
Stuart Meacock	-	Hinton Skydiving Centre
Sara Orton	-	Skydive GB
Noel Purcell	-	Target Skysports
Nick Robinson	-	Air Adventures - Wales
Pete Sizer	-	Skydive Headcorn
Gary Small	-	Skydive Chatteris
Richard Wheatley	-	British Parachute Schools
Martin White	-	CCSPC
Paul Yeoman	=	Black Knights

Item	Business
1	<p>Proposed change to British Skydiving Operations Manual,</p> <p><u>Proposed that Section 9, Paragraph 5.6 (Carriage of Passengers) of the British Skydiving Operations Manual, be changed to read:</u></p> <p>5.6 Carriage of Passengers</p> <p>5.6.1 No passengers shall be carried on a flight conducted for the purpose of skydiving except skydivers who are equipped for and intending to make a descent by parachute during the flight, or task specialists.</p> <p>5.6.2 Task specialists can only be carried for a specific task connected with the skydiving operation and the task specialist duties must be defined within the organisation's SOPs.</p> <p>For: 16, <u>Against</u>: 0, <u>Abstentions</u>: 0. <u>Carried</u></p>

Item	Business
2	<p>AFFI(G) rating request.</p> <p>Request to reinstate the AFF rating of Billy Blanchard to an AFFGI rating.</p> <p><u>For:</u> 14, <u>Against:</u> 2, <u>Abstentions:</u> 0. <u>Carried</u></p>
3	<p>Extension to CSBI rating.</p> <p>Request for a 6-month extension to the CSBI rating of Graham Jackson.</p> <p><u>For:</u> 16, <u>Against:</u> 0, <u>Abstentions:</u> 0. <u>Carried</u></p>
4	<p>Extension to AFFBI rating.</p> <p>Request for a 6-month extension to the AFFBI rating of Robbie Mataric.</p> <p><u>For:</u> 15, <u>Against:</u> 0, <u>Abstentions:</u> 1. <u>Carried</u></p>

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AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH SKYDIVING OPERATIONS MANUAL

Following a postal vote by Chief Instructors, which closed on 30 March 2020 the following amendments were made to the British Skydiving Operations Manual:

SECTION 9 (FLYING), Paragraph 5 (Flying Operations), Sub-Paragraph 5.6 (Carriage of Passengers). Changed to read:

5.6 Carriage of Passengers

- 5.6.1 No passengers shall be carried on a flight conducted for the purpose of skydiving except skydivers who are equipped for and intending to make a descent by parachute during the flight, or task specialists.
- 5.6.2 Task specialists can only be carried for a specific task connected with the skydiving operation and the task specialist duties must be defined within the organisation's SOPs.

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Below are the results of the 20 COVID-19 Special 'One-Off' Permissions/Exemptions proposals from the British Skydiving Operations Manual requirements, voted by the Chief Instructors (CIs). The vote closed on 15 May 2020.

The following 20 CIs cast voted in favour for some, or all of the proposals:

Iain Anderson	-	Paragon Skydiving
Alex Busby-Hicks	-	Skydive Tilstock
Stacey Canning	-	Army Parachute Association
Mike Carruthers	-	Skydive North West
Andy Clark	-	Wild Geese Skysiving Centre
Hans Donner	-	JSPW- Netheravon
Jason Farrant	-	Skydive BUZZ
Paul Floyd	-	London Parachute School
Reg Green	-	Pilgrims
Ady King	-	RPC (RAF Weston on the Green)
Ryan Mancey	-	GoSkydive
Chris McCann	-	Sibson Skydivers
Sara Orton	-	Skydive GB
Noel Purcell	-	Skydive Hibaldstow
Mal Richardson	-	Skydive Jersey
Pete Sizer	-	Skydive Headcorn
Gary Small	-	Skydive Chatteris Club
Martin White	-	CCSPC - Cyprus
Dave Wood	-	Cornish Parachute Club
Paul Yeoman	-	Black Knight Parachute Centre

All 20 proposals were accepted. However, may I remind Chief Instructors that these one-off Permissions/Exemptions were proposed because of the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis and are not intended to become the 'the norm'. With that in mind it is assumed that all CI's will make sure that their instructors, coaches, packers etc are fully refreshed and practiced in whatever duties they will be carrying out, and will not be relying on the fact that they may have the bear minimum level of currency and are therefore fit to carry out those duties.

Tony Butler
Chief Operating Officer

16 May 2020

The current Operations Manual requirements are in *italics*. The proposed one-off Permission or Exemptions are below each proposal, with the results of the STC member vote below.

Proposal 1

SECTION 2 (DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF SKYDIVERS (SPORT PARACHUTISTS)), PARAGRAPH 6 (THE GRADING SYSTEM), Sub-para 6.12. (Coach Rating Renewal)

CURRENT REQUIREMENT

6.12.1. *Coaching ratings expire on the 31st March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew a coaching rating the coach must satisfy his/her CI that he/she is current in all aspects of skydiving coaching relevant to his/her status and has completed the following.*

- a. *A minimum of five lessons / briefs during the preceding year.*

- b. *For all disciplines that require in air coaching, the coach must have completed a minimum of 30 descents in the previous year, of which 5 must be coaching descents.*

6.12.2. *Where coaches hold more than one rating, the 5 coaching descents are a total of all their coaching descents and not per discipline.*

6.12.3. *A CI will require his/her coaching rating(s) countersigned for renewal by another CI other than him/herself.*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Coaches who renew after 30 September 2020 may still be able to renew their coaching qualifications up until the 2021/2022 renewal period starts. Which means the renewal of coaching qualifications does not end on 30 September 2020 but is extended until 31 March 2021. All other requirements for coaching rating requirements remain the same. For the 2021-22 renewal period the requirement for having completed '30 descents in the previous year' be changed to '30 descents in the previous 2 years'.

These changes are so that coaches can retain their qualifications. CIs have the right to require further conditions before permitting the coach to coach at their PTO.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 2

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 1 (CATEGORY SYSTEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 1.4.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

1.4. *The CSBI rating is valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue.*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

As well as CSIs the above requirement also relates to AFFBIs and TBIs (paras; 3.5. & 2.5. respectively). All BI ratings (CSI, AFFBI & TBI) be extended by 6-months from the date of expiry, including any those already approved by STC. These 6-month extensions should also apply to Basic Riggers (BRs), see Proposal 18 (below).

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 3

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 2 (TANDEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 2.1.6.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1.6. *At the start of the course the candidate must have completed 60 descents in the previous two years.*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

TBI candidates and AFFBI candidates (sub-para 3.1.9) must have completed 60 descents in the previous 3 years.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 4

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 5 (TANDEM INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 5.1 (Requirements to attend), 5.1.5. & 5.1.6:

5.1.5. *Has completed a minimum of 50 descents in the previous 12 months.*

5.1.6. *Has made a descent acting as a Student Tandem Skydiver within the Tandem Basic Instructor probationary period. CSIs or AFFIs within the previous 6 months*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Change as below:

5.1.5. Has completed a minimum of 50 descents in the previous 2 years.

5.1.6. Has made a descent acting as a Student Tandem Skydiver within the Tandem Basic Instructor probationary period. CSIs or AFFIs within the previous 12 months

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 5

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 5 (TANDEM INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 5.7:

5.7. Requirements to use a hand/wrist mounted camera

Tandem Instructors wishing to jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera must have a minimum of 500 Tandem descents and have completed a minimum of 250 Tandem descents within the previous 12 months. Prior to jumping with a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students the Tandem Instructor must demonstrate the ability to perform 3 successful consecutive Tandem jumps with a 'B' Licence skydiver acting as a Tandem Student whilst using a hand/wrist mounted camera.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Change as below

Tandem Instructors wishing to jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera must have a minimum of 500 Tandem descents and have completed a minimum of 250 Tandem descents within the previous 2 years.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 6

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 5 (TANDEM INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 5.8 (Tandem Instructor Currency) 5.8.1:

5.8. Tandem Instructor Currency

- 5.8.1. *Any TI, who has not made a Tandem descent in the preceding 3 calendar months, must make one Tandem jump with a British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver before taking a Student Tandem Skydiver. The British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.*

PROPOSED NO CHANGE

It is suggested that the above requirement is not changed, and a TI who has not made a Tandem descent within the previous 3 months must make one Tandem jump with a British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver before taking a Student Tandem Skydiver. In the situation we have with Coronavirus this could greatly exceed 3 months and therefore this minimum requirement is even more important.

For: 19

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

Carried

Proposal 7

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 5 (TANDEM INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 5.9 (Currency requirements to jump a hand/wrist mounted camera), 5.9.1. – 5.9.3:

- 5.9.1. *Any TI wishing to continue jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera 12 months after first being cleared to do so must have made 100 hand/wrist mounted camera descents within the preceding 12 calendar months, otherwise they must again satisfy the initial requirements.*
- 5.9.2. *Any TI previously cleared to jump a hand/wrist mounted camera who has not made a Tandem descent within the preceding 3 months must either meet the requirements of 5.8.1. above, or be within 12 months of their initial Tandem hand/wrist mounted camera Clearance, and in each case, they must make a jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera with a 'B' Licence skydiver before jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students. The British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.*
- 5.9.3. *Any TI who has over 500 hand/wrist mounted camera descents must do a minimum of 50 hand/wrist mounted camera descents within the previous two years to continue jumping hand/wrist mounted cameras.*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES:

Changes to the above requirements as follows:

- 5.9.1. Any TI wishing to continue jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera 2 years after first being cleared to do so must have made 100 hand/wrist mounted camera descents within the preceding 2 years, otherwise they must again satisfy the initial requirements.
- 5.9.2. Any TI previously cleared to jump a hand/wrist mounted camera who has not made a Tandem descent within the preceding 12 months must either meet the requirements of 5.8.1. above, or be within 2 years of their initial Tandem hand/wrist mounted camera Clearance, and in each case, they must make a jump with a hand/wrist mounted camera with a 'B' Licence skydiver before jumping a hand/wrist mounted camera with Tandem Students. The British Skydiving 'B' Licence skydiver must be briefed on how to respond to Tandem emergencies.
- 5.9.3 Any TI who has over 500 hand/wrist mounted camera descents must do a minimum of 50 hand/wrist mounted camera descents within the previous 3 years to continue jumping hand/wrist mounted cameras.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 8

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 5 (TANDEM INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 5.10 (Tandem Instructor Rating Renewal), 5.10.1. & 5.10.2:

In addition to normal Instructor Rating Renewal requirements (see para 12 below), a TI must also fulfil the following:

- 5.10.1. *Has made a minimum of 20 Tandem descents in the previous 12 months. Instructors holding ratings for more than one Tandem System must have made a minimum of 10 Tandem descents on each system in that period.*
- 5.10.2. *Failure to reach the required number of descents in the preceding 12 months will require the TI to present him/herself to an IE for refresher training. Training will include the following:*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Changes to the above requirements should read as follows:

- 5.10.1. Has made a minimum of 20 Tandem descents in the previous 2 years. Instructors holding ratings for more than one Tandem System must have made a minimum of 10 Tandem descents on each system in that period.
- 5.10.2. Failure to reach the required number of descents in the preceding 2 years will require the TI to present him/herself to an IE for refresher training. Training will include the following:

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 9

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 6 (ACCERATED FREE FALL INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 6.1 (Required qualifications to attend), 6.1.6:

- 6.1.6. At the start of the course, the candidate must have completed 60 descents in the previous two years.

SUGGESTED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE:

Change as suggested below:

- 6.1.6. At the start of the course, the candidate must have completed 60 descents in the previous 3 years.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 10

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 7 (ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR), Sub-para 7.3.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

- 7.3. *After completing the Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course, the candidate will be either advised to re-apply to attend another Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course after a minimum period of time, or will be recommended to attend an Advanced Instructor Examination Course for upgrading to Advanced Instructor after a period of time specified by the Instructor Examiners, but within a maximum of 18 months.*

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Change as suggested below:

The maximum time before a Pre-Advanced must attend an Advanced Instructor course is 2 years,

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 11

SECTION 4 (INSTRUCTORS), PARAGRAPH 12 (INSTRUCTOR RATING RENEWALS). Sub-para 12.1. & 12.2.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

12.1. *Instructor ratings expire on the 31st March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date.*

To renew an instructor rating the instructor must satisfy his/her CI that he/she is current in all aspects of skydiving instruction relevant to his/her status. CIs should pay particular attention to the following:

12.1.1. The number of lessons from the Basic Training Syllabus taught.

12.1.2. The number of progression briefs taught.

12.1.3. The number of students talked down.

12.1.4. In the case of CSIs, the number of Static Line and Free Fall students despatched.

12.1.5. In the case of AFFIs, the number of AFF instructional descents.

12.2. *During the preceding 2-year period the instructor must have completed a minimum of 60 descents.*

However, if an instructor was unable to complete the 60-jump minimum in the previous 2-year period, the following may apply:

12.2.1. CSIs that have held a CSI rating for a minimum of 3 years and hold a British Skydiving 'D' Licence are required to have completed a minimum of 40 descents during the preceding 2-year period.

12.2.2. CSIs that have held a CSI rating for a minimum of 10 years are required to have completed a minimum of 40 descents during the preceding 2-year period.

12.2.3. AIs and IEs are not required to have completed a minimum number of descents in the previous two years, including coaching and instructional jumps, to renew their ratings provided they have held their rating for a minimum of 3 years. In the case of IEs, they are only permitted to carry out in air evaluations on a British Skydiving Instructor Course provided they are current and only at the discretion of the course director.

12.2.4. The above (12.2.1. – 12.2.3) does not apply to AFF Instructor ratings.

12.2.5. A CI may not countersign the renewal application for him/herself. A CI will require his/her instructor rating(s) countersigned for renewal by another CI other than him/herself.

12.2.6. Once an instructor rating has expired the instructor may not exercise the privileges of that rating until the rating is renewed.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGES

Instructors who renew after 30 September 2020 may still be able to renew their ratings up until the 2021/2022 renewal period starts. Which means the renewal of ratings does not end on 30 September 2020 but is extended until 31 March 2021. All other requirements for instructor rating requirements remain the same (also, see Tandem Instructor ratings, Above). If skydiving does not restart by October, it is envisaged that for the 2021-22 renewal period the requirement for having completed '60 descents in the previous 2 years' be changed to '60 descents in the previous 3 years.'

In the case of sub-para 12.2.2 (above) this should change from; '40 descents during the preceding 2-year period to '40 descents during the preceding 3-year period'.

In the case of Sub-para 12.2.2 (above) this should change from; '40 descents during the preceding 2-year period' to '40 descents during the preceding 3-year period'

In the case of Sub-para 12.2.3 (above) this should change from; 'have held their rating for a minimum of 3 years' to 'have held their rating for a minimum of 4 years'

These changes are so that instructors can retain their ratings. CIs have the right to require further conditions before permitting the instructor to instruct at their PTO.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 12

SECTION 5 (TRAINING), PARAGRAPH 3 (REVISION TRAINING)

PROPOSED NO CHANGE

It is suggested that the above paragraph is not changed, Student revision training should remain as specified in the Operations Manual.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 13

SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), PARAGRAPH 2 (EQUIPMENT USED BY STUDENT SKYDIVERS), Sub-para 2.2.3:

2.2.1. Tandem equipment (excluding the Student Harness – see 2.2.5. below) must be packed and fully inspected every 6 months (Forms 112A & 112D). Also, the Tandem equipment, excluding the reserve canopy, must be inspected every 100 descents (Forms 112B & 112C).

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Change as suggested below:

Tandem equipment that was still in date on or after 1 April 2020 may be externally inspected by an appropriately qualified AP and have the reserve repack date extended by up to 3 months, providing AAD expiry dates are adhered to or safety notice /bulletin issued prior to / or after the inspection and repack was completed. . The ROI should be endorsed by the AP.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 14

SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), PARAGRAPH 8 (PARACHUTE PACKING), Sub-para 8.3 (Reserve Parachutes) 8.3.2:

8.3.2. Advanced Packer ratings expire on the 31st March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew an AP rating the AP must satisfy an Advanced Rigger or Chief Instructor, that he/she is current in all aspects of advanced packing relevant to their status. Once an Advanced Packer rating has expired the packer may not exercise the privileges of that rating until the rating is renewed.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Advanced Packers who renew after 30 September 2020 may still be able to renew Advanced Packer ratings up until the 2021/2022 renewal period starts. Which means the renewal of Advanced Packer ratings does not end on 30 September 2020 but is extended until 31 March 2021. All other requirements for Advanced Packer rating requirements remain the same.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 15

SECTION 6 (EQUIPMENT), PARAGRAPH 8 (PARACHUTE PACKING), Sub-para 8.10 (Repack Cycles):

Parachutes must be packed at least every 6 calendar months.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Following an external inspection by an appropriately qualified AP, it is suggested that PTO loan equipment and equipment used by Student Skydivers that was still in date on or after 1 April 2020 has its inspection and reserve repack date extended by 3 months. Equipment used by Licenced Skydivers that was still in date on or after 1 April 2020 has its inspection and reserve repack date extended by up to 6 months. If Licenced Skydivers equipment expires between 1 January to the 31 March 2020 their equipment inspection and reserve repack date is extended by 3 months. Any such extension must not exceed any AAD expiry date or safety notice /bulletin issued prior to / or after the inspection and repack was completed. The ROI should be endorsed by the AP.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 16

SECTION 9 (FLYING), PARAGRAH 1 (PILOT QUALIFICATIONS, Sub-para 1.1.9 (Recency):

a. A pilot shall not act as PIC of an aircraft carrying passengers, including skydivers, unless within the preceding 90 days he/she has made three take offs and three landings as the sole manipulator of the controls in an aircraft of the same type or class.

- b. A pilot who has not flown skydivers for a period exceeding six months must undergo a proficiency check.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Any conditions or exemptions referred to below cannot override any CAA / EASA pilot licensing requirements applicable to individual pilot licences or the aircraft, type of operation or flight conditions for which they are valid. In order to resume flying skydivers, once skydiving is permitted to continue, the following conditions must be met.

- a. The pilot must have renewed his/her Approved Pilot rating.
- b. Must have performed 3 take-offs and landings as the sole manipulator of the controls in an aircraft of the same type or class within the previous three months.
- c. Must have flown skydivers within the previous six months.
- d. If the pilot cannot meet this condition (c above) then as a temporary exemption (valid until 1 October 2020) the pilot may extend the 6-months requirement to a period which is no longer than 12 months from his/her last proficiency check.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 17

SECTION 13 (DISPLAY SKYDIVING), PARAGRAPH 7 (CURRENCY), Sub-para 7.2:

- 7.2. All display skydivers must have completed a minimum of 100 descents in the 2 years prior to the display being carried out, of which 20 must have been within the 3 months prior to the display and of which 5 of the 20 must have been on the same type and size of canopy which is to be used on the display.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Change as suggested below:

All display skydivers must have completed a minimum of 100 descents in the 3 years prior to the display being carried out, of which 10 must have been within the 3 months prior to the display and of which 5 of the 10 must have been on the same type and size of canopy which is to be used on the display

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 18

SECTION 14 (RIGGERS), PARAGRAH 2 (BASIC RIGGER COURSE SYLLABUS), Sub-para 2.2:

- 2.2. To become a Basic Rigger the candidate must fulfil the requirements of the Basic Rigger Course Syllabus (Form 199). There are two methods of pursuing this course of training, as listed in the course syllabus.

Form 199:

General information

- Basic Rigger (Method one) must attend the Parachute Rigger examination course within 12 months of the Basic Rigger's course
- Basic Rigger (Method two) must attend the Parachute Rigger examination course within 18 months of the initial registration with British Skydiving.

SUGGESTED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

- Basic Rigger (Method one) must attend the Parachute Rigger examination course within 18 months of the Basic Rigger's course
- Basic Rigger (Method two) must attend the Parachute Rigger examination course within 2 years of the initial registration with British Skydiving.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 19

SECTION 14 (RIGGERS), PARAGRAH 8 (RIGGER RATING RENEWALS):

Rigger ratings expire on the 31 March each year but may be renewed up to six months after that date. To renew a rigger's rating the rigger must satisfy an Advanced Rigger, or a Rigger Examiner in the case of a RE rating renewal, that he/she is current in all aspects of rigging relevant to their status.

PROPOSED 'ONE-OFF' CHANGE

Riggers who renew after 30 September 2020 may still be able to renew their rigger rating up until the 2021/2022 renewal period starts. Which means the renewal of rigger ratings does not end on 30 September 2020 but is extended until 31 March 2021. All other requirements for rigger rating requirements remain the same.

Carried Unanimously

Proposal 20

See Dr John Carter's papers below, previously sent to CIs in March. Propose that it is accepted.

Carried Unanimously

Tony Butler
Chief Operating Officer

16th May 2020

PROPOSAL 20 (Previously sent to CIs)

Covid-19 Outbreak: Consultation Document on Extension of Validity Periods for Medical Certificates of Instructors.

Over the coming months some instructors will inevitably find that their medical certificate is approaching its expiry date. Even after government restrictions on activities and distancing have been relaxed and PTOs are able to operate again, it is likely that continuing pressures in the health care system may make it very difficult to get appointments for recertification for some considerable time.

In response to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and in line with adaptive measures in many other areas of aviation, transport and safety management, one possibility would be that STC/Council exempts all instructors operating at affiliated drop zones, **wherever normal recertification facilities are not available**, from the normal validity periods for instructor medical certificates that expire on or after 16 March 2020 and before the 31 October 2020. Initially this exemption would have effect from the date of approval by STC/Council until 22 November 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked or amended by STC/Council. The exemption should be subject to the following conditions and notes:

Conditions:

1. Instructors should retain their (expired) medical certificate as evidence of their eligibility for this extension.
2. Medical certificates with an expiry date that falls before 16 March 2020 are not eligible for this exemption
3. Medical certificate holders who are under additional medical surveillance (e.g. by their AME or other certifying doctor) should continue to comply with the specified requirements (e.g. provision of reports or attending physical or virtual reviews) imposed by their AME/Certifying Doctor. Failure to do so may invalidate their medical certificate and/or the applicability of this exemption to them. If difficulties arise the certificate holder should contact their AME/Certifying Doctor who may need to discuss with the Association's medical adviser.
4. All instructors remain subject to the obligations of the declaration that they signed on the front of their medical certificate (whether that certificate is expired or current).
5. All instructors benefiting from this extension will complete a Covid19 medical declaration (British Skydiving Form 116X).

Notes:

- a. The exemption applies only to instructor medical certificate holders.
- b. Student Tandem, Solo Student and Solo Parachutist medical certificates are not included in the terms of the exemption. They are normally used when there is a specific medical problem present that needs medical certification.
- c. In the exemption period, instructors who might benefit from the exemption, do not have to defer their medical examination. This means that medical certificate holders can (and indeed should) still choose to have a medical if they and their certifying doctor are both able and safe to do so whilst following Government and Public Health Guidance. If your usual certifying doctor is unable to perform medicals, ask if there are colleagues in the area who may be able to help. Alternatively, check the CAA web site <https://www.caa.co.uk/medical> for links to identify approved medical examiners.

- d. Medical certificates with an expiry date that falls before 16th March 2020 are not eligible for this exemption. In the middle of the current health care crisis it will not be possible to distinguish between certificates that expired earlier and were not renewed due to oversight and those that expired earlier and were not renewed due to medical problems or illness. Certificates that expired before 16th March will need to be renewed through the normal medical process and instructors will be unable to exercise the privileges of their rating until the medical is renewed.
- e. The exemption ends on 22nd November 2020 and at present it is expected that no certificate validities will be extended by the exemption beyond this date. This means that medical certificate holders who use this exemption must have a renewal medical before 22nd November 2020 to exercise rating privileges after 22nd November 2020. Instructors whose medical certificate expires on or after 31st October do not benefit from any extension and should plan appointments for their future medicals well in advance.
- f. In this period (and possibly beyond), there will be a few medical certificate holders who need to provide specialist reports to their certifying doctor in the normal way to maintain their certification status. These actions should continue and medical certificate holders should make best endeavours to provide the reports as required. There are advantages for the instructor in planning ahead to procure these early to avoid subsequent difficulties. If there are difficulties which cannot be overcome, early discussion with the certifying doctor may sometimes result in special arrangements or deadline extensions. However, because safety assurance is a primary concern, some individuals could lose certification under these circumstances.
- g. No PTO will be required to accept this medical certificate exemption for their instructors if they do not wish to do so. If, following a risk assessment, you decide to operate only with instructors whose medicals are still in date, you are entitled to do so.
- h. Having an extension period for medical certificates does NOT mean that it is immediately safe, or in the public interest, to be running a skydiving operation. All Government and Public Health guidelines on travel, meeting, distancing and unnecessary contact should still be followed.

Dr John Carter
British Skydiving Medical Adviser

31 March 2020

**SKYDIVING INSTRUCTOR MEDICAL EXTENSION
DECLARATION**
(for use only in period approved by STC during Covid-19 Pandemic)

I hereby declare that I am physically and mentally fit. I have re-read the notes for instructors on Form 116A. To the best of my knowledge I have not developed any new medical problems since my last doctor's instructor medical certificate was issued.

I further re-affirm that in the event of newly contracting or suspecting any of the conditions listed in Form 116A or in the event of sickness absence in excess of twenty consecutive days, incapacitating injury or confirmation of pregnancy, I will cease to skydive until I have obtained approved medical advice.

I understand that the Covid-19 medical certificate extension allowed by STC may be withdrawn or amended on review, and it is my responsibility to ensure that I keep up to date with STC decisions.

To the best of my knowledge I have not had any symptoms of Covid-19 infection (fever or raised temperature, new persistent cough, persistent aches/fatigue, shortness of breath) . **

OR

I may have had Covid-19 infection but have made a complete recovery to full fitness without any need for medical intervention. I have complied with the "Instructor Covid19 Infection Flow Chart". I understand that Covid-19 can cause an inflammation of the lungs which could sometimes be slow to clear or cause complications and that this is why I need to follow the Flow Chart. **

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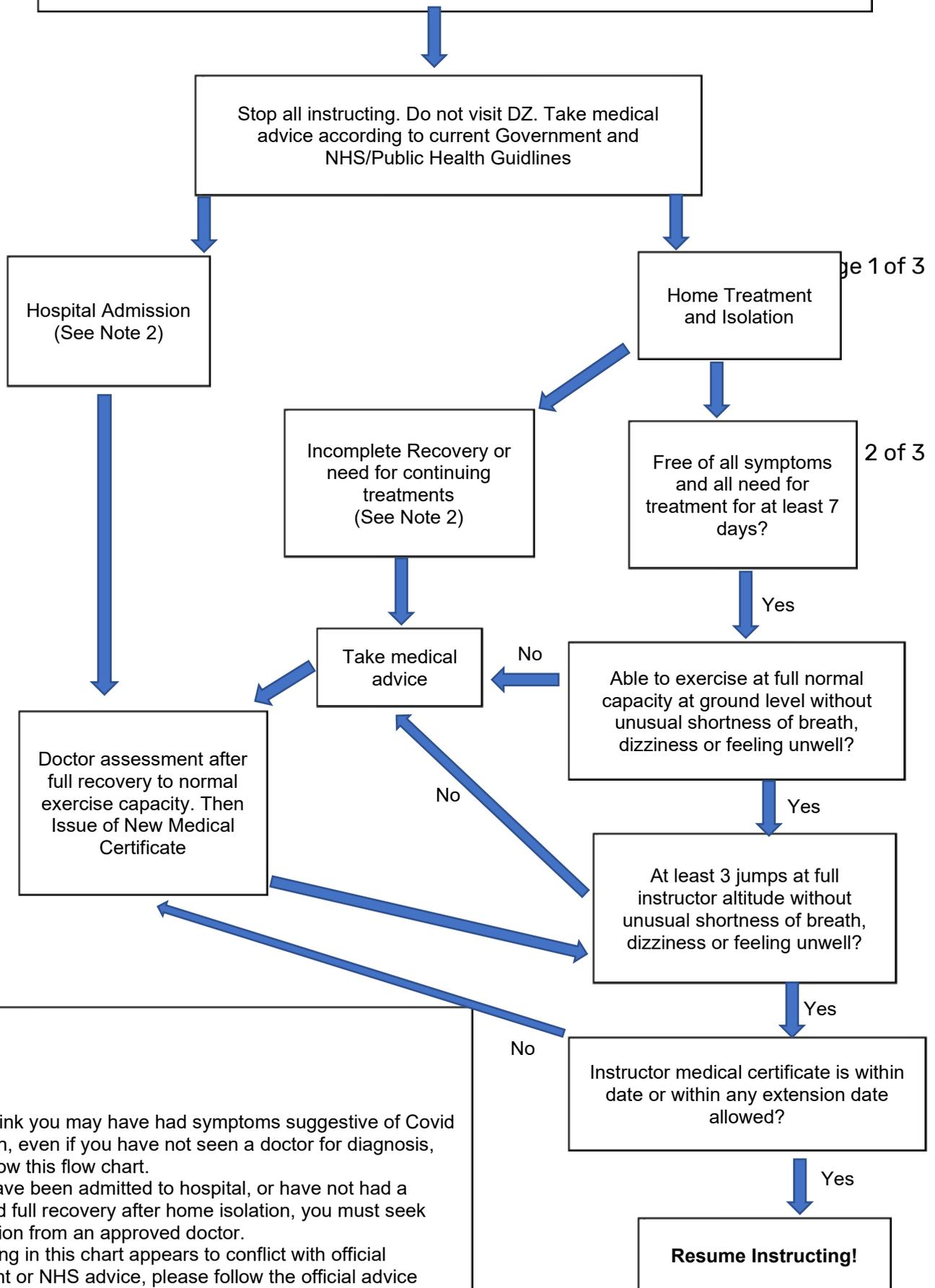
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Instructors with Self-Suspected or Medically Diagnosed Covid-19 Infection

(See Note 1)



NOTES:

1. If you think you may have had symptoms suggestive of Covid 19 infection, even if you have not seen a doctor for diagnosis, please follow this flow chart.
2. If you have been admitted to hospital, or have not had a prompt and full recovery after home isolation, you must seek recertification from an approved doctor.
3. If anything in this chart appears to conflict with official government or NHS advice, please follow the official advice