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Confirmation of Booking, Dress & Fitness. I would like to confirm & thank you for your booking. For the course dress in warm robust sports/casual clothes that allow you full freedom of movement. Training or similar shoes (not boots) without hooks but with flat cushion soles & socks should be worn to train & jump. Helmets & jump suits are provided but Students may bring their own overalls providing they are not red or orange in colour. Any jewellery must be taped over or removed. Whilst not essential we recommend Course Students bring their own reasonably tight fitting leather finger gloves. If you are over weight for your height you are more likely to sustain an injury. Those over 14st must specifically clear their participation with the Centre's staff. A table indicating the maximum weight per height to undertake a 1st jump as a solo jump (Body Mass Index (BMI) of 27.5 or below) is laid out overleaf. Those with BMIs exceeding 27.5 should undertake a Tandem as their 1st jump. A Declaration of Fitness Form (BPA 114-A/115) must be properly completed, witnessed & presented before training is commenced. For those aged 40 years or over a Doctor must endorse the form, & for those aged 16/17 years it & BPA Form 106 must be witnessed & signed by their parent or guardian.

Payment, Documentation, Orientation & Training. These sessions go ahead for all courses regardless of weather conditions, which will only affect the jump. Unless agreed otherwise the balance of any course fee is taken on booking in. Payment can be made by cash, card or postal order. Card payments prior to the course date will not incur a card charge. Any card payments taken at the Centre on the day of the course or after for subsequent jumps will incur a card charge of £1.00 debit & 3% credit. Prior approval is required for a cheque (we will only take 1) which must be guaranteed by a card & must not exceed the value of the guarantee. Initial Documentation only takes a few minutes per person but we allow 45-60 minutes for a full course. Thereafter courses run as follows:

Tandem students go on to view a 20 minute video presentation, followed by a short break & in the order of 20 minutes training. No more than 1 tandem student per tandem instructor is booked in per 90mins of each operating day (0830-2030/dark whichever is the earlier). Each tandem instructor can only take one student at a time on the parachuting phase; which from kitting up through jumping then packing the parachute ready for the next person will take approximately 90 minutes. Given suitable conditions the first tandem student trained that day might be called forward for kitting up as early as 1000hrs & thereafter given suitable conditions further tandems can be completed at an average rate of one per tandem instructor per 90 minutes throughout the day. Tandem students trained on an earlier date but re-booked to jump that day might be called to kit up as early as 0830hrs. A queuing system will operate, with those enrolling 1st being the 1st to register (join the queue of those waiting) to jump once trained. Tandem students may not join the jump queue until they have been trained. Those tandem students already trained (re-scheduled from an earlier date) may join the tandem jump queue before those training that day should they arrive before those students have finished training. A full day (or in the case of unsuitable conditions additional full days) until 2030hrs or dark (whichever is the earlier) must be set aside for this activity.

SL Ram Air Progression System Students undertake a full day's training finishing between 1530 & 1930 hours after which course students may register to jump. During British Summer Time, given good weather, it may be possible to jump on the training day but normally a 2nd day should be set aside for the jump; i.e. train Saturday jump Sunday.

AFF Course Students undertake a full day's training finishing between 1530 & 1930 hours & will normally commence jumping the following day weather permitting. Exceptionally they may jump at the end of the training day.

Prospects of Jumping. Whilst our Courses may be booked in advance individuals must have completed training, be in date & be present at the Centre to register for a jump. No promise is made that a jump can be made immediately upon completion of the training phase. Should weather, light, time or other factors preclude the jump taking place individuals should reschedule a new date with the Centre Office Staff on which to return & undertake their jumps; normally weekends but occasionally during the week. Experience has shown that due to weather & other situations beyond our control that only in the order of 50% of individuals attending our tandem courses jump the day that they are trained. This same % applies on re-scheduled days so meaning 25% have to attend twice, 12½% three times & 7% on four or more occasions; all of which is the nature of parachuting. A queuing system will operate with those being 1st to register at the Centre on a particular day being the 1st to jump on that day. The queue may not be joined until you arrive. Where a period of time has elapsed since the basic course was completed individuals may be required to undertake some revision training. This will be provided free of charge until 3 months have elapsed since last attending training. Thereafter Revision Training will be charged at a rate of £50.00 RAPS SL/Tandem & £100.00 AFF until 12 months after the Basic Course was taken. The length & content of Revision Training will be at the discretion of the Chief Instructor, or his appointed deputy. In some cases a full course may have to be retaken on the next scheduled date (normally @ 0830 Sat(s)).

Spectators are very welcome but we advise they telephone before travelling in case unfavourable weather conditions, or a large queue of people waiting to jump, delay the programme. Due to the nature of our activities (taxiing aircraft with propellers turning) dogs are not allowed on active parts of the airfield & any children will need close supervision at all times. Spectators are not permitted in the aircraft section of the Hanger or on the apron in front of it, nor is smoking allowed in any part of the hanger. Relatives, friends, colleagues and the press may be understandably keen to watch and film the parachuting taking place. Whilst we encourage & welcome this, our experience is that spectators can become frustrated when faced with the often lengthy waiting time involved & the restrictions imposed upon them & you. We would be grateful that you inform them accordingly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RISKS & COURSE CRITERIA

General. The heavier & older the parachutist, tandem or solo, the higher the chances of sustaining an injury.

Over 14st/89kg. Individual(s) weighing between 14st/89kg & 16st 12lbs/106kg might be accepted for parachuting & skydiving training but the implications of their weight must first be discussed with our Staff (higher wing loading parachutes may be required). Our instructors require to personally meet any individual over 15.5st/98.5kg before accepting them for a Tandem Skydive Course. Applicants not doing so risk losing their deposits.

Tandem. The restrictions on Tandem Parachutists are less demanding than for those making their first jumps as solo parachutists. Statistics appear to indicate an injury rate for Student Tandem Parachutists of 1.4 injuries per 1000 descents.

Solo. Statistics appear to indicate an injury rate for Ab-initio Solo Student RAPS Parachutists in the order of 6 injuries per 1000 descents. Prospective Solo Student Parachutists should pay particular attention to the criteria below:

BMI. Only those with a BMI of 27.5 or below should undertake their 1st jump as a solo jump. Those with a BMI exceeding 27.5 should undertake their 1st jump as a Tandem Jump. The tables to the right illustrate the maximum permissible weight to achieve a BMI of 27.5 or below for a range of given heights; i.e. If your height is 5ft 2ins your max weight to achieve a BMI of 27.5 or below will be 10st 10lbs. For a height of 176cms the max weight to achieve a BMI of 27.5 is 85kg.

Deposits. It is the responsibility of those booking/attending a parachute course to ensure that they meet the course requirements. Those not accepted onto a Solo course on the day of the course because their BMI exceeds 27.5 will lose their deposits, even if they apply to transfer to Tandem & there is availability for them to do so. Individuals may transfer from a Solo to Tandem a minimum of 8 days before the course without loss of deposit(s).

Male Ab-initio Solo Student Parachutists. Those 14st/89kg & over appear to have a higher chance of sustaining injury; nearly double the rate of those under 14st/89kg.

Female Ab-initio Solo Student Parachutists. Those of 13st/83kg & over appear to have a higher chance of sustaining an injury; nearly 3.5 times the injury rate of those females under 13st/83kg and 5.8 times the average injury rate.

Over 40 Years - Ab-initio Solo. Male Ab-initio Solo Student Parachutists over 40 years of age are twice as likely to sustain injury as those under 40. The rate for Female solo student parachutists over 40 years of age increases six times.

Over 50 Yrs. Due to the increased chances of injury to this age group undertaking their 1st jump as a solo descent they would normally be restricted to undertaking their 1st jump as a Tandem with an Instructor.

Insurance. Provisional BPA Membership is included within the course fee & affords 3rd party insurance cover up to £2,000,000. Personal Accident Insurance is the responsibility of the participant, although we can provide contact details for agents who do provide quotes for parachutists. A summary of the BPA members' insurance policy can be found on the BPA website at www.bpa.org.uk/insurancesummary.htm.

NOVICES ONLY			
Height		Weight	
ft	in	st	lb
4	4	7	7
4	5	7	11
4	6	8	1
4	7	8	6
4	8	8	10
4	9	9	0
4	10	9	5
4	11	9	9
5	0	10	0
5	1	10	5
5	2	10	10
5	3	11	0
5	4	11	5
5	5	11	10
5	6	12	2
5	7	12	7
5	8	12	12
5	9	13	3
5	10	13	9
5	11	14	0
6	0	14	6
6	1	14	12
6	2	15	3
6	3	15	9
6	4	16	1
6	5	16	7
6	6	16	13
6	7	17	5
6	8	17	11
6	9	18	4

NOVICES ONLY	
Height	Weight
cm	kg
130	46
132	48
134	49
136	51
138	52
140	54
142	55
144	57
146	59
148	60
150	62
152	64
154	65
156	67
158	69
160	70
162	72
164	74
166	76
168	78
170	79
172	81
174	83
176	85
178	87
180	89
182	91
184	93
186	95
188	97
190	99
192	101
194	103
196	106
198	108
200	110
202	112
204	114

Important Information Regarding Prospects of Jumping Deposits Payments and Retrain Fees

Experience has shown that due to weather & other situations beyond our control that only in the order of 50% of individuals attending our tandem courses jump the day that they are trained. This same % applies on re-scheduled days so meaning 25% have to attend twice, 12½% three times & 7% on four or more occasions; all of which is the nature of parachuting. A queuing system will operate with those being 1st to register at the Centre on a particular day being the 1st to jump on that day. The queue may not be joined until you arrive.

Please note individuals failing to attend a booked course on the appointed date at the stated time will lose their deposits (£70 solo & tandem or £500 AFF). Those permitted to reschedule confirmed dates within 10 days of those dates will incur a £35.00 admin/reschedule charge each.

Prior to training deposits & course fees may in certain circumstances be transferable, however deposits & course fees are not refundable under any circumstances. Once training has been completed any fees (membership, training, equipment, flight or other) are neither transferable nor refundable under all and any circumstances.

It is the responsibility of those individual(s) booking/attending a parachute course to ensure that they meet the course requirements. Those individuals weighing over 14st booking any course without first discussing the implications of their weight with the Parachute Centre risk being rejected from the course and losing their deposits. Those not accepted onto a solo course on the day of the course because their BMI exceeds 27.5 will lose their deposits, even if they apply to transfer to a Tandem (and there is availability for them to do so). Individuals may transfer from a solo to a tandem (given availability) a minimum of 8 days prior to the course without loss of their deposit(s).

Those not jumping within 3 mths of training (but before 12 mths elapse) have to retake the full syllabus at a cost £50 RAPS/Tandem & £100 AFF, normally by booking onto another full course given availability. After 12 mths the full course will have to be retaken for the full fee.