

PETERLEE PARACHUTE CENTRE - TERMS & CONDITIONS (AS OF 28 APRIL 2018)

1. **Booking Deposits Payment & Discount:** In certain circumstances Group Places may be held for Approved Bookers without deposit up until 1 month prior to booked date(s). Normal practice is that deposits are required before bookings are considered firm with balance of course fee required 1 week prior to the booked date. **We operate an automated web based booking system & if funds are not received by due dates places will be released onto general sale at 00:01hrs the following day – group organisers & individual bookers need to take account and accept that this can lead to places being lost even if funds arrive later.**
 - a. Both Bookings & Vouchers are transferable to another to attend the intended course prior to the commencement of that course, however they are not thereafter, and are not refundable under any & all circumstances. Deposits are non-refundable under any circumstances but may be transferred against alternative dates given 10 days notice.
 - b. Vouchers are valid for 9 months, but may be revalidated at a rate of £35 for each additional 4 month period required.
 - c. All payments (in part or in full) include a £35 non-refundable admin fee. Should individuals fail to turn up for their course deposits are forfeited & they face a re-schedule fee of £35 to rebook. Without prior agreement Cheques are not accepted within a period of 10 days prior to, or at any time after, a booked course date & should be made out to "Peterlee Parachute Centre".
2. **Refunds.** In essence parachuting is a weather dependant activity over which we have no control, the Parachute Training Organisation can only assess and make qualified decision(s) to jump or not. In signing up to parachute participant(s) or their parent/legal guardian(s) need to accept that we can not parachute in unsuitable conditions and that additional future dates may need to be booked in order to complete jumps, with no refund being given should participants elect not, or be unable, to return to jump at a future date. We also offer different levels of service for different prices; eg Tandem Skydives to 15,000ft cost more than to 10,000ft. Occasionally for reasons of our own we may offer upgrades free of charge, akin to being offered an upgrade from standard to business class on an Airline, or to a higher standard of Hotel Room, or from a compact 2 door hire car to a 4 door – in such circumstances no refund is offered to, or may be claimed by, those that have already paid for the higher level of service - it purely being a free bonus for those that have not!
3. **Documentation Data Image Capture and Processing.** Prior to Parachuting & Skydiving participants need to provide certain information - that being name address, email address, contact telephone number (preferably a mobile), their Date of Birth, Weight, Height & Gender and contact details for a nominated emergency contact, all of which in the event of injury or incident will likely be passed to the emergency services & appropriate governing/investigating bodies. Otherwise such Data will routinely be recorded, processed & stored by our Airfield & Parachuting Organizations who will use it to contact participants for parachuting purposes, for technical, safety & research study, as well as passing it to the National Governing Body (NGB) for Parachuting in the UK - the British Parachute Association (BPA) who in addition to registering, and arranging insurance, for participants may also use the data for technical, safety & research studies. In participating it also needs to be accepted by participants, or in the case of 16 & 17 year olds or vulnerable adults their parents or guardians, that filming & photography may be taken on the ground, in aircraft and "In Air" for both training & marketing purposes, with images routinely posted on training, commercial & social media
4. **Filming & Photographs.** This can be arranged in advance for Tandem Skydives for a fee. Should for any reason images not be of a reasonable standard a refund of the filming fees may be offered however there would be no refund, or free repeat, of the Skydive offered.
5. **Fitness to Parachute & British Parachute Association (BPA) Forms (if online hyperlinks can be accessed below):**
 - a. Both Solo & Tandem participants will be required to pass a physical assessment prior to jumping. For aspiring Solo Parachutists this will include jumps & rolls, and for Tandem parachutists this will include a "Maintain legs raised for 5 secs test" – the latter can be practiced at home raising legs horizontally whilst sitting on a kitchen or dining room chair. Those unable to participate to the required standard will not be allowed to go on and jump that day, however they may at the discretion of the Instructor be allowed to return at a later date for re-assessment after suitable interim training (such as leg raises & sit ups) – for avoidance of doubt this will not be the same day as initial training but later to allow interim training.
 - b. Applicants must present completed Declaration of Fitness prior to training in the form of a completed BPA Form 115 (see links below) – letters in lieu from parents, guardians or Drs are not acceptable. Forms should not be sent to us in advance, nor collected in & presented collectively by an organiser – they are to be presented to us at commencement training by each individual participant.
 - c. Those unable to declare themselves fit (on [Form F115A](#) for Tandem or Form [F115C](#) for Solo) may still be able to participate by taking the appropriate BPA Medical Advice Form ([F115B](#) for Tandem or [F115D](#) for Solo) to a Dr who may after studying it recommend their participation with, or without, limitation as they deem fit.
 - d. All Declarations must be signed by a witness; for 16 & 17 year olds the witness must be their parent or guardian who must also sign a completed membership agreement ([BPA Form 106](#)). All participants should read and will be asked to sign up to the BPA Membership Agreement ([BPA F106](#)) on attending the Centre.
 - e. At Peterlee Para Centre those of no previous parachute experience who exceed the weight for height as detailed within the tables on Form(s) 115 are limited to the Tandem Option. Those exceeding the weight for height as detailed in the tables on the Form(s) 115 do have increased chance of sustaining injury but this may not necessarily debar them from undertaking a Tandem.
 - f. Whilst we will accept participants up to 16st 7lbs/105kg we would wish to discuss their participation with any weighing over 14st/88kg – some may require larger parachutes or for Tandem a lighter Instructor - this can be done by telephoning 01915171234 during Office Hours 10am – 5pm Mon – Fri; and we will likely require some to come in for personal assessment. Those exceeding the weights above attending for training without consulting us risk not being allowed to commence the course and losing their fees.
 - g. Those aged 40 yrs or older of no previous parachuting experience are advised to undertake a Tandem as their first jump. Those aged 55 yrs or older of no previous parachuting experience are restricted to undertaking a Tandem as their 1st jump.
6. The BPA give an indication of how safe parachuting is and the risk involved in participating supported by statistics which can be viewed if online by [CLICKING HERE](#). In essence the older & heavier the participant the increased chance of sustaining injury.

7. Insurance. Provisional BPA Membership is included within the course fee & affords 3rd party insurance cover – details of which can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#). Personal Accident Insurance, is the responsibility of the applicant to take out, although occasionally agents who provide quotes for cover for parachutists leave contact details & leaflets at the Centre and if held these can be passed onto prospective participants upon request.

8. Operating Hours & Conditions. 0830-2030hrs during daylight. Given suitable conditions the Parachute Centre routinely opens 8:30am Weekends & Bank Holiday Mondays, and 9:30am mid week. Later times are often published for Easter. Regular opening dates:

- a. Apr thro Oct – Wed thro Sun/Bank Holiday Mon but not the Wed immediately following a Bank Holiday.
- b. Feb, Mar & Nov – Wed pm for solo continuation, Fri, Sat & Sun for all availability permitting.

9. Scheduling of Training and Jumping:

a. Our Aim is to get participants through Tandem Jumps within 3 hours of their booked arrival time however participants should allow 5 hours or in the event of adverse conditions that jumps may have to be postponed to alternative date(s). Once trained Solo jumpers should allow a full good weather day, or in the event of adverse weather additional day(s), to complete their jumps. No refunds are made in the event of adverse conditions preventing jumping from taking place with participants given due notice that in such event that they should anticipate having to reschedule to an alternative future date. On some days conditions may be suitable enough to enable all to jump, on other days an assessment of adverse conditions might dictate that no jumps can take place, some days poor conditions can improve, or good conditions can deteriorate, enabling some to jump whilst others unfortunately can not jump! From an analyse of our own past experience we have found that in the order of 50% of our participants are fortunate to be able to jump on their first booked date, 25% jump on a second date, 12.5% on a 3rd date and 12.5% require to set aside 4 or more dates.

b. We can not & never promise participants that they will be the first to jump on any given day. Where realistic we will endeavour to facilitate participants jumping from the same aircraft lifts as their friends and family but this can not be guaranteed and participants are given due notice that this might not be possible, especially if a large group, or if different options are booked, or specialist equipment or lighter instructors are required. In some cases to retain the integrity of a group participants may have to drop down the jump order to parachute from the same aircraft together, whilst allowing other participants to go ahead of them.

c. Individuals must have completed the appropriate training & be present at the Parachute Centre to register for a jump. Tandem & AFF Parachutists need to check availability and book their first and subsequent jump slots. Solo CS SL & FF Parachutists need not rebook unless their training currency lapses (normally after 3 months of not training) however they need to attend Daily Revision Training prior to jumping (normally scheduled for 9:30am on Weekends & Bank Holidays and 1:30pm on Wed & Fri afternoons).

d. All Jumpers are strongly advised to monitor the Twitter Feed embedded into the lower front page of our Web site www.SkydiveAcademy.org.uk for an indication of whether parachuting is to take place or not on that day.

e. Revision Training is provided free of charge until 3 months have elapsed since last training, or until 12 months have elapsed since the initial training course, whichever sooner. Thereafter the full course syllabus will have to be retaken, normally on the next scheduled course date for which a fee of £70.00 will be charged for CS SL, CS FF & Tandem until 12 months have elapsed since the initial training course. After 12 months the full fee in place at that time will apply. Separate rates apply for AFF.

10. Alcohol Drugs Smoking & Vaping. Applicants will not be allowed to parachute whilst under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs. Written advice from a Doctor is required in respect of prescribed drugs. Those intending to parachute should allow 10 hrs & a full night's sleep since the last alcoholic drink. No smoking or vaping is permitted inside or within the proximity of any parachute equipment, aircraft or refuelling facilities. Alcohol may only be consumed on the Airfield by spectators, or participants after jumping, within the designated licensed areas (Aero Sports Club & Beer Garden). Only food & drink purchased from the Aero Sports Club may be consumed within the Aero Sports Club & Beer Garden - Participants & Spectators may consume their own food and non alcoholic drinks within the Airfield Reception, Spectator Area & Car Park. (Separate rules apply to Caravan Pitch & Camping Areas).

11. Spectators Non Members Cars Children & Animals. No liability is accepted for any cars or visitors entering Airfield boundaries. Aircraft with turning propellers & parachutists descending under fast canopies traffic the area & present a danger. If aircraft or parachuting equipment is tampered with fatal consequences could result. Accordingly members of the public are not allowed in the Hangar or Active Areas unescorted. Children must be supervised at all times. No child under the age of 14 years is to be left unsupervised anywhere on the Airfield such as when a parent or guardian might be training or parachuting. Dogs excepting assistance/guide dogs are not allowed on the active areas or within Airfield Buildings. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times whilst in the public areas. The operator reserves the right to refuse admission or to ask individual(s) to leave. Horses are not allowed on the Airfield except for on the designated Bridleway or on specific grazing areas with the permission of the Airfield Operator.

I agree to the Terms & Conditions as detailed in paragraphs 1-11 above & over.

Signature:

Name (PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS): Date:

If 16 or 17 years of age or a vulnerable Adult the following must also be completed by the parent or guardian of the proposed participant:

I, Name (PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS): being the parent/legal guardian of the proposed participant hereby confirm that I have given my permission for the proposed member to make parachute descents and that I agree to be bound in the same terms and conditions as those contained and set out in the foregoing agreement signed by the proposed participant above.

Signed (Parent/Legal Guardian): Date: