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ARMED FORCES PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - COMPETITION & ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

Introduction

1. The 23rd Armed Forces Parachute Championships will take place at the Army Parachute Association (APA), Netheravon over the period Mon 17 Jul – Fri 21 Jul 2023. The Championships are open to both serving and reserve personnel of all three services. Civilians are welcome to compete in the open category.

Outline programme

2. **Training.** The APA will be open for training from Sat 15 Jul – Sun 16 Jul. Teams are to organise their own coaching during this period. Training jumps will finish by 1800 on Sun 16 Jul when the competitor's brief and competition draw will take place.
3. **Registration.** Teams are encouraged to pre-register where possible. Registration will close at 1800 on Sun 16 Jul; this is to enable manifest planning. After this time, no additional registrations will be accepted. All competitors are to ensure that they have completed APA Membership renewal before registration closure.
4. **Competition.** The Championships will start at 0900 on Mon 17 Jul and will finish by 1200 Fri 21 Jul. Start time may change dependant on weather conditions.
5. **Manifest.** The Meet Director will manage the programme and determine which element of the competition takes place. Teams will be manifested by APA staff. There will be no double manifesting permitted unless teams are 100% independent of pool camera and not at risk of jumping in another discipline.
6. **Closing ceremony.** This will take place at 1500 on Fri 21 Jul. Teams are encouraged to invite guests, including team presidents, military VIPs, etc. Teams should provide a list of any guests to the APA Secretary when registering.
7. **Programme of events.** The provisional programme of events is at Annex A. The jump programme will remain flexible depending on the weather. Programme amendments will be given at the competitors brief and regularly posted on the competition notice board.

Eligibility

8. The championships are open to both serving and reserve personnel in the UK Armed Forces including Cadet Organisations. Civilians and international military teams are eligible to enter the open category in all events. Military competitors must be full members of the Army Parachute Association to benefit from the military subsidised prices.

Categories

9. The competition will involve the following categories:
 - a. **Armed Forces.**
 - (1) **Individual events.** In order to compete in individual events, competitors must be a serving member of the UK Armed Forces including the reserve and cadets.
 - (2) **Team events.** In order to compete in team events, teams should either be a Corps, Unit, Single Service or an APA/ASCB sponsored team. Reservist and cadet forces personnel may compete in accordance with corps or unit affiliations. The criteria does not apply to the team's videographer.
 - b. **Open.** All individuals or teams that do not meet the above criteria.

Events

10. Events being conducted during the competition are as follows:
 - a. Accuracy.
 - (1) Individual events. Junior, Intermediate and Senior
 - (2) Team events. Junior, Intermediate and Senior
 - b. Canopy formation. 2-way rotations
 - c. 4-way Formation skydiving. Rookie, A, AA and AAA events
 - d. Freestyle category A & B
 - e. Free Fly category A, B and Rookie
 - f. Wingsuit Acrobatics (2 way).
 - g. VFS (2Way)

Rules

11. All event rules will be run in accordance with the FAI ISC rules, less a number of minor amendments and as used at the British Skydiving National Championships.
12. No competitor may represent more than one team in any one event category. A competitor may compete in up to two 4-way FS teams but can only medal in one. Teams can only enter one Free Fly category. Other placings will be recorded in the 'Open' results. All teams will manifest to ensure that progress is made fairly; careful consideration must be made if jumpers are in more than one team.
13. Up to two alternates may be nominated for each team.
14. Teams are not permitted to train at other DZs or in wind tunnels once the draw has been made on Sun 16 Jul.
15. Each discipline will be judged to the full number of rounds unless determined otherwise by the Meet Director. Teams not completing the full number of rounds (for any reason) within competition time will disadvantage themselves.

16. Jump number rules for the Accuracy: Junior is up to 100 jumps, Intermediate up to 400 jumps and Senior is more than 400.

17. The Accuracy target is out of bounds to all jumpers unless you are conducting a competition Accuracy jump. Any violation of this rule will result in an award of a red card and removal from the competition.

Medal and Trophy Allocation

18. **Medals and Trophies.** A breakdown of the trophies and medal allocation is available from the APA office.

19. **Open medals.** There are no trophies for the open events, but bronze, silver and gold medals will be awarded. Medal winners in the Armed Forces categories will not be awarded a separate open medal.

Costs and payment

20. **Registration fee.** A one off registration fee of £35 per person is payable, regardless of the number of events entered. This is to cover the cost of the judges' expenses, social functions, additional staff and administration to support the competition, including medals, trophies and a competitor T-Shirt.

21. **APA membership.** To qualify for the discounted military jump rate, all Military competitors must be full APA members.

22. **Event costs.** Jump prices are as follows:

Event	Cost per round		Number of Rounds
	Military	Civilian/Non Eligible	
Sports accuracy	£15	£20	4
2-way CF rotations	£45	£60	4
4-way FS	£100	£125	6
Freestyle A,B	£40	£50	4
Free Fly A, B & Rookie	£60	£75	4
VFS (2Way)	£60	£75	4
Wingsuit Acrobatics (Int)	£60	£75	4
Wingsuit Acrobatics (RK)	£60	£75	3

In addition to the events costs, APA rigs are available for hire at the normal jump inclusive price of £35 for military and £45 for civilian personnel. This fee includes the hire of equipment and a repack by an APA authorised packer. This fee will automatically be charged to the competitor's burble account.

23. **Mixed military/civilian teams.** Mixed military/civilian teams entering open events will pay a pro-rata rate, based on military and civilian jump ticket prices. Ticket prices are as follows:

- a. Army. £20 max, £15 low/mid altitude.
- b. Civilian/ Non-eligible: £25 max, £20 low/mid altitude.
- c. Camera. If pool camera is used, an additional fee of £5 per jump will be added to the team total for the round.

24. **Protest fee.** A fee of £10 is charged per protest. This is reimbursed if the protest is upheld.
25. **Payment.** Military teams wishing to be invoiced are to discuss this with the APA Secretary prior to registration. All other teams are to pay in full at registration. Refunds for incomplete rounds will be made at the 'cost per round'. The registration fee is non-refundable. Please add onto each team registration form, how payment should be made. Either specific feeder or own account.

Administration

26. **Duty status.** All soldiers participating in the competition must have their participation published on their unit Part One orders to ensure that they are deemed to be on duty. Reservist soldiers will only be allowed to enter the competition (as a military competitor) on production of the Reservist Eligibility Form (Annex C), signed by their CO. Without this authorisation, such individuals will be deemed to be civilian competitors. The Event is run under normal Army Parachute Association SOPs (and therefore in accordance with the NGB). The APA's RA for the conduct of Sport Parachuting applies throughout
27. **Documentation.** The following documentation should be produced during registration:
- British Skydiving Membership.
 - Appropriate FAI Licence.
 - British Skydiving Medical.
 - Reserve packing card for each set of parachute equipment to be used.
 - Parachute Logbook.
28. **Absence.** This is a military competition therefore you should endeavour to commit to the whole week! Agreed absence is not a satisfactory reason for failure to complete the full number of rounds for any given discipline. Teams entering numerous disciplines and submitting absence notices will highly likely be a disadvantaged! Non-completion of the competition due to absence will not qualify for a refund other than in exceptional circumstances.
29. **Entry forms and team details forms.** Completed entry forms (Annex D) and team details forms (Annex E) should be submitted to the APA Secretary at the earliest possible opportunity. This will decrease teams' administration requirements during registration.
30. **Dress.** Dress throughout the competition is smart inoffensive sports clothing. Military teams are encouraged to wear team clothing for the prize giving where appropriate.
31. **Transport.** This is an authorised sporting event and therefore competitors are entitled to travel at public expense. The regulations for travel at public expense for sporting activity are detailed in JSP 752, Part 2, Chapter 4, Section 2 and JSP 660 Part 2 - Chapter 2 Para 4. Vehicles must be confined to the proper car parks, and under no circumstances are vehicles to be driven onto the airfield or any grassed area.
32. **Accommodation.** Personnel that require service accn are to book via the Central Accommodation Booking Service (CABS) on defence.bookings@sodexo.com. Camping and campervans are only permitted in the area next to the shower block. You are to ensure there is a 5m gap between tents and campervans are to be parked on the hard standing adjacent to the APA Bunkhouse. The use of electrical hook ups is strictly forbidden. The bunkhouse accommodation is available and can be booked through the APA Office; places are limited so book early! As a general rule, Service personnel participating in sport are ineligible to claim subsistence at public expense, JSP 660 Chapter 2 Para 5.
33. **Catering.** The APA canteen will be open throughout and provide basic hot food and snacks at personal expense. There is no provision of service catering on Airfield Camp.

34. **Dogs.** No dogs are allowed on the airfield from either competitors or visitors unless registered with the MOD and registered with the AAT AW; proof of registration will be required.

35. **Camera Jumper/Images.** Teams are strongly encouraged to provide their own camera flyers as the camera pool is minimal. In entering the competition, competitors agree to grant the APA a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use any videos or other images submitted to the competition for training, judging and publicity purposes. Free Fly Cat A and Wingsuit teams are to provide their own camera flyer.

36. **Accidents and Injury.** All injuries and incidents must be reported whilst on MOD property. This includes any MOD employee, contractor, visiting worker or member of the public that has an accident or involved in a reportable incident. The APA Secretary has no mechanism to submit a DURALS report; this is the responsibility of the Team Captain or if able to do so, the IP.

37. **Point of contact.** Further information regarding the AFPC can be obtained from the APA Secretary, Mark Bayada, 01980 670734 email asst.secretary@netheravon.com

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APA Secretary

Annexes:

- A. Provisional programme of events.
- B. Events and event rules.
- C. Reservist eligibility form.
- D. Entry form.
- E. Team details form.

Distribution:

Airfield Camp – OC AAT AW
All military teams
All JSAT Parachute Centres
British Skydiving - Judges Coordinator

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Ser	DTG	Event	Responsible	Location	Remarks
Sun 16 Jul					
1	1800	Competitors Brief and Draw	Meet Director/CI/APA Sec/Judges	Hangar	
2	1830	Brief for Camera Flyers	CI/British Skydiving Judge	Hangar	
Mon 17 Jul					
3	0800	Daily Staff & Pilot Brief	CI/ British Skydiving Judge	APA Office	
4	0900-last light	Competition jumping	Meet Director		
5	1900	Curry night	APA	Canteen	Curry Night covered by registration fee
Tue 18 Jul					
6	0800	Daily Staff & Pilot Brief	CI/ British Skydiving Judge	APA Office	
7	0900-last light	Competition jumping	Meet Director		
8	1900	Evening meal	APA	Canteen	
Wed 19 Jul					
9	0800	Daily Staff & Pilot Brief	CI/ British Skydiving Judge	APA Office	
10	0900-last light	Competition jumping	Meet Director		
11	1900	Mexican night	APA	Canteen	Mexican Night covered by registration fee
Thu 20 Jul					
12	0800	Daily Staff & Pilot Brief	CI/ British Skydiving Judge	APA Office	
13	0900-last light	Competition jumping	Meet Director		
14	1900	Evening meal	APA	Canteen	
Fri 21 Jul					
15	0800	Daily Staff & Pilot Brief	CI/ British Skydiving Judge	APA Office	
16	0900-1200	Competition jumping	Meet Director		
17	1415	VIP's & Guests arrive	Meet Director/APA Sec		
18	1500	Prize Giving	Meet Director/APA Sec		
19	1600	Pig Roast	APA	Picnic Benches	Hog Roast covered by registration fee

EVENTS AND EVENT RULES

Event	Categories	Rounds	Rules
Individual Accuracy	Junior	4	ISC rules, (upper jump limit 100, max scoring distance 25m).
	Intermediate		ISC rules except 400 upper jump limit. (Max scoring distance 5m).
	Senior		ISC senior rules except max scoring distance 1m. (No upper jump limit).
Team Accuracy	Intermediate	4	5 team members, best 4 scores from each round to count (taken from individual event). Senior rules as per senior individual rules above.
	Senior		
2-way CF rotations	One category	4	As per ISC rules for intermediate 4-way CF rotations, but with 2 canopies.
4-way FS	Rookie	6	ISC Rookie rules, but with an advisory experience limit, which is 300 jumps and 2 hours wind tunnel time per person for 3 team members; fourth unlimited.
	Junior (A)		ISC A rules.
	Intermediate (AA)		ISC AA rules.
	Senior (AAA)		ISC AAA rules, except no semi-final or final (ie 6 rounds only).
Freestyle	Category B	4	As per ISC rules. Junior artistic event, but no upper experience limit. Points are scored purely on the abilities of the individual. The camera footage is not considered in the scoring. Rounds 2 & 3 are the compulsory rounds
Freefly	Category A, B & Rookie	4	Rookie - Both flyers must hold FF1 and aimed at encouraging less experienced teams so no participants should hold FF2!
			Free Fly B – For participants that have previously medalled at Free Fly B or competed as a team (no upper experience limit)
			Free Fly A – Both participants must hold FF2
			Points are scored purely on the abilities of the 2 individuals. The camera footage is not considered in the scoring. Rounds 2 & 3 are the compulsory rounds and dive pool for Rookie & Category B will be the same
Wingsuit Acrobatics	Intermediate	4	British Skydiving Rules
	Rookie	3	British Skydiving Rules
VFS (2 Way)	TBC	4	British Skydiving Rules

RESERVIST ELIGIBILITY FORM

I confirm that:

Number _____

Rank _____

Name _____

Unit _____

Has been placed on duty in order to enter the Armed Forces Parachute Championships over the period 17-21 July 2023

Signed _____

Rank _____

Name _____

Unit _____

<p style="text-align: center;">UNIT STAMP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To be eligible must be stamped and published on Unit Part 1 Orders</p>

Accuracy - Own Account or team / unit feeder Account. Please state here.....

*Select Category entered where appropriate. If a team has more than 12 members, append a second entry form.

**Annex E to
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TEAM DETAILS FORM

4 Way FS Teams

Team Name		Team Name	
Category	Rookie / A / AA / AAA* *Delete as appropriate	Category	Rookie / A / AA / AAA* *Delete as appropriate
Team Captain		Team Captain	
Team Member 2		Team Member 2	
Team Member 3		Team Member 3	
Team Member 4		Team Member 4	
Alternate		Alternate	
Camera		Camera	
Feeder Acc/Own		Feeder Acc/ Own	

Team Name		Team Name	
Category	Rookie / A / AA / AAA* *Delete as appropriate	Category	Rookie / A / AA / AAA* *Delete as appropriate
Team Captain		Team Captain	
Team Member 2		Team Member 2	
Team Member 3		Team Member 3	
Team Member 4		Team Member 4	
Alternate		Alternate	
Camera		Camera	
Feeder Acc/ Own		Feeder Acc/ Own	

Freestyle /Free Fly / CF (2Way) / Wingsuit Teams/VFS (Circle which discipline)

Team Name		Team Name	
Team Member 1		Team Member 1	
Team Member 2		Team Member 2	
Camera		Camera	
Feeder Acc/ Own		Feeder Acc/ Own	

Accuracy Teams

Team Name		Team Name	
Team Captain 1		Team Captain 1	
Team Member 2		Team Member 2	
Team Member 3		Team Member 3	
Team Member 4		Team Member 4	
Team Member 5		Team Member 5	
Feeder Acc/Own		Feeder Acc/Own	

Team Name		Team Name	
Team Captain 1		Team Captain 1	
Team Member 2		Team Member 2	
Team Member 3		Team Member 3	
Team Member 4		Team Member 4	
Team Member 5		Team Member 5	
Feeder Acc/Own		Feeder Acc/Own	

