

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS (UPDATED 09-05-17)**

### 1. Deposits Payment & Discount:

- a. Deposits of £70 per participant are required on booking with the balance of the course fee required 1 week prior to the booked course date - late payments will incur an additional £35 charge.
- b. Deposits are not refundable under any circumstances but may be transferred against an alternative date given 10 days notice.
- c. 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.
- d. Vouchers are valid for a period of 9 months only, after which they may be revalidated at a rate of £35 for each additional 4 month period required.
- e. 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. Cheques are not accepted within a period of 10 days prior to or after a booked course date & should be made out to "Peterlee Parachute Centre". Card payments prior to the day of the course, or made online, do not attract a card transaction fee however any card payments made on the day of the course, such as for upgrades, will attract a transaction charge of 3% for credit cards & £1 for debit cards.

### 2. 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 seconds 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 the avoidance of doubt this will not be the same day as the initial training but likely a week or two later in order to allow interim training.
- b. Applicants must present a completed Declaration of Fitness prior to training – this needs to be in the form of an appropriately completed BPA Form 115 (see links below) – letters in lieu from parents, guardians or Drs can not be accepted. Forms should not be sent to us in advance, or collected in and presented collectively by an organiser – the Forms need to be presented to us at the commencement of 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 or not 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 the Peterlee Parachute Centre those of no previous parachute experience who exceed the weight for height as detailed within the tables on the 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 an increased chance of sustaining injury but this is not as critical for Tandem as it is for a Solo Jump.
- f. Whilst we will accept participants to parachute weighing up to 16st 7lbs/105kg we would wish to discuss their participation with any weighing over 14st/88kg – some may require a larger parachute or in the cases of Tandem a lighter instructor - this can be done by telephoning us on 01915171234 during Office Hours 10am – 5pm Mon – Fri; we will likely require some to come in for a personal assessment, particularly those weighing over 15st 7lbs/98kg. Those exceeding the weights above and attending for training without consulting us risk not being allowed to commence the course and losing their course fee.

g. Those aged over 40 years or older of no previous parachuting experience are advised to undertake a Tandem as their first jump, and those aged 55 years or older of no previous parachuting experience are restricted to undertaking a Tandem as their 1<sup>st</sup> jump.

h. The British Parachute Association 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 and heavier the participant the increased chance of them sustaining injury.

3. Operating Hours & Conditions. Our Licence to operate is from 0830-2030hrs during daylight. Given suitable weather conditions Peterlee Parachute Centre routinely opens:

- 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.
- c. Second whole week in Jun every day (so Mon & Tue as well as Wed thro Sun)

4. 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 and in the event of adverse conditions jumps may have to be postponed to alternative date(s). Solo jumpers should allow a full good weather weekend day, or a half mid week 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, 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 do not! From an analyse of our own past experience we have found that in the order of 50% of participants are fortunate to be able to jump on their first booked date, 25% jump on their second date, 12.5% on their 3<sup>rd</sup> date and 12.5% require to set aside 4 or more available dates in order to complete their jumps.

b. We can not and never promise participants that they will be the first to jump. 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. Whilst training courses may be booked in advance 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 and 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](http://www.SkydiveAcademy.org.uk) for an indication of whether parachuting is to take place or not on that day.

e. Revision Training will be provided free of charge until 3 months have elapsed since last training, or until 12 months have elapsed since the initial training course was taken, whichever the 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.

5. Insurance. Provisional BPA Membership is included within the course fee & affords 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

6. Spectators & Non Members. Only members and escorted non members may enter the active areas and the Hangars. Only licensed pilots and licensed parachutists with the express permission of the Airfield Operator, or his designated representatives, may escort non members into the active areas and Hangars.

7. Alcohol Drugs & Smoking. Applicants will not be allowed to parachute whilst under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs. The written advice of a Doctor is required in respect of prescribed drugs. Those intending to parachute should allow 10 hours and a full night's sleep since the last alcoholic drink. No smoking is permitted within the Parachute Centre Building, or within the proximity of any parachute equipment or aircraft, including the Apron to the front of the Hangar. 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 and Car Park. (Separate rules apply to the Caravan Pitch & Camping Areas for those staying overnight who require permission to do so).

8. Cars Children & Animals. No liability is accepted for any cars or visitors entering the 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 on the Apron. 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 wish to train to parachute, or engage in parachuting. Dogs excepting assistance/guide dogs are not allowed on the active areas of the Airfield or within the Airfield Buildings and 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.