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BRITISH SKYDIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

CANOPY FORMATION

COMPETITION AIMS

- To determine the British National Champions in Canopy Formation.
- To determine the British standings of the competing Teams.
- To establish selection guidelines for National Teams to be invited to attend FAI Category Events in 2026.
- To promote and develop Canopy Formation Competition.
- To strengthen the British Canopy Formation community.
- To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

In the event of any circumstances that result in no National Championship competition jumps, the criteria used for the British team/s or individuals to be selected will be at the discretion of the Elite Performance Committee (EPC).



EVENTS, ENTRY FORMS & FEES

Participants cannot enter more than two teams.

ELIGIBILITY & DOCUMENTATION

To participate in the British National Championships a Competitor can either hold a British Passport or meet the criteria laid down in the FAI rule 3.1.3.1.2. Please refer to the FAI Sporting Code – General Section, which can be found on the documents page of the FAI website: www.fai.org/isc-documents

Only Senior category Competitors can become British Champions.

There are no restrictions on the nationality of Competitors in the Open Championships.

All Competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:

- British Championship Senior Category Teams - full valid British Skydiving membership
- British Championship Intermediate and Rookie Category Teams - valid British Skydiving membership (full or temporary)
- Open Class Competitors - A valid British Skydiving Membership (full or temporary)
- A current Medical Certificate/Declaration.
- A current and up-to-date Parachutist's Log Book.

Canopy Formation Competitors must have their log book endorsed by their CI as being competent to participate in Canopy Formation at competition level, e.g. CF1 / CF2 sticker or equivalent.

SPORTING LICENCES

Sporting Licences are not required for entry into the British National Championships. However, any competitor who feels they or their team may achieve a world record during the Nationals (or at any other time) must have (a) current Sporting Licence(s) prior to achieving that record.

Also, any competitor wishing to be eligible to represent the UK at a World Championships or World Cup must be eligible for a current UK Sporting Licence (eligibility criteria can be found on British Skydiving Form 110).

Competitors may obtain a new Licence or the current 'stamp' at any time. Applications for a Sporting Licence or Sporting Licence renewal stamp must be made using British Skydiving Form 110 directly to the British Skydiving office. A fee applies. Sporting Licences or currency stamps will no longer be issued at British Skydiving Parachute Training Organisations (PTOs).

Sporting Licences should be applied for at least one month before the National Championships, as British Skydiving will require supporting documentation for those competitors not holding a UK passport. The Sporting Licence holder must be included on the FAI database by British Skydiving, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.

GENERAL

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All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the event. No departure from these rules is permitted.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the FAI Sporting Code and the current FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, with changes approved by the EPC and ratified by the Council of British Skydiving. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition this may be agreed at a meeting held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and Competitors.

Competitors should therefore make themselves aware of the current FAI Canopy Formation rules.

Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment and documentation has been verified by the hosting drop zone, and they are cleared to jump. Competitors are advised to do this as early as possible.

The draw will be done live in front of all Competitors. The draw may be made by use of competition draw generating software. At least one representative of each team is expected to be present for the Competitors' Briefing and Draw.

Any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Operator and must be adhered to. The competition will have a start and end time dictated by the Drop Zone Operator and Competition Officials at the end of the registration period.

EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment. This must consist of:

- A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness
- A Record of Inspection and reserve packing card
- A suitable helmet, clothing and footwear of a protective nature
- At least 2 knives appropriate for Canopy Formation use
- A visual altimeter

All equipment and documents must comply with the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual.

SCHEDULING

Teams will perform the rounds in which ever order facilitates the most economic use of the time available in order to complete the competition within the allotted time. Scores may therefore be posted out of numerical sequence.

OFFICIALS

Competition Officials will be announced to the competitors during the Competition Briefing.

PRIZE-GIVING

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Prize giving will begin as soon as the host Drop Zone can arrange after the event has been completed and once any dignitaries who will be involved in the presentation are available.

In the Open event, only a gold medal may be awarded. The Open gold medal will, however, be awarded only if the winner is ineligible for the British Nationals *AND* has won the event in its entirety.

TROPHIES

All competitors who won CF trophies last year are asked to return them to the British Skydiving office by June 2026 if they will not be attending the 2026 Nationals.

Trophy winners will be required to sign the Trophy Safe Custody Statement (Form 225), and adhere to the points listed on this form.

DRUG TESTING

British Skydiving fully supports Drug-Free Sport and is committed to preventing drug misuse in sport parachuting. Drug misuse is cheating and it may prejudice your safety and the safety of others. There is no place for the misuse of drugs in our sport. The British Skydiving's Anti-Doping Policy and Rules are set out in British Skydiving Form 220 which is downloadable from the British Skydiving website and available on request from the British Skydiving Office.

ANY COMPETITOR may be required to take a random drugs test. Refusal to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification. Many medications that you may need to take for common medical conditions, such as asthma or hay fever, may contain Prohibited Substances. It is vital that you do not accidentally take a prohibited substance; the consequences are the same as if you were doping. Getting it from a doctor on prescription is no defence! For further information, please see the anti-doping page of the British Skydiving website, <https://rmafeajj.elementor.cloud/competitions/drug-free-sport/> which has links to the FAI and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) websites, where you can find up-to-date information about the prohibited list of substances and therapeutic use exemptions (see below).

Each competitor is STRICTLY LIABLE - this means that it is your own personal responsibility as a competitor to ensure you comply fully with this policy. A positive test result means disqualification for the whole team, a loss of any sponsorship, and a ban for the individual. British Skydiving Form 220 sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of a positive test. The test is concerned with whether a prohibited substance is present in the body, not how or why it got there.

The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application process gives competitors a means of attaining approval to use a prescribed Prohibited Substance or Method for the treatment of a legitimate medical condition. This process is in place to protect the rights of competitors to compete on a level playing field.



Any competitor with a TUE must attach a copy to the competition entry form and must also file a copy with the British Skydiving Office before he or she competes.

TUE forms may be downloaded from the anti-doping section of the FAI website:

<https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>

VIDEO SUBMISSION

Teams are responsible for the submission of video for each round of competition. The minimum required format will be stated to Competitors in advance of the competition, however item 4.9 of the competition rules (or FAI rules) goes into more detail. The upload mechanism in use for the competition will be explained to team Videographers at or immediately after the Competitors' Briefing. Upload facilities may differ between competitions depending on facilities available at the hosting Drop Zone.

Licence to use Images: In entering this competition, competitors agree to grant the British Skydiving a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use any video or other images submitted to the competition for training and judging purposes.

COMPETITION RULES

This document should be provided in conjunction with a copy of the latest British Skydiving Canopy Formation Technical Rules, Form 291. In the event these are unavailable, the FAI/ISC Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, 2025 Edition, should be used.

NB. LOCAL REGULATIONS

- Drive slowly down the parachute centre entrance and use designated parking areas.
- The fuel compound is out of bounds.
- Strictly NO smoking allowed around the aircraft, re-fuelling points, the fuel compound building. Smoking is now banned in and around all centre buildings.
- Keep the centre's facilities and airfield area tidy, bins are provided for rubbish.
- To assist in the smooth running of the manifest, can all Team Members ensure that they are familiar with and cleared to carry out pre-jump kit checks on their fellow Team Members. Please ensure that your log book is signed up by your local club CCI or nominated instructor's endorsement.
- ALL parachutists must be checked and signed off before boarding the aircraft.
- Each Team Leader will be considered to be the Jumpmaster for that Team and should therefore ensure that they and all the Team members adhere to the British Skydiving and DZs rules and regulations at all times. The Team Leader will sign on the manifest to accept responsibility for their Team.
- It is the Jumpmaster's responsibility to ensure that he or she is familiar with all aircraft procedures, and to ensure a Clear Drop has been received prior to exit.
- It is each Competitor's responsibility to land in the designated area on the DZ whenever possible. Unnecessary off-landings are not acceptable.
- If you land in crops please leave via the shortest route following the crop line.



- ALL parachutists will report back to the DZ Controller after their descent. The Team Leader will usually be responsible for reporting that their Team, including Videographer, is checked in as safe.





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COMPETITION RULES FOR CANOPY FORMATION

2025 Edition

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the Championships. No departure from these rules is permitted.
- 1.2. The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the FAI Sporting Code and the current FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, with changes approved by the Elite Performance Committee and ratified by the Council of British Skydiving. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition this may be agreed at a meeting held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and Competitors. Competitors should therefore make themselves aware of the current FAI Canopy Formation rules. These are available from <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>, under the link ISC / Sporting Code - Competition Rules / Canopy Formation.
- 1.3. These rules follow the layout of the FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation down to the same section and paragraph numbering with along with the inclusion (in section 4.9) of rules taken from the FAI Sporting Code – Section 5 – 5.2.6. This is to make referencing between the two documents easier, and facilitate easier changes when new FAI rules are published. Some sections/paragraphs may have slightly different text, or there may be additional numbered paragraphs where clarification or additions are necessary for national rules; e.g. the inclusion of intermediate and rookie categories which do not exist at international level. Certain paragraphs may not be necessary at national level, in which case the numbering will still match the FAI document, but the text will simply state not applicable (N/A).
- 1.4. These rules are based on:
FAI Competition Rules for Canopy Formation, 2025 Edition
FAI Sporting Code – Section 5 – 5.2.6 *Videographer, Video transmission and Recording, interference and objects in the air*, 2025 Edition

2. DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN THESE RULES

- 2.1. **FORMATION** consists of Competitors linked by grips.
- 2.2. **GRIP** consists of:
 - A) A hand hold on an "A" line or front riser
 - B) Contact with the "A" line from behind with the front of the lower leg or ankle, defined as between the instep of the foot and below the knee. (The instep of the foot needs to be clearly identifiable on the video footage submitted, for example: by tape in a contrasting colour to that of the shoe).

So that a formation is built in accordance with the configurations as depicted in the dive pool.
- 2.3. **CONFIGURATIONS:**
 - 2.3.1. **Stack:** The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy and/or the hip of the upper jumper must be above the lower surface of the lower canopy. A grip must be on an "A" line attached to

the centre cell.

- 2.3.2. Stairstep: The shoulder of the upper jumper must be above the upper surface of the lower canopy and/or the hip of the upper jumper must be above the lower surface of the lower canopy. The grip must only be on the outside "A" line of the end cell. The grip must be taken with the inside foot; this may include an additional handhold, if desired.
- 2.3.3. Plane: The head of the upper jumper must be below the lower surface of the lower canopy. A grip must be on a front riser or an "A" line attached to the centre cell.
- 2.3.4. Plane/stack: Plane, stack or any position on a riser or an "A" line attached to the centre cell between these configurations. A correct grip must be maintained.

The above configurations only apply to complete formations.

- 2.4. **TOTAL SEPARATION** is when all Competitors show at one point in time that they have released all their grips and no part of their arms or feet have contact with another canopy.
- 2.5. **INTER** is an intermediate requirement within a block sequence, which must be performed as depicted in the dive pools.
- 2.6. **SCORING FORMATION** is a formation which is correctly completed and clearly presented either as a random formation or within a block sequence as depicted in the dive pool, and which, apart from the first formation after exit, must be preceded by a correctly completed and clearly presented total separation or inter, as appropriate.
- 2.7. **INFRINGEMENT** is one of the following:
 - 2.7.1. An incorrect or incomplete formation which is followed within working time by either a total separation or, an inter, whether correct or not.
 - 2.7.2. A correctly completed formation preceded by an incorrect inter or incorrect total separation
 - 2.7.3. A formation, inter, or total separation not clearly presented.

If an infringement in the scoring formation of a block sequence is carried into the inter, this will be considered as one infringement only, provided that the intent of the inter requirements for the next formation is clearly presented and no other infringement occurs in the inter.

- 2.8 **SEQUENCE** is a series of blocks and random formations that are designated by the draw.
- 2.9 **NV** formations, inters, or total separations not visible on screen due to meteorological conditions (such as rain, clouds, sun, etc.) or factors relating to the Videographer's video equipment that cannot be controlled.
- 2.10 **OMISSION** is one of the following:
 - 2.10.1 A formation or inter missing from the drawn sequence.
 - 2.10.2 No clear intent to build the correct formation or inter is seen, and another formation or inter is presented and there is an advantage to the team resulting from the substitution

- 2.11 **WORKING TIME** begins at the moment of the first complete separation of a grip from the first scoring formation whether correct or not, or 60 seconds after exit of the first team member, including the teams videographer, whichever is first. If the judges cannot determine the working time from the video footage submitted, the following procedure will be followed.

The Event Judge will determine the closest approximation to the working time and begin the chronometer and a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that round.

3. THE EVENTS

3.1. DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

The competition will comprise the following events:

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| 3.1.1. | 2-Way Sequential Event | 6 rounds |
| 3.1.2. | 4-Way Sequential Event | 6 rounds |
| 3.1.3. | 4-Way Rotation Event | 6 rounds |
| 3.1.4. | 2-Way Sequential Event (Intermediate) | 6 rounds |
| 3.1.5. | 2-Way Sequential Event (Rookie) | 6 rounds |

- 3.2. **MINIMUM ROUNDS** a minimum of one round must be completed to establish winners in any event.

- 3.3. **OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENTS** the accumulated total of all completed rounds is used to determine the final rank of the teams and declare the winner.

3.4. **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT**

- 3.4.1. 2-Way Sequential Event: Each round consists of a repeatable sequence drawn from the dive pool.
- 3.4.2. 4-Way Sequential Event: Each round consists of a repeatable sequence drawn from the dive pool.
- 3.4.3. 4-Way Rotation Event: Each round consists of successive 4-way plane/stack formations made by rotations. Rotations must be made by the top competitor in the complete formation dropping grips, flying to the bottom of the formation and again completing a 4-way plane/stack formation. The inter is the remaining correctly completed 3-way plane/stack formation.

3.5. **DETERMINATION OF BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

Where two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied to determine the final placings:

- 3.5.1. One tie break round, if possible (for the first three places only). The tie break round will be the next drawn round of the competition.
- 3.5.2. The highest score in any completed round
- 3.5.3. The highest score starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken.
- 3.5.4. The fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last formation scored without infringement by both teams in the last completed round. Starting time must be that used in the original evaluation of the jump.
- 3.5.5. Tied teams placed lower than third remain tied.

4. GENERAL RULES

4.1. **EQUIPMENT**

- 4.1.1. Canopy Formation must not be performed using a reserve parachute.
- 4.1.2. Competitors must carry the following equipment:
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| 4.1.2.1. | Each team member must carry two knives for emergency use. |
| 4.1.2.2. | Each team member must carry a serviceable altimeter. |

4.2. **METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS**

- 4.2.1. When air turbulence is apparent or clouds at lower altitudes affect visibility, the Meet Director, in consultation with the Team Captains, may decide to interrupt the competition or continue at either the same exit altitude or an amended exit altitude. This decision is not open to protest.
- 4.2.2. Teams may refuse to jump in rain or turbulent conditions. The Meet Director and the Chief Judge by unanimous decision may decide to continue the event. If a team aborts a jump a second time for the same reason, that team will not jump that round and must be awarded the maximum or minimum score,

whichever is worse.

4.2.3. Rain occurring any time after the first team member exits the aircraft is not grounds for protest.

4.3. **SAFETY**

4.3.1. All forms of Canopy Formation jumping must cease by 2500 ft (~750 metres) AGL.

4.3.2. The competition may be interrupted when ground wind speeds exceed 21 mph (~9 metres per second).

4.4. **END OF WORKING TIME** After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed the team will receive a score of zero for that round. This decision is not grounds for protest.

4.4.1. To prove that this is followed, the team's Videographer shall regularly sweep the horizon showing a complete separation of all performers.

4.4.2. The recordings of all competition jumps by the team shall be stored by the team's Videographer until the completion of the Meet, and presented to the Chief Judge at request, if needed to validate the sequence performed after working time arises.

4.4.3. If the same team is observed to have broken rule 4.4 on two occasions in the same competition, the team concerned will be disqualified from that competition. This decision is not grounds for a protest.

4.5. **THE DRAW** A public draw of the sequences will be supervised by the Chief Judge. The teams will be given not less than two hours knowledge of the results before the competition starts.

4.6. **TRAINING JUMPS:** NA.

4.7. **JUMP ORDER** Jump order of teams is the responsibility of the Team Captains.

4.8. **EXIT PROCEDURE**

4.8.1. There is no limitation on the exit other than those imposed by the Chief Pilot for safety reasons. The pilot must maintain altitude and direction until the aircraft is well clear of the jumpers.

4.8.2. Teams will be responsible for their own exits once the aircraft has commenced the jump run and the team has been cleared to exit.

4.8.3. The exit of the first team member must be clearly shown on the team's video. The chronometer will be operated by the Judges or by a person(s) appointed by the Chief Judge, and will be started as determined in 2.11. If Judges cannot determine the exit time, the following procedure will be followed. Exit time will start as the Videographer separates from the aircraft and a penalty equal to 20% (rounded down) of the score for that jump will be deducted from the score for that jump.

4.8.4. The pilot chute must not be withdrawn from the equipment until the team member is clear of the aircraft.

4.9. **VIDEO TRANSMISSION AND RECORDING**

4.9.1. Each team shall provide video evidence required to judge each round. Each Videographer must use the video transmission system provided by the Organiser.

4.9.2. The Organiser must inform the teams how they are to identify each round, which will be recorded by the Videographer just before exit. The recording should continue with the jump without a stop in recording.

4.9.3. The video equipment must be able to deliver a High Definition 1080 type digital signal with a minimum frame rate of 50 frames per second. Teams will be made aware prior to the competition what upload mechanism (i.e. memory card, usb cable) can be used. The Videographer is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of their video equipment with the scoring system. Failure to meet any of these

requirements will result in a 20% score penalty (rounded down) for each round where these requirements are not met.

4.9.4. As soon as possible after each jump is completed, the Videographer must upload to the scoring system. The video evidence must remain available for viewing or download until all scores are posted as final.

4.9.5. Only one video recording will be presented and judged for each team in each round. Secondary video recordings may only be used in NV situations.

4.9.6. The upload station will be as close to the landing area as possible.

4.9.7. N/A

4.9.8. N/A

4.9.9. N/A

4.9.10. If the Chief Judge and Meet Director determine that the video recording has been deliberately tampered with, the team will receive no points for all competition rounds involved with this tampering.

4.9.11. If the Chief Judge and Meet Director determine the insufficiency of the video evidence is due to a factor that could be controlled by the team, no re-jump will be granted, and the team will receive a score based on the video evidence available.

4.9.12. If the Chief Judge and Meet Director determine the insufficiency of the video evidence is due to weather conditions or a cause beyond the control of the team, a re-jump will be given.

4.9.13. N/A

4.9.14. N/A

4.9.15. N/A

4.9.16. A re-jump may be offered if the Chief Judge, in agreement with the Meet Director, concludes that the performance of a team or competitor has been adversely affected by an object in the air (e.g. aircraft, canopies). The Chief Judge's decision is not ground for a protest.

4.10. **REJUMPS**

4.10.1. In the case of an NV, the Chief Judge and/or Meet Director will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding that occurrence and may award a rejump. Should they determine that there has been an intentional abuse of the rules by the team, or by the Videographer on behalf of the team, no rejump will be granted and they will receive zero points for that round.

4.10.2. Problems with a team's equipment are not grounds for a rejump, except as determined in an NV situation or in 4.10.3.

4.10.3. In the event of an equipment malfunction which places a team member an irrecoverable vertical distance from the remaining team or necessitates cutting away the main canopy, or for any other safety reason, only one rejump may be granted per team, per competition event. This rejump will not be granted if the team releases from a complete formation (correct or not) and makes an attempt at the second formation in the drawn sequence at any time during the working time. All evidence of the malfunction or intention to abort the jump before the first complete formation for safety reasons must be provided by the team. This evidence must include a written statement from the team. The Meet Director in conjunction with the Chief Judge will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding the occurrence. A rejump will not be granted if it is determined that there was an intentional abuse of the rules by the team; and the team's score for that jump will be zero.

4.10.4. Contact or other means of interference between a team and

their Videographer are not grounds for the team to request a rejump

4.11. SCORING

4.11.1. All formation and inter requirements must be completed and recorded in such a manner that the Judges may determine that the required performance has been achieved. Provision of the video evidence for judging purposes is the responsibility of the team.

4.11.2. If a Competitor, or team, is disqualified for a jump, they will receive zero points for that jump.

5. RULES SPECIFIC TO THE EVENTS

5.1. 2-WAY SEQUENTIAL EVENT (SENIOR)

5.1.1. Exit altitude shall be 8000 ft (~2450 metres) AGL with a working time of 60 seconds.

5.1.2. The Draw: Each round consists of five formations that have been drawn from the dive pool of 12 formations (two of each). After each sequence is drawn, the five formations shall be returned to the dive pool so that they may be drawn again.

5.1.3. Scoring: Teams will be awarded one point for the first correct formation and subsequent correct formations that are preceded by total separation within the working time. Teams will not be awarded points for incorrect formations. There will be no penalty.

5.1.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional two points will be deducted from that round as a penalty. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation within working time. Formations built correctly after the omitted formation will be scored in the normal manner.

5.1.5. Each formation must be performed in accordance with the illustrations in the drawn sequence. Jumper position for each random is set by the draw, i.e. the dark canopy position on the first formation built within a round must remain in the dark canopy position on all subsequent formations of that round. There must be release of all grips between each formation. No mirror formations are allowed. All formations shall be performed as shown in the dive pool, as seen from behind.

5.2. 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL EVENT (SENIOR)

5.2.1. Exit altitude shall be 10,000 ft (~3050 metres) AGL with a working time of 120 seconds.

5.2.2. The Draw: Each block sequence or random from the Dive Pool will be drawn only once for each competition. All rounds shall consist of four or five scoring formations, whichever number is reached first. In the event that additional rounds are necessary, due to the tie-breaking jump-off, the dive pool for this round will consist of the blocks and formations which were not drawn for the scheduled rounds. In the event that all of the remaining blocks and formations do not complete the tie-breaking round, the draw will continue from an entire original dive pool in that event, excluding any blocks or formations which have already been drawn for that round.

5.2.3. Scoring: Teams will be awarded one point for the first correctly completed formation and each subsequent correct formation or formations preceded by an inter correctly completed within the working time. Teams will not be awarded points for incorrect formations. There will be no penalty.

5.2.4. Omissions: For each omission of a formation in a round, the team will not score the point for the omitted formation, and an additional one point will be deducted from that round as a penalty. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation within working time. Formations built correctly after the omitted formation will

be scored in the normal manner.

5.2.4.1. An attempt to complete a formation, although incorrect or incomplete, demonstrated by at least 3 canopies connected with grips, OR the two 2-way formations in an inter clearly attempting to build the formation required by the drawn sequence, will be judged as an incorrect formation, not as an omission.

5.2.5. Each formation and inter requirement must be performed in accordance with the drawn sequence. Where there is no inter requirement between formations, there must be release of all grips between all canopies at one point in time. Mirror images are acceptable for complete blocks and random formations. Formations need not be symmetrical. At the end of a sequence there must be release of all grips before restarting the sequence as drawn.

5.3. **4-WAY ROTATION EVENT (SENIOR)**

5.3.1. Exit altitude shall be 9000 ft (~2800 metres) AGL with a working time of 90 seconds

5.3.2. Scoring: Teams will be awarded one point for the first correctly completed formation and every correctly completed 4-way plane/stack formation within the working time, according to the performance requirement. Team members rotating from the top of the plane/stack formation before the bottom team member has taken a grip will not receive credit for that formation.

5.4. **2-WAY SEQUENTIAL (INTERMEDIATE)**

5.4.1. 5.4.1. Exit altitude shall be 8,000 ft (~2450 metres) AGL with a working time of 90 seconds.

5.4.2. 5.4.2. The Draw: Each round consists of 4 formations from the 2-way intermediate dive pool of 6 formations divided into two pools (Pool 1: A, A, B, B, C, C and Pool 2: D, D, E, E, F, F). The draw for each round will alternate between the two pools to create a 4 point draw of "rotation only" moves e.g. AEBF or EBFA where the pilot of each formation changes with each new formation.

5.4.3. Scoring: Teams will be awarded one point for each correctly completed formation which, apart from the first formation, is preceded by total separation within the working time. Teams will not be awarded points for incorrect formations. There will be no penalty.

5.4.4. Omissions: Omissions will not result in a penalty providing an adequate attempt has been made to complete the formation. This will be at the Judges' discretion and their decision will be final.

5.4.5. Each formation must be performed in accordance with the illustrations in the Intermediate sequence. Jumper position for each random is set by the draw, i.e. the dark canopy position on the first formation built within a round must remain in the dark canopy position on all subsequent formations of that round. There must be release of all grips between each formation. No mirror formations are allowed. All formations shall be performed as shown in the dive pool, as seen from behind

5.5. **2-WAY SEQUENTIAL (ROOKIE)**

5.5.1. Exit altitude shall be 8000 ft (~2450 metres) AGL with a working time of 120 seconds.

5.5.2. Each round consists of two formations from the 2-Way Sequential dive pool. These are not drawn, but are fixed for every competition, such that:

5.5.2.1. Rounds 1 to 6 B – E

5.5.3. Scoring: Teams will be awarded one point for the first correct formation and subsequent correct formations that are preceded by total separation within the working time. Teams will not be awarded points for incorrect formations. There will be no penalty.

5.5.4. Omissions: Omissions will not result in a penalty providing an adequate attempt has been made to complete the formation. This will be at the Judges' discretion and their decision will be final.

5.5.5. Each formation must be performed in accordance with the illustrations in the intermediate sequence. Jumper position for each round is set by the draw, i.e. the dark canopy position on the first formation built within a round must remain in the dark canopy position on all subsequent formations of that round. There must be release of all grips between each formation. No mirror formations are allowed. All formations shall be performed as shown in the dive pool, as seen from behind.

6. JUDGING RULES

6.1. **SCORING SYSTEM** The Judges may use an electronic scoring system to record their evaluation of the performance.

6.2. **START OF WORKING TIME** The Judges shall start the timing when the first team member (including the team's Videographer) leaves the aircraft. At the end of working time, freeze frame of the video image shall be applied.

6.3. **VIEWING** The Judges will watch the video evidence of each jump one time at normal speed. The moment of freeze frame at the end of working time will be determined at the first viewing. If a judgement call occurs, a second viewing of the jump will be conducted at normal or reduced speed between 50-90 percent of normal speed. At the request of the Event Judge, a third view of part(s) of the jump can be conducted at normal or reduced speed. The speed of the second and third viewings (normal or reduced) will be determined by the Event Judge. The freeze frame from the first viewing will be applied on each viewing.

6.3.1. If, after all viewings are complete, and within 15 seconds of knowledge of the result, the Chief Judge, Event Judge or any Judge on the panel considers that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred, the Chief Judge or Event Judge will direct that only that part(s) of the jump in question be reviewed. If the review results in a majority decision by the Judges that an absolutely incorrect assessment has occurred on the part(s) of the jump in question, the score for the jump will be adjusted accordingly. Only one review is permitted for each jump.

6.4. **SIZE OF PANEL** Each performance must be evaluated by a panel of at least two Judges.

6.5. **SCORING** A majority of Judges must agree in the evaluation in order to;

6.5.1. credit the scoring formation, or

6.5.2. assign an omission, or

6.5.3. determine an NV situation.

6.6. **POSTING** All Judges' scores shall be posted.

7. RULES SPECIFIC TO THE COMPETITION

7.1. N/A

7.2. **AIMS OF THE COMPETITION**

7.2.1. To determine the British National Champions of Canopy Formation in the following events:

2-Way Sequential

4-Way Sequential

4-Way Rotation

- 7.2.2. N/A
- 7.2.3. To establish Canopy Formation national records.
- 7.2.4. To promote and develop Canopy Formation competition.
- 7.2.5. To strengthen the British Canopy Formation community
- 7.2.6. To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information
- 7.2.7. To improve judging methods and practices at National level.

7.3. **COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

- 7.3.1. N/A
- 7.3.2. At National or GP Competition
 - 7.3.2.1. 2-Way teams consisting of up to four members, any of whom may be the team Videographer; Senior, Intermediate, and Rookie categories.
 - 7.3.2.2. 4-Way Sequential teams consisting of up to six members, any of whom may be the team Videographer; Senior category only.
 - 7.3.2.3. 4-Way Rotation teams consisting of up to six members, any of whom may be the team Videographer; Senior category only.
- 7.3.3. N/A
- 7.3.4. Videographers must be entered for each team. The evaluation process for the video evidence will be the same for any Videographer. Videographers may be one of the following:
 - 7.3.4.1. One of the members of the team, and meet all the requirements necessary to be on the team and is eligible to receive medals and awards or;
 - 7.3.4.2. Any other person. This Videographer is not eligible to receive awards and medals. In this case there may be no more than three Competitors in a 2-Way team, and no more than five Competitors in a 4-way team. This Videographer may jump only as a Videographer and is subject to the same regulations as other Competitors on the team. A Videographer may be replaced at any time during the competition, (with the agreement of the Meet Director) in which case the replacement Videographer will not be eligible for awards and medals.
- 7.3.5. Each Competitor and Videographer shall only be allowed to compete for one team in each category.

7.4. **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

- 7.4.1. The competition will be organised during a maximum time frame of three competition days, typically, but not necessarily, comprising a long weekend (Fri – Sun).

8. **DIVE POOL**

8.1. **DEFINITIONS USED IN THE FORMATION DIAGRAMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 8.1.1. Canopy identification:



8.1.2.

Block sequence numbers: 1 2 3 4 ... 14

8.1.3.

Random formation letters: A B C D ... N

8.1.4.

Intermediate requirement: INTER

8.2. VISUALISATION FOR GRIP DEFINITION (REF 2.2.)

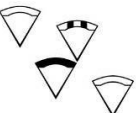


8.3. 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL BLOCK FORMATIONS

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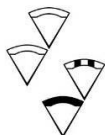


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Diamond



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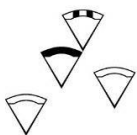


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Stairstep



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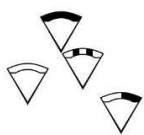


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Step Stack



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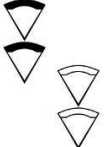


Two Step

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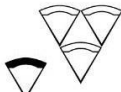


Stack

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Diamond



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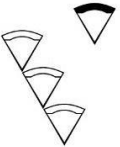


Diamond

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Sawasdee



Inter



Hook

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STEP STACK

INTER

SNACK

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STEP STACK

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STAIR STACK

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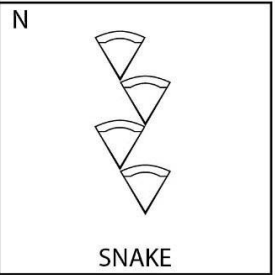
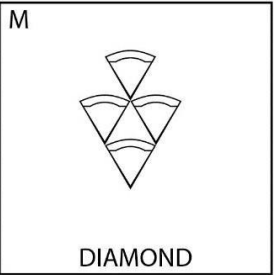
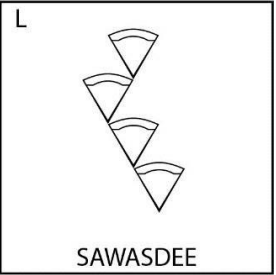
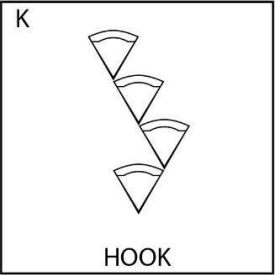
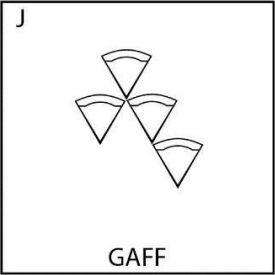
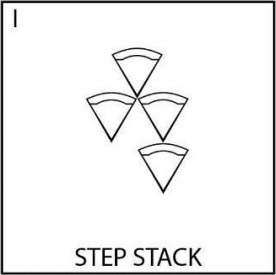
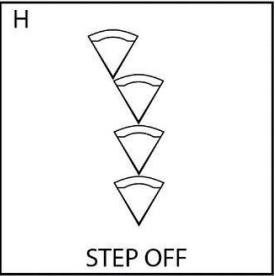
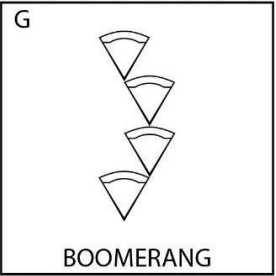
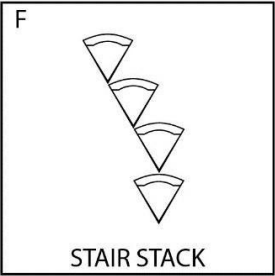
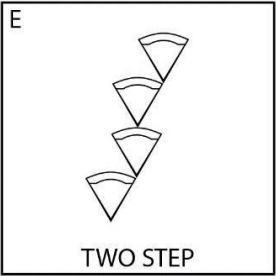
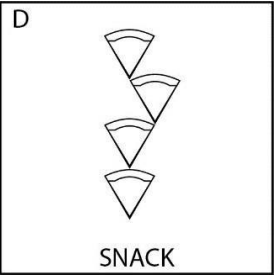
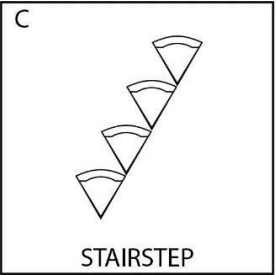
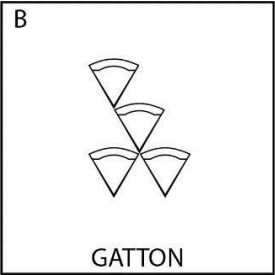
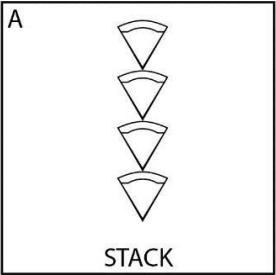
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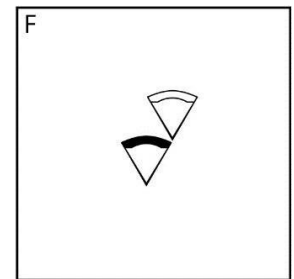
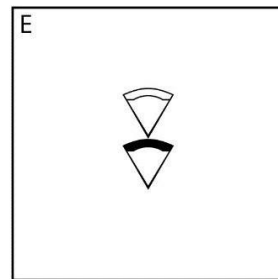
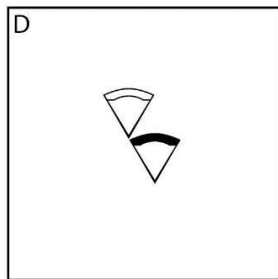
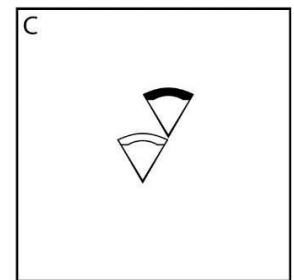
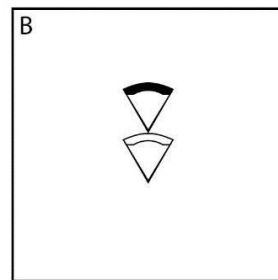
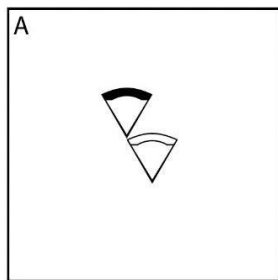
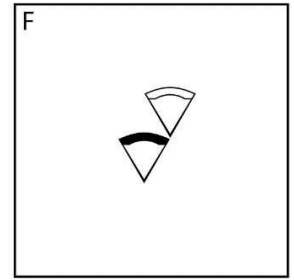
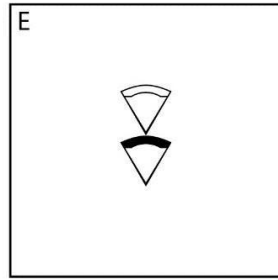
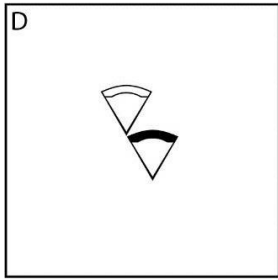
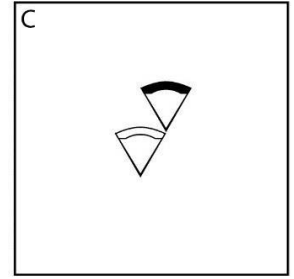
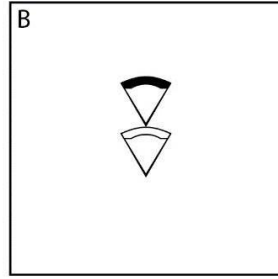
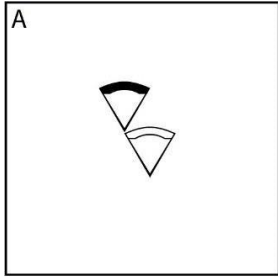
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8.4. 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL RANDOM FORMATIONS

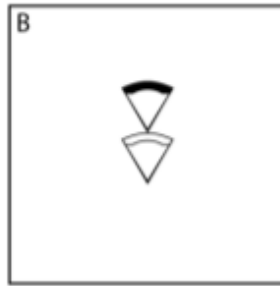


8.5. 2-WAY SENIOR SEQUENTIAL RANDOM FORMATIONS

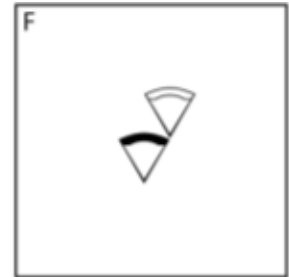
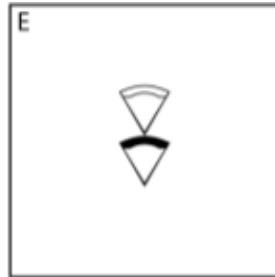


8.6. **2-WAY SEQUENTIAL DRAW INTERMEDIATE**

Pool 1 (each formation is entered twice):



Pool 2 (each formation is entered twice):



8.7. **2-WAY SEQUENTIAL DRAW ROOKIE**

Rounds 1 to 6

