



SAFETY INFORMATION

3/97

EQUIPMENT USED BY STUDENT PARACHUTISTS

The following was decided by the BPA Safety & Training Committee at their Meeting of the 11th December 1997:-

1. Parachute clubs must ensure that steering toggles fitted to main parachutes used by Student Parachutists, are of a standardised type and colour at that club.
2. Parachute clubs must ensure that steerable reserve parachutes that are fitted with steering toggles, used by Student Parachutists, are of a standardised type and colour at that club.

N.B. 1 & 2 above, must be implemented by the 1st June 1998.

3. Any club using 'Traditional' equipment may seal the canopy release units, at the CCIs discretion. If the canopy release units are sealed, they must be done so in a manner acceptable to the STC and Riggers Committees.

Where canopy release units are not sealed, Student Parachutists must be taught how they are operated and the implications of their operation in the air.

4. CCIs must set a maximum all up weight for the parachutes used Student Parachutists jumping 'Traditional' equipment on their first descent, having considered the information provided by the canopy manufacturer and the BPA.

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