

UK SKYDIVING LEAGUE 2024

RULES AND CONDITIONS

FOR 4-WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING & 2-WAY VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING

The 4-Way F.S. competitions will be in four categories: AAA, AA, A, Rookie. The V.F.S 2-Way competitions has one categories. All competitors must be at least Grade 1 in FS (FS1) and have Chief Instructor logbook endorsement for formations larger than 3ways. The competition will be up to six rounds per event excepting FS Nationals, which may have a higher number of rounds.

1. GENERAL

- a. The Competition will be conducted where practicable in accordance with British Skydiving National and World Championship rules, except where specific changes have been made for judging and scoring purposes to determine the placing and winners of the Competition.
- b. The British Skydiving Anti-Doping Policy and Rules (See Form 220) apply to all competitors at Grand Prix / UKSL Competitions. By entering a Grand Prix Competition, all competitors agree to take a random drugs test if required – failure to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification.
- c. All participants will accept these rules as binding on entering the competitions.
- d. Before the start of each competition Team Leaders and Officials will decide whether enough teams/individuals have entered to allow all categories to be contested. If an agreement cannot be reached the Officials will have the final decision.
- e. At the pre-competition briefings any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Management and must be adhered to. **At least 1** representative of each team is expected to be present for the competition briefing.
- f. Prizes will be awarded for each UKSL competition and for the Overall Champions. The Overall Champions will receive their awards at the British Skydiving Annual General Meeting.
- g. Each discipline will be contested at four different events (including the National championships). The scores of Teams will be used to establish the total scores and positions in the Overall League Table.
- h. British Skydiving will provide funding towards the provision of Officials and necessary equipment for judging. The Drop Zone host will charge for jumps at as near normal price as possible. An Entry fee for each competition may be charged by the host Club up to a maximum of £5 per competitor.
- i. Competition will have a start and end time dictated by the Parachute Training Organisation (PTO) Operator and Officials at the end of the registration period.
- j. There will be a minimum of one round to call a meet. In the event of the minimum number of rounds not being completed the competition will be continued at the PTO Operators convenience. Teams not registered at the original competition can enter but will not be eligible for prizes.
- k. All rounds not fully completed will be re-drawn at the new competition.
- l. Wind Tunnels: Competitors are not allowed to use a wind tunnel (free fall simulator) after the draw has been made (FAI rule 4.3 – page 6).
- m. A team wishing to be awarded league points whilst competing in the UKSL must compete with the same team line-up and name for every meet including the British Skydiving Nationals.
 - i. This includes nominated alternate, however teams may use different videographers for each competition in the UKSL without penalty.
 - ii. If an individual wishes to compete with a different team at each meet, or a team wishes to compete with a line-up not compliant with the above, then that team must compete with a different name for the avoidance confusion and each team will be awarded points accordingly.

2. DOCUMENTATION

All competitors on booking in will produce the following:

- a. A valid British Skydiving membership.
- b. Current Medical declaration or Doctor's certificate.
- c. Logbook.

3. EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment, which should consist of:

- a. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b. An equipment inspection record and a reserve packing card.
- c. A serviceable altimeter and suitable helmet, clothing and footwear.

N.B. All of paras 1, 2 and 3 (above) must comply with the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual.

4. THE EVENTS – FS 4-WAY

4.1 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – AAA Class

- a. Using any of the Block and Random formations drawn from the F.S. pool. Each round will consist of 5 or 6 formations.
- b. Each team will consist of four team members including the Team Captain plus a videographer. One alternate may be nominated, but the Team Captain must do so before the start of the competition.
- c. The exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- d. The maximum working time is 35 seconds
- e. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. In accordance with **FAI RULE 3.1.1**
- f. The judging will be in line with the National and World Championship rules where practicable.

4.2 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – AA class

- a. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event. Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year.
- b. The exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. In accordance with **FAI RULE 3.1.1**
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used with the following 16 Blocks for the draw:
Blocks: 1, 2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22
- f. The judging will be in line with the British Skydiving National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 4 or 5 scoring formations per round.

4.3 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – A class

- b. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event. Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year.
- b. The exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. In accordance with **FAI RULE 3.1.1**
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used with the following 8 Blocks for the draw:
Blocks: 2,4,6,7,8,9,19,21
- f. The judging will be in line with the British Skydiving National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 3 or 4 scoring formations per round.

4.4 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL – Rookie

- a. The Team shall consist of 4 jumpers including the Team Captain plus a videographer. Two alternates may be nominated. Alternates must be nominated prior to the start of the Event Jump number conditions used in the past no longer apply. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the category and move on as ability / experience improves year on year
- b. The exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The maximum working time is 35 seconds.
- d. The exit altitude and working time may be changed, but only for a full round, or rounds. Please see para 6.
- e. All of the 16 Random formations will be used.
- f. Judging will be in line with the British Skydiving National and World Championship rules where practicable.
- g. The draw will be comprised of 3 scoring formations per round.

5. THE EVENTS – VFS 2-WAY

- a. VFS 2 way – 8 rounds using:-
Addendum G: Vertical Formation Skydiving Intermediate 2-Way
- b. The minimum exit altitude will be 2750 meters / 9000 feet AGL for the VFS events.
The maximum exit altitude will be 3960 meters / 13000 feet AGL for all events.
- c. Where possible the Meet Director will attempt to schedule VFS rounds at times when the sun is not within 20 degrees of the zenith to allow the team videographer to clearly video their team. Consideration should also be given to aircraft run in for all events to minimise sun interference on exit.
- d. Each round will be drawn so as to consist of 3 or 4 scoring formations, whichever number is reached first for VFS 2-way

6. Videographers

Videographers must be entered for each team. A Videographer may be replaced at any time during the competition (i.e. use of pool camera). The evaluation process for the video evidence will be the same for any Videographer. Videographers may be one of the following:

- A. One person who is a declared member of the team. This competitor is to be considered as a team member for the purposes of awards and medals and must have competed at all UKSL Meets with this team.
- B. Any other person (i.e. pool camera/ another videographer). This Videographer is not eligible to receive awards and medals as part of the team. This Videographer may jump only as a Videographer and is subject to the same regulations as other competitors on the team.

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Adverse weather conditions during a jump are no grounds for protest. However, a re-jump may be granted due to adverse weather conditions, at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

FAI RULE 3.1.1 applies

For meteorological reasons only, and with the consent of the Chief Judge, the Meet Director may change the exit altitude and/or working time and continue the competition. In this case the following conditions will apply:

Working time will be:

20 or 35 seconds for 4-Way event.

The reduced working time must be used if the exit altitude is lowered.

The next round must commence if the working time is changed.

The minimum exit altitude will be:

2290 meters / 7500 feet AGL.

The maximum exit altitude will be 3960 meters / 13000 feet AGL for all events.

8. SCORING SYSTEM FOR UKSL AND OVERALL CHAMPIONS

For judging purposes each completed formation executed correctly within the working time will score one point. The addition of the number of points scored in completed rounds only will determine the order of team placing for each event.

In the event of a tie at a single event, one jump off should take place, weather and time permitting, at the discretion of the Chief Judge. If a jump off is not possible or does not decide the winner, then the team with the highest score in any completed round will settle the tie. If this does not break the tie, the judges will refer to the FAI rules. Tie breaks will only be used to decide first, second and third placings.

Once the placings have been established points will then be awarded in a descending order as follows:

1st place	10 points	6th place	3 points
2nd place	8 points	7th place	2 points
3rd place	6 points	8th place	1 points
4th place	5 points		
5th place	4 points		

Place points will be added together and carried forward through the UKSL Competitions and at the end of each year will determine the Overall Team champions in F.S. for each event.

In the event of a points tie between two or more teams in the UKSL at the end of the season, the team with the highest position average, based on the total league points divided by the number of competitions entered, be awarded the end of year medal. Should this still not separate the teams, a countback will be done to the last common round between the two teams – and the highest scoring team shall be awarded the end of year medal. Should the teams remain tied, a countback will be done through the teams' common rounds until a separation occurs between the team's point scores.

Prizes will be awarded for the first three teams in each contested event at the UKSL Competitions. Prizes will be awarded for the Champion team per event overall during the year. Prizes will only be awarded to the team members registered at the latest competition entered. (i.e. anyone no longer listed as a team-member due to line-up changes will not be eligible to receive a prize, however, all team-members, including alternate(s), registered at the most recent competition entered will be eligible).

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