

UK SKYDIVING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Restrictions and Exclusions

Age – Minimum age 16 (16 – 18 with written consent from parent or guardian).

Those over 50 will not usually be accepted for AFF or RAPS but there is no upper age limit for Tandem skydives.

Weight – 96 kilos or 15 stones.

Fitness and Health

A fair level of fitness is required for AFF and RAPS but not necessarily for Tandem skydives.

If you are over the age of 40 you will need your doctors approval, we will send you the relevant documentation for your doctor to sign.

Under the age of 40 you may sign a self declaration of fitness.

Weather

Skydiving is weather dependant!

Cloud – Good visibility and broken cloud is required for all forms of skydiving, and the cloud base should be no lower than your parachute deployment altitude.

Wind – The maximum ground speed for Tandems is 20kts and for Raps and AFF 15kts.

Check with your chosen club the afternoon before or morning of your jump for a weather update, don't rely on TV or radio.

Disabilities

If you are disabled this does not mean you cannot skydive. Contact us for more details.

Insurance

On registration at the club on the day of your skydive you will automatically be covered by 3rd party insurance, if you would like to take further personal injury cover, I recommend Harrison Beaumont Ltd 01993 700 200.

Safety

All our chosen clubs are regulated by the BPA British Parachute Association, to ensure that equipment and training is of the highest standards.

Equipment

All Student and Tandem skydivers wear a dual parachute system, where if the main parachute should fail there is a reserve parachute, which is easily deployed.

Student and Tandem equipment are also fitted with an automatic reserve parachute-opening device (Cyprus) this is in case of extreme emergency and this device is governed by speed and altitude.

Glasses and Contacts

Our goggles fit comfortably over your glasses, and contact lenses are no problem

Breathing in freefall

On exiting the aircraft you may gasp for breath for a second but will soon find yourself breathing normally.

How fast will I fall?

This varies, but you can expect to be falling around 120mph during freefall.

What should I wear?

If it's a cold day wrap up warm not bulky as you will be provided with a jumpsuit to wear over your clothes. On a hot day a t-shirt and trousers/shorts are ample.

Trainers are recommended, do not wear any open toed shoes ie sandals.