



## **BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012** **ACCURACY LANDINGS**

### **Aim of the National Championships:**

- a) To determine the National Champions (male and female)
  - National Accuracy Landing Champion
  - National Champions in Team Accuracy Landing
  - National Champions in Club Team Accuracy Landing
  - Open Champion
- b) To establish new National Accuracy Landing records.
- c) To promote and develop Accuracy Landing parachuting.
- d) To exchange experience and strengthen friendly relations between the sport parachutists.
- e) To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- f) To improve judging methods and practices.

**Venue:** UK Parachuting (Sibson), Sibson Airfield, Wansford, Peterborough. PE8 6NE  
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### **Events:**

Accuracy Landings  
Senior - Team & Individual Accuracy Landings  
Intermediate - Team & Individual Accuracy Landings  
Junior - Individual Accuracy Landings  
National Club Accuracy Cup Competition  
(1 x Senior - 1 x Intermediate - 1 x Junior nominated parachutist per Club entering).

### **1. COMPETITION DATES**

- a) The Accuracy Landings event will take place over the weekend Saturday 8 September 2012 to Sunday 9 September 2012.

### **2. OTHER DATES & TIMINGS**

- a) Entry Form and Entry Fees to arrive by 08:00 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012 (to UK Parachuting (Sibson)). (Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on BPA Form 274).
- b) Booking in by: 08:00 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012
- c) Competitors Briefing: 08:30 hrs Saturday 8 September 2012
- d) Prize Giving 19.00 hrs Sunday 9 September 2012

### 3. PRACTICE JUMPS & JUDGES TRAINING

- a) Practice jumping will be available up to the competition draw, but any event in progress will take priority. Centre open 0830hrs Friday 7 September 2012 until last light Sunday 9 September 2012.
- b) Competitors are to note that training jumps are to be paid for separate to competition fees and jumps. Slots for training jumps are to be pre-purchased at manifest at the published rate.
- c) Judges training may take place during the period 0830 hrs to 2030 hrs Friday 7 September 2012.

### 4. ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Entry Fee must be sent to UK Parachuting (Sibson).
- b) Team Leaders are responsible for the payment of entry fees for their entire Team.
- c) General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- d) In the event of any competitor being unable through personal commitments, or injury, to complete any part of the competition, **no** outstanding jump fees will be refunded.
- e) Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to eliminator rounds.
- f) ENTRY FEE: ..... £25 per person

### 5. BOOKING IN

- a) All competitors must book in by 0800 Hrs on Saturday 8 September 2012.
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in
- c) Accuracy Landings Fees . . . . . £16 Per Jump (10 Rounds) = £800 per team of 5 or £160 per individual (see note below)
- d) PROTEST FEE . . . . . £10 Per Protest
- e) RE-JUMPS . . . . . All re-jumps are to be paid for

**Note:** The above competition entry fee tariff includes a BPA levy towards the British Team Fund of £5.00 per entry fee and £1.00 per person per jump.

### 6. DOCUMENTATION

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

- a) British Championship Senior Category Teams - Full valid BPA membership.  
  
British Championship Intermediate and Junior Category Teams - Valid BPA membership (Full or Temporary)  
  
Open Class Competitors - A valid BPA Membership (Full or Temporary).  
(Except in the case of other European Union (EU) parachutists, who are current members of their own country's parachuting governing organisations, are FAI certificated, have a minimum of 100 descents and hold current third party liability insurance cover of a minimum of €1.300,000.)

- b) A valid BPA Parachutists Licence & Sporting Licence complete with Current Stamp. (Not required for Junior or Intermediate parachutists). 2012 FAI Stamps can be purchased from the BPA office and will be available at the competition site.
- c) A completed current BPA Declaration of Fitness to Parachute or equivalent for EU Parachutists (see a. above).
- d) The competitor's current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.

## 7. **ELIGIBILITY**

To participate in the British National Parachute Championships, the BPA has decided to comply with the FAI rule which states:-

"The competitor can either hold a British Passport or meet the criteria laid down in the FAI rule 8.1.3.1.2 which covers residency and personal occupation."

<http://www.fai.org/component/phocadownload/category/?download=5347:sporting-code-general-section-2012-edition>

Only Senior Category eligible competitors can become British Champions for consideration for funding. There are no restrictions on the nationality of competitors in the Open Championships.

## 8. **EVENT ELIGIBILITY**

See Appendix 1.

## 9. **SELECTION CRITERIA**

2012 is not a funding year for World Championship participation support. However, British National champions, medallists and competitors, in both or either categories, may be considered on a more favourable basis for consideration of any targeted funding (if any) made available from time to time by the Competitions or other BPA Committees in line with their ongoing and future Action Plans.

Invitations from the BPA to teams for places for World Cup events will be prioritised based on Championship results.

## 10. **EQUIPMENT**

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

- a) A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b) An in date equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.
- c) Suitable clothing and footwear of a protective nature.

N.B. All equipment and documents (including those of other EU / non BPA parachutists) must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

Whilst there are facilities for reserve re-packing at UK Parachuting (Sibson) it is unlikely that such a service can be offered immediately prior to, or during, the competition. In an emergency ie. following reserve activation, such a service may be provided.

## 11. **COMPETITION AIRCRAFT**

At the time of writing the competition aircraft for the Accuracy Landings event is expected to be:

2 x Cessna Grand Caravans

12. **TROPHIES**

All competitors who won Classics trophies last year are asked to return them to the BPA Office by August 2012.

13. **CATERING FACILITIES**

On site catering is available throughout the day.

14. **DRUG TESTING**

The BPA 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 BPA's Anti-Doping Policy and Rules are set out in **BPA Form 220** which is downloadable from the BPA website and available on request from the BPA 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 BPA website <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/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 funding, and a ban for the individual. BPA 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 BPA Office before he or she competes. TUE forms may be downloaded from the anti-doping section of the FAI website:

<http://www.fai.org/component/phocadownload/category/511-anti-doping?download=5381:fai-therapeutic-use-exemption-tue-form>

15. **PRIZE GIVING**

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.

16. **LICENCE TO USE IMAGES**

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

17      **ACCURACY LANDING AREA**

All accuracy competitors are to note that the safety of competitors, judges, officials and spectators is paramount. Therefore competitors using classic accuracy canopies will land on a tuffet and will be scored in the normal manner. The tuffet will be placed in a location decided by the Chief Judge. Competitors using any other form of canopy will not land on a tuffet but will be scored in the normal manner on an accuracy pad at ground level. This will be located in the centre of the accuracy landing area. Competitors are not to switch canopies during the competition without discussion with the Chief Judge.

## 2012 RULES AND TECHNICAL CONDITIONS FOR ACCURACY LANDINGS

### 1. GENERAL

- a) The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2012 FAI Sporting Code and FAI Competition rules for Style and Accuracy. These are available at: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-documents> or from the BPA office, with changes as approved by the Competitions Committee and ratified by the Council of the BPA. The 2012 FAI rules will also be published on the competition notice board and extracts of these appear below. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition a meeting will be held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and competitors.
- b) All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the Championships. No departure from these rules is permitted.

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### 3. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- a) **SENIOR** Anyone who has competed at international level must compete at Senior level, other competitors are expected to choose the appropriate level of competition to enter, based on their experience.
- b) **INTERMEDIATE** Competitors with over 100 jumps should choose the appropriate level of competition to enter, between intermediate or senior.
- c) **JUNIOR** Competitors must have no more than 100 jumps at the start of the first Grand Prix or National competition entered that year. CCI's written permission is required. Square canopy Novice competitors will be despatched and scored as separate events.

### 4. ACCURACY LANDINGS: CONDUCT OF EVENT

- a) This event will be undertaken as a Team event with individual scores to count. The final individual scores will be separated into male and female events. Men and Women can jump in the same team, as there is no distinction between male and female in the Team event.
- b) Teams should be made up of 5 individuals. Anyone without a Team at the start of the competition will be grouped into teams up to 5 by the Meet Director. They will jump as a Team of 5, or otherwise at the discretion of the competition Safety Officer/CCI in liaison with the Meet Director.

- c) Team Accuracy Event. A Team consists of a maximum of 5 members. Four scores for each round will count in the Team event. A team can throw away the worst individual score per round. Teams with less than 5 members will receive a score of 16cm for each missing member.
- d) Scoring will be on a 2cms pad up to a maximum of 16cms. Any miss will then be scored at 16cms. Intermediate competitors will be scored to 5 metres. Novice competitors will jump as individuals, and will be scored to 25 metres.
- e) Any Intermediate competitor jumping in the Team event will be scored as a `Senior' for the Team event. That Intermediate competitor's individual score will count towards the Intermediate event and will be scored as in para (d), provided that he/she can be clearly identified by the judges as an Intermediate competitor. There is no Intermediate Team event.
- f) Team Accuracy Landing jumps will be made from a maximum height of 1000 meters / 3,500 ft. to a minimum of 900M / 3000ft. If necessary, altitude may be reduced to 800M with 2 per pass and 700M with 1 per pass. Scores will still count towards team scores.
- g) Each team selects their own exit point.
- h) The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in the accuracy events is set by the Chief Judge and Meet Director within the range of between 6 m/s and 8 m/s. This limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing and will remain for the duration of the competition. A competitor who lands during the period 10 seconds before the wind speed exceeds the limit, while the wind speed is over the limit and 30 seconds after the wind speed has returned below the limit, and does not score a dead centre, may accept a re-jump. The competitor must make an immediate decision within 15 seconds of landing and before the next competitor lands and must inform the Event or Chief Judge of their decision, otherwise that competitor must do a re-jump. The event will be automatically interrupted for a minimum of 5 minutes, if the ground wind speed exceeds 7 m/s and for 30 minutes if the ground wind speed exceeds 9m/s.
- i) Each Team/Competitor will jump 8 rounds in the Team event. A minimum of **two** rounds must be completed to declare a valid event.

Where possible, teams will jump in reverse order of placings after completion of each round.

- j) At the end of the 8th round, the top 20 British male and the top 20 British female individuals in the Senior event will qualify for the semi-finals (round 9).

The top 10 male and the top 10 female individuals at the end of round 9 will qualify for the finals and will do the 10th and final round. The 9th and 10th rounds will be jumped as Individual Accuracy from a maximum height of 800 meters / 2,600 ft. to a minimum of 670 meters / 2,200 ft.

Should there be 20 competitors or less in each event, then ALL competitors will complete rounds 9 and 10 AS INDIVIDUALS.

- k) In the event of a tie for the **first three places** in the Team or Individual Accuracy Landing the following rules apply:

- (1) Where possible, tie-break jumps shall be made.
- (2) If this is not possible then the competitor or team with the greater number of low scores (i.e. dead centres, 1cm, etc...) obtains the higher place.
- (3) If the tie remains, the competitor or team with the lowest score, starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken, obtains the higher place.
- (4) If the tie cannot be broken, the competitors or teams concerned shall be declared co-medallists.
- (5) All other ties will be ranked equal.

5. **NATIONAL CLUB ACCURACY CUP COMPETITION**

Clubs can enter any number of Teams.

The Team will consist of one Senior, one Intermediate and one Novice and must register for this competition prior to the start of the Championships.

The winning Team will be the Team with the lowest combined score. There will be no 2nd or 3rd place awards. Evidence of membership to the Club being represented may be required.

6. **DETERMINATION OF BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

- a) The title of British National Accuracy Landing Champion for both men and women will be awarded to the British competitor with the lowest total distance for all completed rounds.
- b) Foreign competitors will only be eligible for the open event, their scores and positions will not be counted in the determination of British results.
- c) Novice and Intermediate events are for both men and women. There are no separate categories.



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**ACCOMMODATION**

UK Parachuting (Sibson) welcomes you to the 2012 Accuracy Landings National Championships. The staff will endeavour to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. There are a few local rules we would ask you to abide by, plus of course all normal airfield regulations apply. The local area provides excellent amenities and any of the staff will supply you with information on the facilities available.

The Centre offers accommodation for around 22 people, which must be booked in advance. All accommodation is bunk bed. Rooms have 2 beds, 4 beds or 5 beds (all with heating). All rooms are lockable, but we do ask you not to leave valuables in them. Cost is £5 per night/person. Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow.

Camping is to the far side of the main hanger and is free. Before pitching a tent please check with a member of staff. This area is also used for parking, but we would ask you to ensure that a taxi way is kept clear to the fuelling points.

All Accommodation is to be booked through Andy Lapsley at the Phoenix Bar and Grill 07870694688

Food will be available all day from the centre bar.

**LOCAL ACCOMMODATION**

The Sibson Inn, Stibbington T: 01780 782227 [www.sibsoninn.com](http://www.sibsoninn.com)  
(Recommended place - will upgrade skydivers where possible).  
Double Standard £60 Single Standard £60

Jemma Marshall's B & B, 87 Elton Rd, Wansford T:01780 783980  
Double Standard & Single Standard Available & the closest to the Airfield

Wedgewood Cottage B & B, Wansford T: 01780 782200.  
£30 per person per night.

Cross Keys, Wansford T: 01780 782266  
Double Standard & Single Standard Available

The Haycock Hotel, Wansford T: 01780 782223 [www.thehaycockhotel.co.uk](http://www.thehaycockhotel.co.uk)  
Double Standard £125 Single Standard £85

Marriott Hotel T: 01733 371111  
Double B&B From £70 to £112 Discounts/offers available

The Sleep Inn, Alwalton T: 01733 396850  
Double Standard & Single Standard Available  
Holiday Inn Express, Alwalton T: 01733 284450  
Travel Lodge, Alwalton T: 01733 231109 Family Rooms £50  
Please note: Prices are subject to change.

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**LOCAL REGULATIONS**

1. Please do not smoke in the accommodation blocks, around aircraft or fuelling points or in either hanger.
2. You must aim for the centre of the PLA
3. Please observe any C of G limitations inside the aircraft, and do not practise exits from the aircraft without permission.
4. Please keep the airfield area tidy, bins will be provided for rubbish.
5. The Team Leader of each Team will be considered to be the jumpmaster for that Team and should therefore ensure that he is familiar with his duties according to the BPA regulations.
6. An indoor packing area is available.
7. No kite flying on the airfield.