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CATEGORY SYSTEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR, CATEGORY SYSTEM INSTRUCTOR & ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR, TRAINING SYLLABUS

1. CATEGORY SYSTEM BASIC INSTRUCTOR (CSBI)

Qualifications to attend a CSBI Course are in the BPA Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 1 (Category System Basic Instructor).

- (a) During the CSBI Course candidates will be given lessons/lectures (where possible) on the following subjects:-
- i) Responsibilities of a Sport Parachute Instructor.
 - ii) The Qualities required of a Sport Parachute Instructor.
 - iii) Methods of Instruction.
 - iv) The Training Progression and Safety Regulations.
 - v) Equipment, Maintenance and Basic Rigging.
 - vi) Drop Zone Management.
 - vii) Flying for Parachuting.
 - viii) Incident Procedures.
 - ix) Basic Meteorology.
 - x) Display Parachuting.
 - xi) First Aid.
 - xii) Radio Procedures.
- (b) Assessments may also be made of candidates personal parachuting skills and of their dispatching of other parachutists.
- (c) Practical lessons will take place, and may include the following:-
- i) Specimen Lessons.
 - ii) Candidate Teaching Practices on Lessons/Lectures and Briefs from the Instructors Manual.
 - iii) Flight Line Checking.
 - iv) Briefing and De-briefing of Students.
 - v) Briefing of Pilots.
 - vi) Aircraft Drills.
 - vii) Use of training aids.
- (d) Discussion periods will take place and an Open Forum may be conducted.
- (e) A written examination will take place towards the end of the Course, covering some aspects covered during the Course and on the requirements of the Operations Manual.
- (f) After successful completion of the Course. The candidate will spend a Probationary Period of a minimum of 6 months working under the supervision of his/her CCI during which time he/she will be involved in the training of Student Parachutists (up to Category 8).
- (g) During the candidates Probationary Period he/she must keep a record of Students trained.

2. CATEGORY SYSTEM INSTRUCTOR (CSI)

CSBIs must successfully complete a CSI Course before being awarded CSI status. Qualifications for CSI status are in the BPA Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 4 (Category System Instructor).

N.B. TBIs or AFFBIs may not attend a CSI Course. TBIs or AFFBIs wishing to become a CSI must first attend a full CSBI Course.

- (a) The CSI Course will last up to five days in duration. During this time he/she will be assessed by at least two Instructor Examiners (IEs) on lectures and ground training periods. Dispatching of Static Line parachutists and personal parachuting will be assessed if conditions permit. During the period a written examination will be undertaken by the CSBI, with a minimum pass mark of 70% to be achieved. This examination paper may be on such subjects as:-
- i) Basic parachute maintenance (recognition of faults, bad assembly, material damage and contamination).
 - ii) Student problems/situations.
 - iii) Aircraft problems/situations.
 - iv) Documentation.
 - v) Displays - legal requirements etc.
 - vi) Basic First Aid (fractures, concussion, shock etc).
 - vii) Accidents/fatalities - action to be taken.
 - viii) BPA Operations Manual.
- (b) On satisfactory completion of the above, two IEs will sign the qualification of the CSBI and he/she will then be awarded CSI status and will be qualified to instruct/coach Student Parachutists (up to Category 8).
- (c) Should a CSBI fail to qualify, he/she may be recommended to attend a CSI Course again.

3. ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR (AI)

Qualifications for AI status are in the BPA Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 7 (Advanced Instructor).

(a) Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course

Candidates wishing to become AIs must first attend a Pre-Advanced Instructor Course of up to five days duration. During which time the candidate may be required to:-

- i) Organise and give a brief for a Water Jump, Night Jump or Display Jump.
 - ii) Give a lesson on the responsibilities of a Jumpmaster, first 'Grade 1' descent and a brief for training a 'jump pilot'.
 - iii) Give a Category System Lecture.
 - iv) Give a Methods of Instruction lecture.
 - v) Give a Drop Zone Management lecture.
 - vi) Give an Incident Procedure lecture.
 - vii) Submit a paper on an advanced subject and present the paper.
 - viii) Critique/Coach CSBIs.
 - ix) Demonstrate his/her personal parachuting ability.
 - x) Give any of the Lesson/Lectures from the basic training syllabus.
- (b) On completion of the Course the candidate will be recommended to either attend another Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course after a specified period of time, or attend a AI Examination Course for upgrading to Advanced Instructor after a minimum period of time specified by the IEs on the Course.
- (c) **Advanced Instructor Examination Course**
- Candidates attending this Course, which is for a period of up to five days, may be required to complete any of the requirements of the Pre-Advanced Instructor Assessment Course.
- (d) On satisfactory completion of the AI Examination Course, two IEs will sign the qualification of the candidate and he/she will be awarded Advanced Instructor status.

- (e) Should the candidate fail to qualify, he/she may be recommended to attend an Advanced Instructor Examination Course again.

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