



# **BPA CANOPY HANDLING COACHES**

## **1. QUALIFICATIONS**

- e) Is a BPA 'C' Licence holder
- f) Is a CH Grade 2 (CH2) holder
- g) Holds a current Aeronautical Ground Radio Operators Licence.
- h) Has been involved in Sport Parachuting for a minimum of 2 years.
- i) Is fully familiar with the current CH Manual.
- d) Is at least a;
  - (i) Category System Basic Instructor, or
  - (ii) Has attended a Sportscoach UK Course on `Coaching Methods and Communication`, or
  - (iii) Has specific teaching or coaching qualifications, or
  - (iv) Has attended a Methods of Instruction lecture, given by a BPA Advanced Instructor, or
  - (v) Has attended a Military Methods of Instruction Course.

## **2. EVALUATION**

A Canopy Handling Coach who is an Instructor will make the evaluation, or a Canopy Handling Coach nominated by a CCI/Advanced Instructor.

## **3. GROUND SCHOOL EVALUATION**

This will include the full ground training phase of at least one complete CH1 and one complete CH2 jump requirement, on a one to one basis with ideally an actual Student and BPA 'A' Licence parachutist, supervised by the Evaluator.

All applicants should use the BPA 'CH' manual.

## **4. CANDIDATE'S EVALUATION**

This should be one of the CH jumps, it should include the whole of the following:

- i) The brief and dirt dive.
- ii) The jump: where the Evaluator will monitor (and assist if necessary) the candidate.
- iii) The debrief.
- iv) Logbook entries, which should include any corrective training required.

## **5. THE EVALUATOR'S TASK**

The Evaluator should ensure that the Student/'A' Licence parachutist receives the correct information and that if instructions are given by radio, the information is correct.

On the ground the candidate should make good use of training aids and have a good coaching manner.

The candidate should demonstrate a good knowledge of the basic principles of teaching and coaching.

## **6. SAFETY**

The candidate should not attempt to take on the role of an Instructor. CH coaches who are not BPA qualified instructors must not teach CH skills as part of a Student Parachutist's ab-initio ground training/school.

The candidate should not try to change a students emergency procedures, unless they break BPA rules, in which case they should refer to an Instructor.

Always if in doubt refer back to an Instructor.

## **7. RENEWALS**

The CH Coaches rating should be reviewed on a annual basis, and should be carried out by an Advanced Instructor. This may be done by watching a coaching session with an actual Student or by ordering a re-evaluation. This same person may at any time revoke the rating should there be just cause. (The BPA should be notified).

## **NOTE**

- i) CH Coaching Courses/Evaluations may be held at any parachute Club/Centre, provided all the above criteria is met.
- ii) Details of SportscoachUK Courses can be obtained from Sportscoach UK, Leeds.  
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