

ADVANCED PACKER COURSE SYLLABUS (Tandem)

Aim

The aim of this system is to qualify people as Advanced Packers (Tandem), allowing them to inspect and pack tandem reserve parachute systems according to the manufacturers' and BPA instructions.

Course Duration

The course is held over a minimum total period of 2 days, followed by an examination not necessarily directly at the end of the course period.

Candidate Qualifications

- Must be a full BPA Member
- Must be a BPA Advanced Packer (S)

Course Instructors

- Rigger Examiners, Advanced Riggers or Parachute Riggers who have held the rating for a minimum of two years may teach the course syllabus.
- A list of those qualified to run courses is kept at the BPA Office
- Maximum of three candidates per instructor

Course Examiners

- Only Advanced Riggers cleared by the Riggers' Committee, or Rigger Examiners, can examine the final assessment phase

Establishments

- All courses are to be run in an environment with facilities suitable to teach and examine good Advanced Packing practices.
- BPA Affiliated Clubs wishing to run Advanced Packer Courses must notify the BPA office at least 14 days prior to the course. The BPA Riggers' Committee will be informed of the course(s) at the next meeting.
- Those wishing to run a course at a location other than BPA Affiliated Clubs must apply to the Rigger's Committee for permission, giving details of facilities etc.
- All courses must be held under current BPA requirements and guidelines.

Initial Training Course Syllabus

- Packing demo
- Safety notices and information specific to Tandem equipment
- BPA Operations Manual requirements
- Packing lessons and practice
- Documentation, packing card, inspection check list and packing log

Post Training Course Information

After successfully completing the Advanced Packer Course (T) and prior to the examination, candidates will work under the direct supervision of a current Parachute Rigger or above.

The supervising Parachute Rigger will countersign all the relevant paperwork and is responsible for all work carried out.

Examination Courses

- When the candidate is confident in his/her packing ability he/she may attend the final examination
- Final examination will consist of a minimum of two tandem reserve repack tests. These tests will be with different types of tandem equipment
- Upon completion of the examination, successful candidates will be awarded with an Advanced Packer Grade (T)

Course Reports

- On completion of the initial training course, a completed Form Number 175 must be submitted to the BPA office and the Riggers' Committee
- Following the examination phase, BPA Forms 175 and 208 must be submitted to the BPA office and the Riggers' Committee. These must be sent by the examining Rigger.

Limitations of work

- Advanced packers (T) are cleared for all assembly, inspection and reserve packing on Tandem equipment
- Advanced Packers (T) are not cleared for any work that requires sewing machine stitching

Currency and Records

- Qualified packers must have their BPA Membership card endorsed, to be renewed each year with membership
- The renewal form will be signed annually by an Advanced Rigger or Advanced Instructor who must be satisfied that the holder is current and up to date with the latest packing related developments and techniques
- All Advanced Packers must keep a printed log of all reserves packed