

# Leeds University Union Skydiving Club Code of Practice

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A copy of this document can be found on our website at [www.skydiveleeds.co.uk](http://www.skydiveleeds.co.uk)

As a member of Leeds University Skydiving Club you must acknowledge and agree to:

1. Follow the British Parachute Association (BPA) Operations Manual. (Copy held at all affiliated DZs & available online at <http://www.bpa.org.uk/opman.htm>) and the BPA Article of Constitution and also the local SOPs of any given dropzone.
2. Be a current member of the University of Leeds.
3. Behave in a manner that will not bring disrespect to the sport, Leeds University, Leeds University Union or yourself.
4. Notice of cancellation of a training course by you will occur a fee:  
 \*less than 1 week - £50 fee is retained \*\* less than 3 weeks – £20 is retained.  
 Please note that any monies paid to LUU Skydiving Club and/or the dropzone in full or part payment for any training may be retained should you fail to give any notice at all.
5. Outstanding debts – If, after two attempts by the committee to contact you, you make no attempt to repay the debt your membership will be cancelled for the academic year. You may appeal against any decision made.
6. A minimum number of people are required for a minibus to depart. If you repeatedly fail to attend trips onto which you have booked, we reserve the right to refuse you a place on subsequent trips.
7. If you sign up for a trip you must pay the appropriate subs fee. Should you cancel or wish to change dates we reserve the right to refund, retain or transfer this payment at our discretion.
8. Prices for training courses, jumps and amount of subsidy printed are accurate as of September 2009, however LUU Skydiving Club reserves the right to alter these at any time, in line with and price increases at BPS Langar.
9. Certain medical and physical constraints apply:
  - I) There is a weight limit on parachuting activities of **15 stone**. You must also be within your body-mass index i.e. your weight must be within reasonable proportion to your weight. A reasonable degree of mobility is also required. A copy of the chart can be seen on the BPAs 'solo student declaration of fitness' form available from Club Captain, on [www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk) and [www.skydiveleeds.co.uk](http://www.skydiveleeds.co.uk).
  - II) You should suffer from none of the following – epilepsy, fits, severe head injury, recurrent blackouts or giddiness, brain or nerve diseases, recurrent dislocation of limbs, mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction. Exceptions may be made upon production of a doctor's certificate and with CCI's approval.
  - III) Other conditions may also cause problems for parachutists and you should seek medical approval if you have ever suffered from any of the following: previous fractures; back strain; arthritis and severe joint sprain; chronic bronchitis; asthma; rheumatic fever; Pneumothorax; liver or kidney disease; thyroid, adrenal or other glandular disorder; chronic ear or sinus disease; Anemia; any condition which requires the use of drugs; recent blood donation.

If you think any of these may apply to you, or if you have concerns about a medical condition not mentioned please speak to the Club Captain before booking on a training course. **If you require medical approval your doctor must sign the relevant official BPA form for the type of jump you are intending to train for and this must be brought with you to the dropzone.** Comprehensive details and copies of the forms are available upon request.

## 10. INSURANCE

- I) Third Party Liability insurance is provided whilst you are a member of the BPA. Student Provisional membership is taken out on your behalf prior to the commencement of any training. This is valid for one year only or until you progress onto freefall (in the case of RAPS) or Level 2 AFF, at which time you must convert to full membership. Costs vary according to the time of year.
- II) Leeds University Union provides personal accident insurance, details of which are available from the Club Captain, LUU Sports Office and on [www.skydiveleeds.co.uk](http://www.skydiveleeds.co.uk). **Please note that this will only cover you for official Club trips on which you have registered. It will be invalid if you attend the dropzone of your own accord or if you have not registered for a trip.**
- III) Should you be unhappy with the level of personal accident cover you are at liberty to take out an additional policy at a cost to yourself. Details of companies providing specialist cover are available as above.

11. Equipment purchased by/on behalf of LUU Skydiving Club is for the use of its members only (unless arrangements have been made by the committee) and may be used with the permission of Club Captain (this may be sought in advance). Each piece of kit should be signed out and in again. **In signing out any item you assume responsibility for it and the potential costs that damage through misuse or loss may incur, even if you lend it to another person.** LUU Skydiving Club reserves the right to charge the person(s) in question anything up to the full amount for a replacement should the committee deem it appropriate.

I) RIGS

- a) Permission from LUU Skydiving Club to use a rig does not mean it is suitable for you to jump - this must be approved by the CCI.
- b) Those with an A or B license are subject to manufacturers recommendations with regards to wing-loadings of canopies unless permission is granted by the CCI. It is your responsibility to find out this information.
- c) TSE Teardrop Classic containers are not deemed to be freely friendly.
- d) Before using any of the rigs, you must have read the information sheet about the rigs (available from the Club Captain).
- e) Responsibility lies with each individual member to ensure that:
  - The reserve on the rig you are jumping is in date.
  - You are familiar with the rig you are intending to jump.
  - The rig is packed by an approved packer.
  - You are happy with the condition of the rig, if in doubt, seek the advice of a rigger.
- f) The rigs may be packed only by a holder of a valid packing certificate who is signed off to pack the particular canopies and containers.
- g) The packing record must be filled in (kept at Langar) with all required information. When the rigs are being used away from Langar, a record must be kept and updated on the master copy at Langar.
- h) **Repeated failure to fill in the packing record will result in the withdrawal of the privilege to use the club rigs.**
- i) **Using a packer without a packing certificate will result in the withdrawal of the privilege to use the club rigs.**

II) ALTIMETERS, GOGGLES AND HELMETS.

- a) Student skydivers should use the kit provided by the DZ unless there is a shortage.
- b) Experienced skydivers (A-License & above) may use this equipment as long as it is returned after each jump.

III) AUDIBLE ALTIMETER

Are for use by experienced skydivers only. It is recommended that they be worn for freeflying. Skydivers should consult the CCI before using one for the first time and ensure they are familiar with the device before emplaning.

12. Please note that BPS Langar do not give refunds for any reason once a training course has commenced. You must demonstrate a satisfactory level of competence during the course in order to carry out your first descent. Please also note that skydiving is weather dependent and no guarantees can be given that jumping will occur on any given day.

**I have read, understood and agree to adhere to these terms and conditions as set out by Leeds University Union Skydiving Club Code of Practice:**

NAME (IN CAPITALS)..... *Natalie Coe* - Natalie Coe *CHARLIE MARRIOTT*

SIGNATURE..... *CYNTHIA BOWLING* DATE *22/09/10*

WITNESSED BY (COMMITTEE MEMBER).....