# BCPA League Rules 2011-2012

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## *About the BCPA*

Aims to promote and encourage all skydiving at the collegiate level. Organises regional and national events and provides a community in which collegiate skydivers can find like-minded people to jump, compete and socialise. Inter-club leagues are run throughout the year, allowing all affiliated clubs to compete head to head in several disciplines.

## *How do you compete?*

There are two national leagues:

- ***Achievements League:***

This league is based on a points system with points being awarded for event attendance and all aspects of progression (for eligible achievements see page 6).

- ***Competitions League:***

This league will be based on a points system with points being awarded for successes in competition events. Outside of BCPA organised events these competitions are currently limited to 3-way formation skydiving (FS) and 2-way freefly (FF). League positions will rely entirely on the dedication and skill of the teams involved. Less experienced clubs will have the opportunity to score points through the new points system.

Every 1st of the month starting on 1st September a draw will be released for the monthly draw competitions. This draw will be made available through the UKS website, or the new BCPA website which is currently under development. The competition draw for FS will be 3-way made up of 3 randoms and the FF routine made up of 3 sequences. No blocks will be included due to the fact that they provide a large advantage to more experienced skydivers. There will be no handicap system.

- ***Regional Championships:***

In addition to the two national leagues, from 2009 onwards there will be 4 regional competitive championships. These will be the Scottish, Northern, Midlands and Southern championships. All clubs in the BCPA will be assigned a region corresponding to the geographical location of their university (there will be circa 8 clubs in each championship). The championships will run parallel to the national competitive league. I.e. any points scored in a competition by a club will count towards both national and the club's regional league. The winners of each regional championship will become the BCPA champions for that region.

***N.B. Cheating is defined as any attempted deviation from or circumvention of the rules outset herein or attempting to achieve an advantage through deceit or inaction. Any cheating discovered will result in the cheating club being removed from the league for the year, thereby forfeiting any affiliation fee / payments made up to that point. Cheating may be performed by an entire club or an affiliated individual. It is therefore the individual clubs responsibility to police its members. All decisions are at the discretion of the BCPA committee. Random control checks may be carried out regarding any aspect of participation at the discretion of the BCPA committee.***

## *How do you enter?*

Every Club must affiliate with the BCPA in order to compete in the league (£50). Once the affiliation fee has been paid entry into the league is automatic and points can start to be accumulated. Starting in 2007 any clubs who have not been members of the BCPA within the past 4 years are entitled to one year free membership. Points cannot be awarded retrospectively for achievements and competition entries before the completion of affiliation (with exception to points obtained in the holidays running up to the start of the academic year).

It is recommended that each club should appoint a BCPA liaison representative who can deal with submitting points to the league coordinator.

- ***Payment Options:***

BACS Transfer – Barclays Bank, Sort Code: 20-48-46 Account Num: 20895237
Cheques – Made payable to 'BCPA' and sent to Sam Lee, British Collegiate Parachute Association, 14 Warneford Mews, Radford Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 1LL (may change mid-year).
Cash – Deposited directly into the BCPA account at any Barclays branch. (Remember to send an email to let us know where the money has come from).

## *Eligibility*

In order to be eligible to participate in BCPA events or competitions, individuals must either be a member of a currently affiliated collegiate club or else have been within the last 4 years. If their respective club is no longer affiliated they may choose to affiliate themselves with another club or register themselves as an individual (~£5). Being a member implies that some official course of study has taken place at the associated educational establishment.

If an individual's most previous club is still affiliated with the BCPA they may only participate as a member of that specific club in regards to competitions and achievements.

If an individual has represented more than a single club during their time as an eligible member of the BCPA they may only participate as a member of their most previous BCPA affiliated club in regards to competitions and achievements.

## *Safety*

All skydiving is to be conducted according to the rules and safety guidelines provided in the BPA's, British Parachute Association, Operations manual available at www.bpa.org.uk. This includes the BPA's policy that under no circumstances may alcohol be consumed by participates or on the premises during the running of skydiving activities.

## *How are points obtained?*

- ***Achievements League:***

The following achievements are awarded the stated number of points:

| Achievement | Points |
|---|---|
| Event Attendance | 1 |
| | |
| A-Certificate | 4 |
| B-Certificate | 6 |
| C-Certificate | 12 |
| D-Certificate | 24 |
| | |
| Ground School | 1 |
| First Freefall (AFF) | 1 |
| First Freefall (RAPS) | 3 |
| Level 7 (AFF) | 2 |
| | |
| CH2 | 2 |
| JM1 | 3 |
| | |
| FS1 | 6 |
| IS1 | 6 |
| FF1 | 6 |
| CF1 | 6 |
| SS1 | 12 |
| CP1 | 12 |
| WS1 | 6 |
| | |
| FF2 | 12 |
| SS2 | 24 |
| CP2 | 24 |
| WS2 | 12 |
| | |
| FS/FF/CH/CP/CF/SS/WS Coach | 6 |
| CSI/TI/AP | 12 |
| AI/AFFI/Rigger | 24 |
| IE | 48 |

**Table 1 -Possible league achievements.**

Additional achievements may be added at any time during the season if deemed necessary by the BCPA committee; however the existing point values can only be changed at an EGM.

Event Attendance – In cases where there is a registration fee for events organised by the BCPA it is the clubs committee's responsibility to ensure all of their attending

members have registered. The BCPA committee reserve the right to revoke registration benefits to all members of a club during an event whilst any of its members have still not paid (e.g. Competition participation, BBQ's etc).

- ***Competition League:***

Competitions at BCPA organised events and monthly draws will give each individual participant of a team (including camera) points as follows (e.g. A 1st place 3-way team will win 80 points in total at any event):

| Competition | Points Per Participant |
|---|---|
| 1st | 20 |
| 2nd | 14 |
| 3rd | 10 |
| 4th | 8 |
| 5th | 6 |
| 6th | 5 |
| 7th | 4 |
| 8th | 3 |
| 9th | 2 |
| 10th | 1 |

**Table 2 - Competition points at organised events and for monthly draws.**

Additional competitions may be added at any time during the season if deemed necessary by the BCPA committee; however the existing point values can only be changed at an EGM.

- ***Regional Championships:***

The points for the regional championships run in parallel with the national competitive league. Points scored at any event or draw count towards both national league and regional championships. (e.g. Surrey score 150 points over the season, this places them 4th in the national league, however it makes them Southern Regional Champions!)

- ***Individual League:***

The individual league is a combination of both competition and achievement points achieved by each eligible participant of the BCPA.

- *Notes on the Competition League*

NOTE: The distinction between **Competition Points** (Competition League) and **Individual Points** (Individual League).

- If a cameraman falls within the BCPA competition eligibility requirements they are to be considered within the definition of a team.

- All individuals on a team (with the exception of the cameraman) MUST fall within the BCPA competition eligibility requirements.

– **Competition Points** are awarded to each of the eligible scoring members within a team (*these do not count towards the individual league*):

– In the case of 3-way, for a team to be eligible to place (i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd), it must be the highest entry for at least two individuals on the team. Those two particular individuals are also required to be amongst the top ***four*** scoring competitors from the university that they represent *(See included image example)*. ***Four*** since there are four members per team for 3-way. For freefly, this would mean a maximum of ***three*** scoring competitors per university (A freefly team would require at least two scoring individuals to place). A team, which does not place due to having less than the required eligible scoring individuals, will come joint last and may not score any **competition points**.

– Individuals may enter a competition as many times as desired providing all other team members are different (Cameramen are excluded from this, i.e. A single cameraman could film all possible combinations of other teams). Competitors (including cameramen) are eligible to score **competition points** for their highest scoring entry only.

– For individual competitions (accuracy, tunnel-twister etc) only the top ***two*** scoring members of a university can score **competition points** for their university**.**

– **Individual Points** are awarded based on the raw score placing before any moderation takes place. An individual scores **individual points** for their highest scoring entry only. This means where an individual may not be able to score **competition points** for their university, they can still be eligible to score **individual points**.

Please see the next page for an example of the points scoring system in action.

**Example Competition Points Breakdown**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | Jacob (Uni A) ← | 20 points | |
| | Alan (Uni B) ← | 20 points | |
| | Sam (Uni C) ← | 20 points | |
| | Gary - Camera (Uni D) ← | 20 points | |
| 2nd | Alan (Uni B)* | N/A | |
| | Mark (Uni B) ← | 14 points | |
| | Billy (Uni B) ← | 14 points | |
| | External - Camera (Non BCPA) | N/A | |
| 3rd | Sam (Uni C)* | N/A | |
| | Greg (Uni C) ← | 10 points | |
| | Tim (Uni C) ← | 10 points | |
| | Jacob - Camera (Uni A)* | N/A | |
| 4th | Jimmy (Uni C) ← | N/A | ← Team discounted as at least two members must be eligible to score. Uni C already has 3 scoring competitors. |
| | Jenny (Uni C) | N/A | |
| | Lenny (Uni C) | N/A | |
| | Denny - Camera (Uni C) | N/A | |
| 5th | Sophie (Uni A) ← | 8 points | ← This team is awarded 4th place points instead. |
| | Justin (Uni A) ← | 8 points | |
| | Kid Rock (Uni A) ← | 8 points | |
| | Jacob - Camera (Uni A)* | N/A | |
| 6th | Random (Uni B) ← | 6 points | |
| | EvenMoreSo (Uni B) | N/A | ← Uni B has already scored points from 4 members so the 5th and further member's points are ignored. |
| | Bob (Uni D) ← | 6 points | |
| | Jill - Camera (Uni D) ← | 6 points | |

**Top 4 competitors for:**

Uni A: Jacob, Sophie, Justin, Kid Rock
Total: 20 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 44 points

Uni B: Alan, Mark, Billy, Random
Total: 20 + 14 + 14 + 6 = 54 points

Uni C: Sam, Greg, Tim
Total: 20 + 10 +10 = 40 points

Uni D: Gary, Bob, Jill
Total: 20 + 6 + 6 = 32 points

* has higher scoring entry so further points ignored

**Figure 1**

**Example Individual Points Breakdown**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Jacob (Uni A) | 20 points |
| | Alan (Uni B) | 20 points |
| | Sam (Uni C) | 20 points |
| | Gary - Camera (Uni D) | 20 points |
| 2nd | Alan (Uni B)* | N/A |
| | Mark (Uni B) | 14 points |
| | Billy (Uni B) | 14 points |
| | External - Camera (Non BCPA) | N/A |
| 3rd | Sam (Uni C)* | N/A |
| | Greg (Uni C) | 10 points |
| | Tim (Uni C) | 10 points |
| | Jacob - Camera (Uni A)* | N/A |
| 4th | Jimmy (Uni C) | 8 points |
| | Jenny (Uni C) | 8 points |
| | Lenny (Uni C) | 8 points |
| | Denny - Camera (Uni C) | 8 points |
| 5th | Sophie (Uni A) | 6 points |
| | Justin (Uni A) | 6 points |
| | Kid Rock (Uni A) | 6 points |
| | Jacob - Camera (Uni A)* | N/A |
| 6th | Random (Uni B) ← | 5 points |
| | EvenMoreSo (Uni B) | 5 points |
| | Bob (Uni D) ← | 5 points |
| | Jill - Camera (Uni D) ← | N/A |

**Figure 2**

## *BCPA Specific Competition Rules*

The BCPA follows the rules for competitions as used by the BPA. Listed below are the main points relevant to the BCPA including some rules in addition to and/or alterations to the BPA rules.

- ***Formation Skydiving (FS):***

- 3-way FS events shall use the divepool of randoms as shown in Figure 3 below.
- The maximum working time for all FS events shall be 35 seconds after exit from the aircraft.

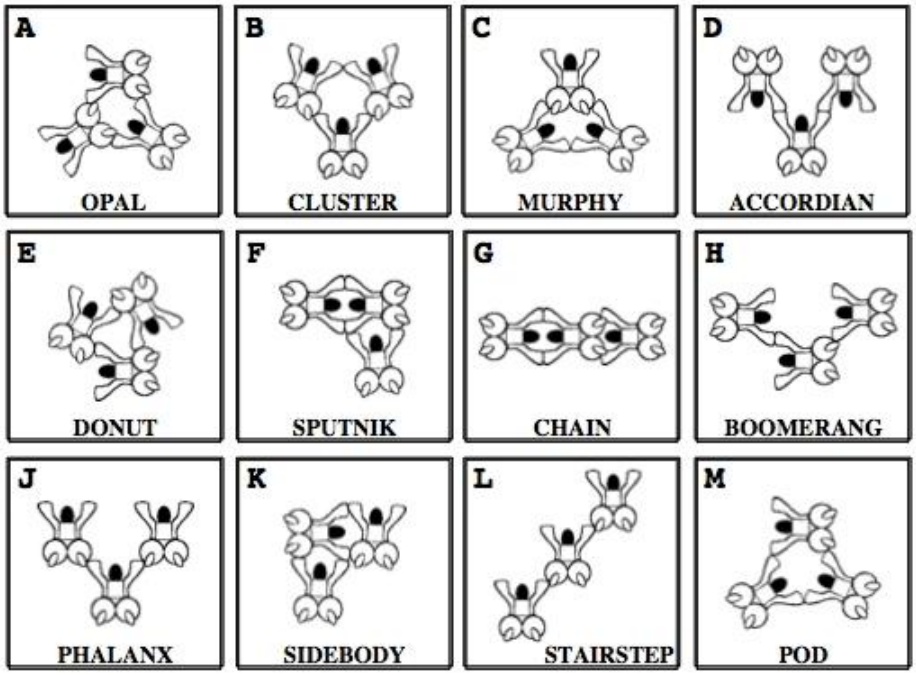


**Figure 3**

- ***Freefly (FF)***

- FF1 is required by all participants competitions in FF competitions.
- 2- way FF events shall be a routine as drawn from the divepool as listed below:

***Definitions of terms used in the dive pool:***
*Hand Grip: You grasp the designated object with one hand.*
*Hand Dock: You place an open hand on the designated object.*
*Upright: Your head is the farthest body part from the relative wind.*
*Head Down: Your head is the closest body part to the relative wind.*
*360 Cartwheel: You rotate 360 degrees to your right or left side. The axis of rotation is through the centre of your body, front to back. Half way through the move your head*

*orientation will be reversed; when the move is completed your head orientation will be the same as when you started.*
*360 Loop: You do a 360-degree front or back flip. The axis of rotation is through the body from side to side.*
*360 Spin: You spin around 360 degrees to one side, never changing from your upright or head down orientation. The axis of rotation is through the body from top to bottom.*

***Dive Pool:***
*1. Upright Carve: Both performers are upright and facing each other. They perform a 360-degree carve around each other, maintaining the facing position for the entire move*
*2. Upright Over/Under: Both performers are upright and facing each other. One will fly under the other, and each rotates 180 on the vertical axis to face off.*
*3. Toe Touch: Both performers are upright and facing. They touch all four feet simultaneously.*
*4. Upright Hand to Foot: Both performers are upright; one takes a hand grip on the foot of the other performer.*
*5. 360 Cartwheels: Both performers are upright and facing each other. Each performer completes a 360-degree rotation on the cartwheel axis.*
*6. 360 Loops: Both performers are upright and facing. Each completes a 360-degree loop.*
*7. 360 Spin: Both performers are upright and facing. Each completes a 360-degree rotation on the vertical axis*

- The order in which this routine can be performed is determined by the team.
- The maximum working time after exit of the aircraft for FF events will vary depending on the exit altitude available. For monthly draw competitions the working time shall be 30 seconds. At BCPA events. The maximum working time available shall be 30 seconds plus 5 seconds for every full 1,000 ft in exit altitude above 10,000 ft (AGL) based on the host dropzone's operating altitude.

- ***Camera flying/Judging***

- In the event of a '*camera malfunction*' where formations or total separations are not visibly judgeable due to technological or meteorological conditions, a team may re-jump a draw. In the instance of a monthly draw attempt, the footage of the original and the 2nd attempt of the jump **must** be submitted with a brief description of the malfunction and the BCPA committee must agree to allow the 2nd attempt to be scored over the original. Intentional abuse of this rule, as determined by the BCPA committee, by the team or the videographer will be defined as cheating.
- In the event of a tie between two teams after all rounds have been completed of a competition at an event, the team with the highest score in any round will take the higher placing. If a winner cannot be determined still or as is the result of most BCPA competitions with only a single round, the fastest team to the last scoring formation in the last completed round will win.

## *Emergency General Meetings (EGMs)*

EGMs although entitled ‘emergency’, are mainly used when the input of as large a proportion of BCPA clubs as possible is required on some matter of importance. EGMs will only be held at BCPA organised events and notification along with a brief outline of the discussion material will be given at least 2 weeks in advance of the event taking place. EGMs are open to all eligible members of the BCPA but do not require a minimum attendance in order to be considered representative.

## *Submission of Points and Entries*

- ***Achievements:***

For points to be counted in the league, they must be submitted to the league coordinator. Points will only be accepted if the Club has paid their affiliation fee. Points must be claimed inside ‘league time’. League time begins the day after the previous nationals prize ceremony (24th July 2011) and runs up to and including the second to last day of the forthcoming nationals (TBC). Anything obtained before this year’s league time is not valid for the current year’s league.

Photocopies of relevant licenses/stickers/FAI book and logbooks will be accepted as proof of qualifications. However scanned/photographed compressed and correctly rotated images are certainly preferred (Less than 50kb per image).A CCI or the Instructor responsible signed letter including all names is sufficient for ground school and first freefall submissions (i.e. For ground school would need to be signed by the CSI who ran the ground school).

Please use the BCPA League Points Submission Spreadsheet for both postal and e-mail submissions. Submissions without this Spreadsheet **will not be included in the league**. An online submission system may be trialled during the year, and submission instructions will be made clear online and via email communications to clubs.

- ***Competitions:***

Unlike achievements, competition and attendance points do not have to be submitted by clubs if they take place at organised events. However, video footage of each team’s monthly competition draw entry must be posted on YouTube (or equivalent), as per the instructions given in the thread announcing the draw. For entries to be valid, they must have been posted by the date and time specified at the release of the draw.

Good luck to all Competing Universities…

**Tim Gaines**
BCPA League and Competitions Co-ordinator 2011-12