

SOLO JUMP COURSE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Thank you for enquiring about a Solo Parachute Jump Course with Skydive Jersey. These notes should answer most of your questions about making a parachute jump with us. **Please take time & read through them thoroughly, as they give you important information about the course and they form part of our terms & conditions, a copy of which is available on our website.** Should you have any further queries, you can phone or email info@skydivejersey.net, although allow approximately 48 hours for an email reply, as the office is not permanently staffed.

Making a solo parachute jump can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. You shall receive comprehensive training from British Parachute Association (BPA) approved parachute instructor, where you will be taught a series of lessons, and continual assessment, in a proven teaching method, designed to fully prepare you for the experience.

Skydiving and Solo Jumping in Jersey, What's the difference?

There are only three ways in which you may make a parachute jump for the 1st time, which are the same worldwide. Two of these methods are now available in Jersey.

A Tandem skydive is from 10,000FT. Attached to an instructor you will drop from the aircraft, reach terminal velocity of about 130 mph and free fall for 30 seconds down to 5,000Ft at which point the instructor deploys the parachute. The pair of you will then fly the parachute, under the supervision of the instructor, back to the landing area on the beach. You will experience the thrill of free fall, and pleasure of parachute flight, under the guidance of a highly qualified instructor.

Available in Jersey.



A Solo Static Line parachute Jump from 3,500Ft. After a minimum of 6 hours ground training, you will be prepared and equipped to make your solo jump. On leaping from the aircraft, your parachute is attached to the aeroplane via a cord called the static line. This initiates the deployment of your main parachute as you fall away from the aircraft. You are on your own, to then check your canopy, take control of the parachute and steer yourself back to the landing area to land. You will experience the rush of gravity, and the excitement of jumping from an aeroplane on your own, but not reach free fall speeds. You are taught and prepared for any eventuality including the unlikely event of a main parachute malfunction. You are responsible for controlling the flight of the parachute, its direction, and your own landing. **The course will cater for a range of ability, however if you fail to reach the required standard, it's possible not to be permitted to jump.** **Available in Jersey.**

An Accelerated Free Fall jump (AFF) is from minimum 10,000Ft. After a minimum of 6 hours ground training, you will be prepared and equipped to make your parachute jump. Wearing your own parachute you leave the aircraft with 2 instructors holding your arms and legs to control your body position. You then free fall with them for 30 seconds to 5,000FT where you should initiate your own parachute deployment. Your instructors are still with you to assist with this if required, Once your parachute is open, you are on your own to steer and land your parachute in the intended landing area, as with the solo static line parachute jump. **Not available in Jersey.**

(We are happy to advise clients who may wish to travel to the UK, or abroad for this option, so please do still get in touch).

"Whether you choose the challenge of a Solo static line parachute jump, or prefer to Tandem free fall with the security of an instructor, making a parachute jump in Jersey is truly rewarding and believe it or not is one of the best locations in the world. It is one of only a few 'Beach' landing drop zones, and the guaranteed panoramic views of the area are amazing. We have had many happy people leave our aeroplane and strive to continue to provide this facility in the Channel Islands, I hope you will join us soon, so please read on for further information about the Solo static line parachute jump....."

Mal Richardson Chief Instructor, SkydiveJersey.

Your typical jumping experience

- ✓ Read this document fully, as it provides important relevant information, and medical & fitness requirements.
- ✓ Complete the booking form and BPA declaration of fitness (and consent form if under 18) from our website.
- ✓ Send the completed and signed booking form, to the above address, with your deposit as early as possible.
- ✓ Confirmation will be sent to you within 7 days.
- ✓ Report at the Aero Club at your confirmed course reporting time, on the day of your training.
- ✓ Weigh in, and administration process including payment of the balance of your solo jump course.
- ✓ Ground training commences, and will take approximately 7 hours.
- ✓ Theory and practical assessment throughout the training.
- ✓ Short written confirmation of knowledge test.
- ✓ Weather check.
- ✓ Kit up and canopy control control brief for the days conditions.
- ✓ Board the aircraft for your flight to 3,500 Ft.
- ✓ Await your allocated jump slot, and leave the aircraft as you have been instructed to do so.
- ✓ 'Check your canopy' & fly your parachute to the intended landing area.
- ✓ Land your parachute safely on the beach at the Gunsite Parachute Landing Area.
- ✓ Gather up your equipment, and board our mini bus for ride back to the Aero Club.
- ✓ Return kit to stores.
- ✓ Jump de-brief and documentation.
- ✓ Presentation of certificates.
- ✓ Ring the bell in the bar, to signify your 1st parachute jump, and buy some beers !

Training

No previous experience is required, and you shall be provided with comprehensive training to prepare you for the jump. You should expect training to last at least 7 hours, and as such is not suitable for spectators. There is a lot of information to learn, and as such we discourage interruption or distraction. The ground school will still go ahead if the weather forecast is bad, or changes during the day. In the event that you cannot complete your jump, you will receive full revision training and further preparation, prior to attending on subsequent dates.

Medical, Fitness & Age Requirements

For your safety, we have strict weight limitations based on body mass index, BMI. Please refer to the chart opposite to find the maximum weight for your specific height. Your weight & height must be entered on your medical form, and we may ask to weigh you on arrival, for confirmation. There are no height restrictions. We reserve the right to postpone your jump should your instructor consider conditions to be unsafe, for your particular weight or build, even if you do meet the stated requirements.

All participants are required to complete 'Solo Student Parachutist Declaration of Fitness to Parachute' official BPA form F114A, available to download from skydivejersey.net. If you are **under 40 years of age**, you may declare yourself fit. Minors must have the form witnessed by a parent or guardian.

If you are **40 years and over**, or have one of the medical conditions listed on the form, your GP must counter sign the official BPA form. **A doctor's note is not sufficient**, as the form contains important guidance for your doctor.

Minors aged 16 to 18 may participate with parents or guardian permission. The parent or guardian must be the witness to their signature on the Solo student parachutist declaration of fitness to parachute (F114A), complete and sign the booking form, and BPA Membership Agreement (F106), also available for download from www.skydivejersey.net. They will also need to sign further forms for the training session and/or on the day of the jump.

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9	10	4 11	61	150	
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10	5	5 1	66	155	
10	10	5 2	68	158	
11	1	5 3	70	161	
11	6	5 4	72	163	
11	11	5 5	74	166	
12	2	5 6	77	168	
12	7	5 7	79	171	
12	12	5 8	82	173	
13	4	5 9	84	176	
13	9	5 10	86	178	
14	1	5 11	89	181	
14	6	6 0	91	183	
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Insurance

A portion of your course fee, is used for membership to the British Parachute Association, BPA. This includes **3rd party insurance cover**, should you damage any other person or property during your parachuting activities. **It is not a personal accidental and injury cover.** Personal accidental cover is widely available from independent sporting adventure insurance brokers. Premiums are available for an annual policy, or a one off jump, such as a tandem skydive. An internet search for skydiving insurance should return options, if you require this.

Clothing

You should wear flat soled, sensible footwear, please avoid wearing shoes or boots with hook type laces! Trainers are ideal. Sports tracksuit or loose fitting clothing, jeans or comfortable trousers are recommended for your comfort. Multiple thin layers are preferable to large bulky clothing. You are advised to wrap up on a cold day, as some of the training takes place outdoors. Overalls will all be provided for the jump. **Glasses or contact lenses are not a problem.** Sponsorship T-Shirts or Fancy dress is not permitted whilst you make your jump, however we will accommodate promotional photos for you, at a convenient time before or after your training.

Group Bookings

Whether for a charity event or a corporate day, we have much experience in catering for groups. Simply give us a call for more details and to discuss the requirements and options for your group. Maximum 8 per group, but we are happy to run multiple training sessions if there is demand.

The group leader will be responsible for all booking and medical forms to be duly and correctly completed and signed. We will be in touch with the group organiser who will ensure that all correct information throughout the booking process is passed on to the Solo jump students, including this important information sheet. The group leader will agree to the terms & conditions, available on skydivejersey.net, on behalf of the group.

Solo Jumping with a disability

We regret that Skydive Jersey is not equipped to cater for Solo Parachute Jump Students who may have a disability. If in doubt, please make contact with us to enquire about individual cases.

Filming your Solo parachute jump

It is not permitted for individuals to carry any ancillary equipment upon themselves whilst making parachute jumps as a student. This includes, but is not limited to Cameras (of any make, model or size), Flags, Smoke, Instruments, Soft Toys or Pets. This rule removes any external distractions which may affect your performance or decision making during your parachute jump and therefore we regret there are no exceptions to this in Jersey, nor at any of the other British parachute associated club in the UK.

Our Aircraft & jumping with Friends

Our usual aircraft is a Cessna 206 which will carry 5 passengers and a pilot. We will endeavour to group people with their friends if they so wish, however this is not always possible. The flight may consist of Solo jumpers and or Tandem students, and as space is limited, we load the aircraft for the best combination of performance. We do not carry spectators, or paying passengers whilst flying for parachuting.

Spectators

Spectators are welcome to attend the Aeroclub cafe & bar, however they will not be permitted to observe the training or classroom sessions. There is ample opportunity for them to observe your parachute jump from overhead the Gunsite, where you will eventually make your landing. Your coloured parachute will identify you from others, however we ask that you keep your own spectators informed of such information, as phone calls to the club will delay the operation. This includes details such as Timings, exit order & colour of parachutes. Photographs and Video may be taken from the spectator area, under instructions from the safety marshalls.

Reporting, Jumping and Landing Times

We can only land on the beach, when the tide is out, which means our timings throughout the day are quite critical and differ every day. **We understand it is helpful for you to know when you are likely to jump and land on the beach, but it is not possible to give an exact time. Your course date and time, will be confirmed to you by email, is when you should attend the Jersey Aero club, L'Avenue de la Reine Elizabeth II, St Peter JE3 7BP. This is not the time you will jump or land.** You will always be able to give at least 45 minutes' notice to friends and family before you are scheduled to land at the Gunsite.

Sponsored Charity jumps

Jumping from a perfectly good aeroplane is for some of you a challenge you are happy to put yourself through for a good cause. Many people choose to raise money for charity on this thrilling occasion. If you don't already have your own charity, we can provide a list of local charities who would welcome your support. Please note that individual charities may have rules governing how much of your sponsorship money you can use towards the cost of the parachute jump. We recommend that you donate at least 50% of the money raised to the charity, the remainder towards the cost of your jump. Skydive Jersey still requires the deposit and balance of full payment from you, for the cost of the jump. We can supply a customised Skydive Jersey sponsorship form upon request.

Gift vouchers

We do offer gift vouchers for a Solo parachute jump course. All gift vouchers include a message box for you to personalise. If you wish to keep the gift voucher a surprise, you can book the date and complete the booking form yourself, however please fully understand the medical, weight & age requirements. If the jumper is over 40 years, she/he will need to get the official BPA Solo Student Declaration of Fitness signed by their doctor, before they are due to jump. Gift vouchers require full payment at the time of purchase.

Vouchers are valid for 12 months from the day of purchase, non-refundable and redeemable only with Skydive Jersey. The jumper should make every arrangement to redeem the voucher early, within the opening dates of the validity period and in good time allowing for a possible alternate date should the initial jump date be affected by unsuitable conditions such as weather. A schedule of our opening dates is available on our website. Vouchers are not redeemable for cash but can be transferred to another person for a jump within the same validity period, for a fee of £30. Extensions to gift vouchers will incur a revalidation fee of £130.

Booking your skydive

Please check our online booking calendar for course availability, or enquire to us directly.

You are advised to book early, to ensure you secure your preferred date. You should select a date and time and indicate this on your booking form. Ensure you give us your correct mobile number & email address. We may be sending you important information and updates by email and text message. You should receive a confirmation of your reservation within 14 days of receipt of your booking form. *Last minute bookings can only be granted subject to availability, but may be possible.*

Price and Payment

The current price of attending the Solo parachute jump training course can be found on the booking form or on our website, as it may be subject to change. A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking and must accompany your booking form. The balance payment is to be made on the day of the jump. Once paid, monies are not refundable. You can make payments by cash or card, however please note that **credit cards incur a processing fee of 3%**. Debit card payments are free of charge. Unfortunately we do not accept cheques. If you wish to pay by card, please provide us with the cardholder's name, address, type of card, card number, start date, expiry date, 3 digit security number and address.

Important forms to complete

Booking form with deposit amount to reserve your place.

Student Tandem Parachutist Declaration of Fitness (F114A) *with doctors signature if over 40 years or older, may be supplied later, but must be present on the day of your course.*

Acknowledgement of risks and indemnity waiver completed on the day.

Training record card completed on the day.

BPA membership completed on the day.

Safety first!

We aim for you to enjoy and have fun on your parachute jump course but our number one priority is for your safety. We operate under strict guidelines laid out by the British Parachute Association, BPA, which holds an extremely good safety record. All instructors are BPA qualified, and experienced skydivers. The specialist aircraft that is used for parachute dropping, is operated and maintained in accordance with the CAA.

You must however acknowledge that skydiving, including making a solo parachute jump, is a dangerous activity, which could result in serious injury or death. You will be required to fill in an indemnity waiver on the day of your jump to this effect.

It is at the complete discretion of the Chief Instructor to ascertain whether all conditions on the day are suitable for the jump to go ahead. The final decision rests with him. Specific conditions include but are not limited to: beach availability (tide), safe airspace, cloud cover, wind speed and direction, visibility, inclement weather and aircraft flight safety. Modern parachute equipment is now extremely reliable. It is nevertheless regularly maintained and is checked prior to every jump. In the unlikely event that the main parachute fails to operate correctly, the emergency reserve parachute deployment should be initiated, as you will be taught. For your further safety, all Solo student parachute equipment is fitted with an automatic opening device which would commence deployment of the reserve parachute system, under certain critical conditions. In any instance, the main parachute and reserve parachute that we use in Jersey require you to take control of them, and steer and land them in the intended parachute landing area. Failure to do this could result in landing your parachute in undesigned and more restrictive or hazardous areas, which also includes the sea.

Weather, Operating limitations and Delays

In accordance with BPA regulations, UK Parachuting is confined within strict weather & operating limitations. Even more so in the Channel Islands for being a beach drop zone strongly depending on tides and sharing a very busy airspace, as well as using the runway of an International airport!

We do not operate in winds above 15 knots, or when there is total cloud cover below our operating altitude of 3,500Ft.

Parachutes operate quite normally in wet weather, or unusually cold conditions, but for your own comfort this is avoided wherever possible. If weather conditions are not suitable at the time of your scheduled jump, we shall wait for an improvement. Please note that delays due to bad weather, air traffic control and/or aircraft technical faults, all of which govern our safety, cannot be compromised. You can help us by understanding the importance of these issues, and therefore ask you to convey that to any spectators who may wish to come and watch you.

Revision Training

If you have not been able to make your parachute jump, we will re-schedule your jump for a future date. We cannot be held responsible for unsuitable weather conditions or delays whether in the air or on the ground, technical or airport traffic related.

If you are required to re-schedule, you shall receive sufficient revision training at no additional cost, subject to you being present **within 3 months of your last training session**. After 3 Months without revision training, you will be required to attend a full days course again, for which there will be a charge of the deposit amount.

Exceptionally, you may find that it takes several attempts before you experience your Solo parachute jump. For these reasons, we advise you book your course early in the season, allowing sufficient time for re-scheduling should it be necessary.

Please therefore Note that Refunds are not granted for any of the above. See below.

Subsequent parachute Jumps

It is possible to carry our further jumps after your 1st jump course, subject to availability. You must join the parachute club as an active member & the 3 months no cost revision rule remains in place, whilst you remain within the time scale.

Whilst parachuting is taking place, 1st jump students will always take priority over other students, waiting to jump. The cost of subsequent jumps will be notified at the club, and is subject to variation.

Non-refundable deposit

In order to offer you the amazing experience of parachute jumping in the Channel Islands, specialist equipment and your membership to the British Parachute Association (BPA), 3rd party insurance, on going aircraft maintenance fees and administration costs remain. **For these reasons, your deposit payment is strictly non-refundable.**

If the jump is cancelled by you, or you fail to report on the day of your course, or arrange a time during the year to make your solo jump then you shall forfeit the deposit amount in full. We typically operate multiple times during the summer, for four or five days each time. This does give you plenty of opportunity to pre-arrange and make your parachute jump.

Should you not be within the weight limits on the day of your jump, you will not be able to jump, and your deposit will not be refunded. Weight limits are set for your safety, and the limitations of the parachute equipment.

Website & Facebook

All forms are available to download from the website. Please visit www.skydivejersey.net and www.facebook.com/skydivejersey for our latest news, and operating schedule for the year.

Learning to Skydive

Making a Solo parachute jump is the first step to becoming a qualified skydiver. Typically it takes between twenty five and Fifty jumps, to achieve the first level of certification, your A Licence. There is a structured progression programme from making your 1st jump, to free fall, and then performing in air objectives such as back loops and dive exits.

There are many goals to achieve after becoming qualified, and here are some minimum jump number requirements. More comprehensive information can be gained from the club, about various disciplines.

A Licence (approximately 25 jumps):	No longer student status.
B Licence (approximately 50 Jumps):	Assist with beach duty or jumpmaster for the aircraft.
C Licence (200 Jumps):	Try a wing suit, surfboard or wear a video camera.
D Licence (1000 jumps):	Train to become an AFF or Tandem Instructor.

