

# TANDEM SKYDIVE COURSE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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**Introduction** Thanks for booking, or enquiring about making a Tandem Skydive in Guernsey this year. These Notes should answer some of the frequently asked questions about making a Parachute jump with us. Please read through them thoroughly, before emailing or telephoning us with your questions.

Your skydive, takes place from typically 10,000Ft, two miles above the earth. From here you can view the rest of the Channel Islands, and France, to the West and South. From this altitude, we have approximately 30 seconds of freefall after leaving the plane, reaching 130 mph, accelerating to that in just 5 seconds! Your instructor will open the parachute approximately halfway down, to give a parachute ride of about 6 minutes before landing on the drop zone at L'Eree.

**DVD & Photographs** We do offer the option of having your jump filmed and photographed. A professional cameraman will be assigned to you, and make a short film of the entire event, taking digital photos along the way. We strongly recommend having your jump filmed, to avoid disappointment, It may be a once in a lifetime event. To assist organisation, you should indicate on your booking form that you would like a DVD. We can then assign a cameraman to you on the day. Regrettably it is not economical to have an 'only photographs' option. The cost for booking a DVD with photos, this year is £130. We can also supply a Video '**voucher**' should someone wish to buy this as a gift for you. Please contact us or see our website for details. *For safety reasons, it is not permitted for participants to take any un-necessary item's with them during the skydive, this includes camera's, of any size, such as the popular Go-Pro.* It's not too late to book a video, but please let us know as soon as possible.

**Clothing** You should wear flat sensible footwear, **not** healed shoes, or flip flops. Trainers are ideal. Sports tracksuit or loose fitting clothing is recommended for your comfort. It is possible to wear a sponsorship T-Shirt or sweatshirt beneath the skydiving harness if you wish. Fancy dress may also be acceptable, subject to safety assessments. In summer, the temperature is usually warm.

**Spectators** We aim to make your experience with us as enjoyable as possible. The views are truly amazing, and any spectators can get a great view of your jump, and of you landing on Drop Zone at L'Eree, North West of the Island. Please try to 'Car Share' where possible, and respect the local resident's access, parking sensibly. Follow instructions from the Safety Marshall's, at all times.

**Training** You are required to attend a training session, before you make your skydive. This will be notified in advance, and should take place at the Aero Club at 6PM, on the evening before your jump is scheduled. All training, and Skydiving departures will take place at **Guernsey Aeroclub, La Planque Lane, Forest, GY8 0DT**

Please attempt to keep the arranged appointment time for your training, however if this is not possible, we can make alternate arrangements. Please contact us to advise us of this, so we can make an instructor available.

**Medical Requirements** For your safety, we have **strict weight limitations** of 15 stones 95Kg or 210 Lbs. This is to minimise the chances of injury upon landing. Your weight must be entered on your medical form, and we may choose to weigh you on arrival. The official 'Student Tandem Medical Self Declaration' (F115A), should be used if you have None of the stated conditions, listed within it.

Your Doctor should complete a 'Student Tandem Doctors Certificate' (F115B), if you have or have had, any of the conditions listed in form F115A, which prevent you from signing that self declaration form.

**A Doctor's note is not sufficient, as the F115B form, contains important guidance for your Doctor.**

*Minors aged 16 to 18 may participate with parents or guardian permission. There is no upper age limit.*

**Documentation** Each participant is required to complete a Medical declaration, and indemnity Waiver, before they skydive. We operate under strict guidelines laid out by the British Parachute Association, BPA, which holds an extremely good safety record. However you must acknowledge that skydiving is a dangerous activity, which could result in serious injury or death.

**Insurance** A portion of your fee is used for membership to the British Parachute Association. This allows you **3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance cover only**, should you damage any other person or equipment during your parachuting activities. Individual personal accident cover can be obtained and sourced from firms on the internet, by searching for Tandem Skydive Insurance, should you wish to arrange this yourself.

**Booking your skydive** Please book online for Skydive Guernsey. Enter your details and make a payment, to reserve your place. Once we have your deposit, your reservation will be confirmed via email. You should allow at least 4 hours to make your skydive. You will be able to give at least 1 hours notice to friends and family, before your landing at L'Eree.

**Timing** Please help us by arriving in good time for your jump, and also being prepared to stay longer than expected to allow for any delays. Typically we would like you to set aside half a day to make your jump. Of course allowing a full day is even better. Safety is paramount, and we co-ordinate with Air traffic control for each 'drop'. We also have weather limitations. Usually we will fly with 2 Tandem pairs and 1 Video man. This is to co-ordinate aircraft spaces with video's required, and although we will try to accommodate people who wish to jump together, it is not always possible.

**Weather limitations** For reasons of safety, we do not operate in winds above 20 knots, or when there is complete cloud cover below our operating altitude. If the weather conditions are unsuitable, we shall wait for an improvement. **The order of the Jump Schedule will remain unchanged for each day of operation**, therefore timings may be adjusted. Hence, those next to jump will remain so, until the weather improves. Saturdays jumpers, will not transfer to the next day, unless spaces are available. Therefore, those in the early session have the best chance of completing their skydive.

**Delays** We have experienced delays in the past from Weather, and Air Traffic control, both of which govern our safety, and as such cannot be compromised. You can help us by understanding the importance of these issues, and conveying that to your spectators.

*If your jump is delayed, we would request that you to remain on standby throughout the day, either on site, or at short notice, although we understand that this is not always possible.*

**Refund policy** In order to operate Skydiving in Guernsey, additional equipment and Instructors have to be positioned from England, and a portion of your deposit for the jump, pays for their 'positioning', as well as instructor accommodation, and administration costs.

**Therefore £30 of the deposit shall be non-refundable to cover these expenses.**

If the jump does not take place due to weather, or any other circumstances beyond the control of 'Skydive Jersey', we shall try to re-schedule the jump, on an alternate reserve day. If this is again unsuccessful, a refund shall be granted, **less the £30 non-refundable deposit.**

**If you do not meet the required medical standards, exceed the maximum weight limitations, or report to us intoxicated, after making your booking, you will forfeit the whole of the 'deposit amount'.**

***If at any time after booking, the jump is cancelled by you, and a replacement or alternate jumper cannot be found, or you fail to appear at your appointed time, then you shall forfeit the whole of the deposit amount.***

**Summary** We are sure you will enjoy making a Tandem Skydive with us. We have been operating since 2003, and have seen many happy customers leave our aeroplanes. It is a privilege for us to operate in such a beautiful location, and we are sure you will appreciate the spectacular views, from such a scenic drop zone. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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