

# TANDEM SKYDIVE COURSE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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Thank you for enquiring about a Tandem Skydive Course with Skydive Jersey. We aim to make your experience with us as enjoyable as possible; Skydive Jersey boasts one of the most beautiful drop zones in the world. It is the only British **Beach Parachute landing area**, and one of only a handful in the world! It is also the only British Parachute centre, operating from an **International Airport**. It takes an enormous effort each year to provide the facility, landing on the beach, working with the tide times and the airport traffic, however, the rewards are truly worth it! The whole experience is truly amazing and one worth doing once in your life! No previous experience is necessary and it takes just one day to be trained and to make the jump. Skydive Jersey is affiliated to the British Parachute Association, and as such, has an excellent safety record.

These notes should answer most of your questions about making a parachute jump with us. **Please read through them with attention as they give you important and thorough 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 email [info@skydivejersey.net](mailto:info@skydivejersey.net), please allow approximately 48 hours for a reply, as the office is not manned full time.

Your skydive takes place from up to 10,000Ft, two miles above the earth. On a clear day, you can view not only the whole island but also the rest of the Channel Islands and France to the West and South. From this altitude, strapped to your instructor you will leap of the aeroplane and experience the rush of free fall for approximately 30 seconds, reaching 125 mph, accelerating to that in just 5 seconds! Your instructor will open the parachute approximately halfway down, to give a gentle parachute ride of about 5 minutes before landing on the beach at the Gunsite slipway in St. Aubin's bay.

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

*Mal Richardson Chief Instructor, SkydiveJersey.*

### Your typical jumping experience

- ✓ Read this document fully, as it provides important relevant information, including medical & fitness requirements.
- ✓ View our websites online booking page, and make your reservation, or request opening dates from our office.
- ✓ Complete the booking form, and either Medical F115A or Doctors Form F115B.
- ✓ **Remember to book a video of your jump**, when booking, if required, to avoid disappointment.
- ✓ Book online, with your deposit as early as possible.
- ✓ Confirmation will be sent via email instantly.
- ✓ Report at the confirmed reporting time, at Jersey Aeroclub, on the day of your jump.
- ✓ Weigh in, and administration process including payment of the balance of your jump and video. Weather check.
- ✓ Tandem skydive training session. Kitting up with jumpsuit, hat, goggle and harness.
- ✓ Keep in touch with your spectators to tell them how you are doing and when you are likely to land at the Gunsite.
- ✓ Or, wave goodbye to them as you leave the Aeroclub and board the Aircraft parked outside the clubhouse.
- ✓ Board the aeroplane, and become attached to your instructor, before take off.
- ✓ Enjoy the view, climbing up to 10,000 Feet for approximately 25 minutes until.....It is time to JUMP OUT!
- ✓ Free fall for 30 seconds and reach 125mph in no time. Then take in the fantastic sights of the Island, during the silent 5 minute ride under canopy, to land. You may even get a try at flying the parachute!
- ✓ Lift your legs and feet up for landing as instructed.....Smile, you are back on the ground. ☺
- ✓ Collect your Video from 7 days onwards after your jump.
- ✓ Tell all your friends & family what an experience you have just had Skydiving over Jersey !

## 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. An example Charity skydive information sheet is available separately.

## Gift vouchers

We do offer gift vouchers for all skydiving courses. 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 online, however please fully understand the medical & weight requirements.

Gift vouchers require full payment at the time of purchase. Gift vouchers for skydive video's are also available.

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 the deposit amount.

## 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.

The group leader will be responsible for all 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 and skydive experience is passed on to the tandem students, including this important information sheet. He/She will agree to the terms & conditions, available on [skydivejersey.net](http://skydivejersey.net), on behalf of the group.

## Jumping with a disability

Disabilities do not always stop you from making a tandem skydive. Subject to fitness, abilities and a doctor's certificate, it may be possible to take the course. We assess each person with a disability individually and advise you contact us to discuss it, before planning any fundraising. We are happy to accept anyone on request, at no cost.

## Filming your Tandem jump

It may be a once in a lifetime event that you want to remember for ever so we highly recommend having your tandem skydive filmed by your own personal cameraman assigned to you on the day. The professional cameraman will make a 10 minutes film of the entire event including a pre-skydive interview, the climb to altitude, your amazing free fall and landing experience. The DVD is professionally edited with music and titles. You will also receive a **FREE digital photos of your jump!** Perfect to share on Facebook & with your family. Regrettably, we do not offer an "only photographs" option.

Our cameramen are good, however they are unable to film two people in free fall at the same time, they may be on the same aeroplane, but they do exit up to 30 seconds apart.

*To assist with our organisation, please indicate at the time of booking if you would like to have your jump videoed.*

Payment for video, will be due on the day of your jump, along with any outstanding balance. The video can be booked up to 2 weeks prior to your jump, after this time, it will be subject to cameraman's availability on the day.

Your tandem DVD & photos will usually be ready within 7 days your jump.

The price of a tandem DVD can be found on the booking form or on our website. Video gift vouchers are also available.

BPA rules governing parachuting and it's safe conduct, do not allow you, to carry any additional equipment, **including small video or still camera's** such as GoPro's whilst skydiving. We are aware that some other countries do allow this, and that you may have viewed foreign footage of skydives from a student's handy cam or Go-Pro camera. We regret there are no exceptions to this rule in Jersey, nor at any of the other British parachute training organisations, in the UK.

## Clothing

You should wear flat soled, sensible footwear, not wellies, heels, flip flops or shoes with hooks for laces! Trainers are ideal. Sports tracksuit or loose fitting clothing, jeans or trousers, are recommended for your comfort. It is possible to wear a sponsorship T-Shirt beneath the skydiving harness if you wish. Fancy dress may also be acceptable, subject to safety assessments on the day of your jump. You should usually be fine with shorts & a t-shirt in the summer months, however wrap up warm on a cold day. Overalls, gloves and goggles will all be provided. Glasses or contact lenses are not a problem, larger over goggles are provided, if required.

## Training

Although no previous experience is required, you must attend a training session, lasting approximately 45 minutes, before you make your skydive. We will talk you through various important safety points such as the equipment, what you need to do when you leave the aircraft and how to land safely on the beach.

*If requested, you must make every effort to attend the training session ahead of your jump as training on the day may slow down the day's operation and result in postponing your skydive to another day, when busy, if we experience delays.*

## Spectators

Spectators are welcome to arrive with you at the aero club on the day. From here, they can watch your departure and take off, after which they will have plenty of time to make their way to the beach, to watch you jump and land. We regret that transport to the beach cannot be provided. We encourage family and friends to come and watch you land at the Gunsite slipway in St. Aubin's bay, alongside the Gunsite Café. Parking is extremely limited so it is recommended they park at the back of the Goose pub to respect the local resident's and emergency access. We advise that they bring a seat, refreshments, snacks & warm clothes if it is a cold day. **Skydive timings are not in any way guaranteed, as weather or delays could affect us, at any point of the operation.**

We ask you to stay in touch with your spectators regularly to make them aware of your progress during any delays. Share your excitement and give the updated time you are likely to land. It typically takes approximately 35 minutes between the time you leave the Aero club kitted up and you land on the beach. **We recommend you warn them that it may take the whole day to complete your course. Your reporting time, is not your jumping time, see "Reporting Time".**

After your jump, minibus transport is provided back to the Aero club, or we will be happy to leave you at the Gunsite, if you prefer. Make sure any belongings you may require, such as your mobile phone or car keys, are transported from the Aero club, in our vehicle, or taken to the beach with a friend, for you when you land.

Safety Marshall's wearing high visibility jackets will be at the Gunsite approximately 30 minutes before you land.

Spectators must follow their instructions at all times and are strictly not allowed on the landing area while jumping is in progress and until all skydivers have landed.

## Safety first!

Although we aim for you to enjoy and have fun skydiving, our number one priority is for your & our 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 extremely experienced skydivers. The aircraft is operated and maintained in accordance with the CAA and EASA regulatory bodies.

You must however acknowledge that skydiving 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 therefore at the complete discretion of the Chief Instructor to ascertain whether all conditions are met for a safe skydive and the final decision rests with him. Conditions include but are not limited to: beach availability (tide), safe airspace, cloud cover, wind speed, 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 would be deployed by your instructor. For further safety, all tandem parachute equipment is fitted with an automatic opening device which would deploy the reserve parachute at a safe altitude, if it hasn't been done manually.

## Medical, Fitness, Weight & Age Requirements

*For your safety upon landing, and equipment limitations, we have strict weight limitations of 15 stones, 95Kg fully clothed.* Your weight 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, and other parachuting is taking place.

Most participants require a self medical declaration in the form of the official BPA 'Student Tandem Medical Self Declaration' F115A, available to download from [skydivejersey.net](http://skydivejersey.net). Or if you require doctors consent, subject to the details in F115A, you should use 'Student Tandem Doctors Certificate' F115B. Minors must have the F115A medical form witnessed by a parent or guardian.

**A doctor's note is not sufficient.** The form F115B contains important guidance notes for your GP to consider.

If you wear glasses, we will supply you with larger goggles, which are designed to fit over glasses & keep them in place. There is no upper age limit. *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 Student Tandem Medical Self Declaration (F115A), complete and sign the booking form and Membership Agreement (F106), available to download from [www.skydivejersey.net/downloads](http://www.skydivejersey.net/downloads). They will also need to sign further forms at the training session and/or on the day of the jump, and bring photographic evidence of their age, such as a passport or driving licence.

**All tandem students must be able to lift their legs and feet up and hold this position for 10 seconds. This is particularly important to avoid any injuries on landing. We recommend you practice before you jump.**

### **Insurance**

A portion of your course fee, is used for membership to the British Parachute Association, BPA. This includes **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will return options, if you require this.

### **Booking your skydive**

Our operating dates are published on the website, for the respective season to come. Tides and intense airport traffic at weekends restrict our operations on Saturdays, so openings are on selected days typically from Sunday to Thursday during the summer, although we do not operate every week. You may book your jump to be in the morning, afternoon or evening after work depending on the tides that day. Please check our calendar of openings for available reporting times. **You are advised to book early, to ensure you secure your preferred time slot**, there is usually space for only one tandem student at a time, so **it is not always possible to jump with a friend.** On some occasions, there may be two places available, although this can only be confirmed on the day. When booking your date, we encourage you select it to be early to mid season in order to allow sufficient time for re-scheduling should it be necessary. Please refer to "Weather, Operating limitations and Delays" on this document.

You should select a date and time and Book Online. 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 an instant confirmation via email.

Last minute bookings are subject to availability.

### **Price and Payment**

The price of a tandem skydive can be found on the booking form or on our website. A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. The balance payment is to be made on the day of the jump together with the video should you have opted for it. 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%**. Unfortunately we do not accept cheques. If you wish to pay by card, please provide us with the cardholder's name, type of card, card number, start date, expiry date, house name or number, postcode, 3 digit security number and address, or you may telephone any afternoon, with this security information.

### **Important forms to complete**

Each participant is required to complete a Student tandem medical self declaration (F115A), or Student Tandem doctors certificate (F115B), training record sheet, and indemnity waiver, before they skydive. These documents can be downloaded from our website, [www.skydivejersey.net](http://www.skydivejersey.net) or supplied by post upon request.

We strongly advise you read the Student Tandem Medical Self declaration (F115A), before booking your tandem course. If you are under 18 years, your parent or guardian must sign all the forms. Incomplete forms or providing wrong information could prevent you from completing your course, and forfeiting your deposit. We recommend you keep a copy of your documentation to bring on the day of your jump.

### **Reporting time, 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.** Typically, we ask you to set aside half a day to make your jump, however weather conditions or airport traffic can affect the jumping times so please be prepared to stay the whole day to allow for any delays. You may jump in the morning, afternoon or evening after work depending on the day. Please check our booking calendar of openings for dates and reporting times, available on our website.

**Your reporting time, which 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. Due to many variables, only approximate landing times can be given for each day.** The earliest you will land at the Gunsite is 60 minutes after your reporting time. You will always be able to give at least 45 minutes' notice to friends and family before your landing at the Gunsite.

Please refer to "Weather, Operating limitations and Delays" for the jumping time & order in case of delay.

## Weather, Operating limitations and Delays

In accordance with BPA regulations, UK Parachuting is confined to strict weather & operating restrictions for reasons of safety. 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 20 knots, or when there is complete cloud cover below our operating altitude. This is essential for the parachute phase of the skydive, where we must see the landing area, and have sufficient flight control to reach it. Parachutes will 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 in case of delays due to bad weather, air traffic control and/or aircraft technical faults, all of which govern our safety, and as such cannot be compromised, the jumping may be suspended for a time but *the order of the day's jump schedule will remain unchanged*. Therefore, those next to jump will remain so, until the weather improves, or until dark, or until there is not enough required beach to land on, whichever is sooner. If your jump is delayed, we would request that you remain on standby throughout the day, either on site, or at short notice, although we understand that this is not always possible.

**You can help us by understanding the importance of these issues, and therefore ask you to convey that to your spectators.**

*If you have not been able to make your skydive, you should re-schedule your jump for a future date, within the period of validity (12 months for gift vouchers). Although we will endeavour to honour your booking on the requested date, we cannot be held responsible for unsuitable weather conditions and delays whether in the air or on the ground, due to airport traffic. Exceptionally, you may find that it takes several attempts before you experience your tandem skydive. For these reasons, we advise you book your tandem course early in the season, allowing sufficient time for re-scheduling should it be necessary.*

*Please Note that Refunds are not granted for any of the above.*

## Non-refundable deposit

In order to offer you the amazing experience of skydiving in the Channel Islands, additional equipment and instructors often have to be positioned from England when we are open. The specialist equipment and skilled Instructors cannot always be sourced locally, and your deposit pays for this '**positioning**', as well as instructors' accommodation, your membership to the British Parachute Association (BPA), 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance, aircraft maintenance fees and administration costs. **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 skydive, or arrange a time during the year to make your jump then you shall forfeit the deposit amount in full. We typically open 10 times during the summer, for four or five days each time. This does give you plenty of opportunity to arrange and make your parachute jump.*

Should you **not be within the weight limits** on the day of your jump, intoxicated, or medically unfit, you will not be able to jump, and your deposit will not be refunded. Weight limits are set for your safety upon landing, and also the limitations of the parachute equipment, and for this reason not negotiable.

## Website & Facebook

The Student Tandem Medical Self declaration (F115A), Student tandem doctors certificate (F115B) and age 16 to 18 Membership Agreement (F106) forms are available to download. Please visit [www.skydivejersey.net](http://www.skydivejersey.net) for these, our operating schedule and online booking system for the year.

## Learning to Solo Skydive

If after having done your Tandem Skydive you are interested in becoming qualified, then please contact us for additional information about our AFF trips abroad. Only once you have obtained your BPA 'A' Licence, and qualified as an experienced parachutist, you may jump with others.

Following your 1st jump, there are many goals to achieve after becoming qualified, and here are some requirements.

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| A Licence (approximately 25 jumps): | May jump Solo in Jersey unsupervised by an instructor.                   |
| B Licence (approximately 50 Jumps): | Assist with beach duty or jumpmaster for the aircraft, Jump with others. |
| C Licence (200 Jumps):              | Try a wingsuit, surfboard or wear a video camera.                        |
| D Licence (1000 jumps):             | Train to become an AFF or Tandem Instructor.                             |

