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Safety & Training Committee

1. Should the IRM include recommendations for probationary periods for new rating holders? As an example, should new tandem instructors be limited to taking students who are similar in height and weight to the tandem instructor and jump only in light to moderate winds with a small gust range for the first 25 tandem jumps? United Parachute Technologies and Jump Shack have both used probationary periods for new tandem candidates. Similar limits could be placed on coaches, static-line, IAD and AFF instructors to work under the supervision of more experienced instructors after earning a new rating.
2. From the July 2009 BOD meeting—Consideration of a time or experience requirement as a coach, before attending an instructor rating course to earn an instructor rating.
3. To accurately track and assess our ratings programs, USPA needs to know about incidents involving students, particularly those involving an AAD firing or serious injury to the student. While not all such incidents point to instructor deficiency, some would. Without required reporting, USPA will not learn of these incidents. Should it be an S&TA responsibility to report any student injury (requiring a hospital visit) or firing of an automatic activation device?
4. Modern main canopies often require 800 feet or more to fully inflate. Reserve deployments have also taken more time to inflate recently, with several jumpers running out of altitude before the reserve could fully open and inflate. Low pulls and no pulls continue to cause fatalities each year.
5. SIM and IRM Updates

Suggested edits to the SIM and IRM, including updates to 5-2 Recurrency and the wingsuit draft syllabus from the subcommittees working on these sections. Any other edits should be submitted for inclusion in the 2011-2012 SIM and IRM editions.
6. Report Out From Subcommittee on Wingsuit Instructor Discussions.
7. 1,000-Jump Requirement to Obtain Demo Insurance for Stadium Jumps



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8. Should the requirement for 1,000 jumps to be covered on stadium demo jumps by the USPA demo insurance policy be dropped? Insurance Technologies and Programs seem to feel this was a USPA requirement, not an ITP requirement. If USPA eliminates the requirement ITP will consider it as no longer required.

9. Clarify Imperilment Offense

Revise Gov. Manual 1-6.4.B.3 to read, ~~“While engaging in any phase of skydiving,~~ Is so grossly negligent in his conduct or acts as to imminently imperil his fellow skydivers or aircraft or persons or property on the ground, or wantonly disregards the safety of himself or other persons.” A tandem pair was imperiled by someone on the ground, but because the person was not “engaged in any phase of skydiving” when he committed the act, no USPA disciplinary action could be taken.

10. Member Resignation/Rating Surrender

USPA has no process by which a member can surrender their rating or resign their membership. Policies should be developed that allow these options and describe the timing and process for reinstatement. Staff will provide a proposal.

11. Proficiency Card Signature Authority

It has been requested that both of the A license proficiency cards be reviewed to determine who can sign for the various items listed on the card.

12. Tandem Demos into Stadiums.

13. Raising the Minimums for Rating Holders (J.P. Furnari)

14. Manual edit assignments Changing "to earn a rating" to "to attend or challenge the course" for prerequisites.

15. Tandem Student Definition

16. Individual Waiver Requests

Hitoshi Yamada, #77975, requests to retain his Instructor Examiner status as an honorary rating. He is no longer able to skydive due to a physical limitation but requests that he be able to retain the IE Ratings on his membership card. He is a



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lifetime member and currently holds AFF, static-line and IAD Instructor Examiner ratings as well as a Coach Examiner.

Steve Verner, #74663, requests to waive the requirement of attending an AFF Standardization Meeting in order to be added as an AFF Instructor Examiner. Steve lives in New Zealand from November through May and in the U.S. from May through November. Because the meetings are held in the winter, he is unable to attend. He has met all of the other requirements for the AFF IE rating.

Matthew Mullins and Mike Barron are both submitting a request to waive BSR 2-1 D.1b (age requirement).