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AGENDA

1. Waiver submissions for wind and water gear requirements currently require an annual renewal. A request has been made to change the process and allow the waiver to stay in place permanently instead of requiring an annual renewal.
2. SIM Section 6-11- A USPA member has suggested a slight change regarding language for crosswind landing currently in the SIM. Sections 6-11 Jump 4.G.3. and 4. contains the current language that has been requested for a change. The suggested replacement language is as follows:
 3. On final approach, focus on crosswind correction necessary to prevent excessive crabbing.
 4. ~~In order to land wing level, more toggle input will be required on the upwind side of the canopy to counter the crosswind effect during the landing flare.~~ Flaring during a crosswind landing may require pulling the upwind toggle deeper than the downwind toggle to keep the jumper going in the same direction and reduce the ground speed upon landing. Performing an uneven flare in this manner increases the stall speed of the canopy. A parachute landing fall is recommended for any unusual landing.
3. SIM Section 2-1 G. Minimum Deployment Altitudes: A request has been made to raise the C and D license minimum deployment altitude from 2,000 feet AGL to 2,500 feet AGL.
4. SIM Sections 2-1 J.3 and 2-1 J.5. refer to tandem jumps into level-2 landing areas and stadiums. Due to FAA guidance in the 8900 inspector handbook, these two BSRs do not meet the FAA guidelines, which do not allow for tandem jumps into level-2 landing areas or stadiums.
5. Jump logging requirements: A member has suggested that the license requirements be amended to eliminate the need for logbook signatures for jumps as outlined in Section 3. Given the current trends in logging with electronic devices, should the language in Section 3 be changed to recognize the current processes for logging jumps, such as using data from audible altimeters? Airplane pilots do not need to obtain logbook signatures for logging flight time.

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6. Instructional Rating Manual: The Accelerated Freefall Instructor Rating Course does not currently include any recommendations for procedures in the event a student is deployed higher than the assigned pull altitude. Should procedures be added to provide instructors with guidance for handling students who have deployed at higher altitudes, e.g., 10,000 feet or higher.
7. Wingsuit Coach Rating: A proposal for USPA to add a wingsuit coach rating will be presented.
8. Camera jump recommendations: USPA currently recommends at least 200 jumps before using any video camera on a skydive. USPA has received requests to look at lowering the jump number, as well as keep the number at 200 but actually make the recommendation for 200 jumps a Basic Safety Requirement, instead.
9. Canopy piloting proficiency card signature authority: A request has been made to allow Coach and Instructor Examiners to have final signature authority for the card. Currently, only an S&TA may make the final signature.
10. Tandem Instructor medical requirement: A request has been made to accept the NASA medical exam as an equivalent to the FAA third class medical.
11. Tandem medical requirement compliance: Discussion of procedures that can help ensure each tandem instructor maintains a current medical.
12. High-altitude oxygen requirements: Proposed changes to Skydiver's Information manual Section 6-7 regarding use of oxygen for skydiving.
13. Individual Waiver Requests
 - a. Randy Schroeder #16349 requests to remain as an AFF Instructor Examiner without meeting the jumping requirements to remain current, due to physical limitations.
 - b. Aaron Holly #149140 requests to be added as an AFF Instructor Examiner, but has not yet attended an AFF Standardization Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2013.
 - c. Gary Billings #145376 request to be added as a static-line IE but has not completed 250 static line dispatches.

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