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*Parachuting World Championships, in all disciplines recognized by the International Air Sports Federation -FAI-, will take place from **November 29th to December 10th, 2012** in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates.*

French Parachute Federation, holder of six titles acquired during world championships at Menzelinsk and Nikšić in 2010, leaves with the hope to keep its titles and conquer others. It will be represented by a 79 persons delegation among which 65 competitors competing in almost all disciplines.

French Parachute Federation : the most titled French sport federation

Since Monique Laroche and Pierre-Bacon's gold medals -obtained, for each of them, in combined, at the first World Championships organized at Bled, Yugoslavia, we do not count anymore the titles won by the French skydiving athletes.

During the last world championships to Menzelinsk, in Russia, France walk off with all the titles in formation skydiving -at 4, at 8, feminine and vertical- and in Freestyle, that is 5 gold medals, including a double decorated in formation skydiving at 4 and at 8: Mathieu Bernier.

In the 5 others disciplines which involved French competitors, they were ranked in the top 5 and go up twice on the podium, with and silver medal in canopy formation 4 way rotations, and a bronze one in canopy formation 4 way sequential. This same year at Nikšić, the freefall style and accuracy landing team won a gold medal at male individual combined, and 2 silver medals in male team combined and in male individual male freefall style discipline.

For two years, all skydivers selected in the French team, train intensely with, at cynosure, Dubai, where the French Parachute Federation wants to sit France at the head of hierarchy of nations in skydiving. It has also chosen to focus on preparing for the World Championships and, then, not to participate at the European Championships in August 2012.

The accomplished work seems to pay! The French team of Canopy Formation Skydiving sequences at 2 has shattered the world record with 36 points in 1 minute during a jump performed in Vichy, within the framework of the French Championships where it was "out of the competition".

From there to make it the favorite of the world...

France represented in all disciplines

From the oldest -*accuracy landing*- to the most recent -*Canopy Piloting, also called «swooping»*-, France will be represented in all disciplines except paraski, with, each time, a chance to get on the podium. And often on the highest step.

In combined freefall style and accuracy landing, France has registered 10 athletes -5 women, 5 men- in individual and in team.

Four team are engaged in Canopy formation, one in 4 way sequential, one in 4 way rotations, two in 2 way sequential.

Formation skydiving represents the largest contingent with a team of 8 performers, two teams of 4 performers -open and feminine- and a team of vertical formation skydiving. In the artistic events, two teams are in freestyle and two are in freeflying.

Finally, France has 5 persons engaged individually in the three trials -speed, accuracy, distance- of the most recent discipline, canopy piloting. This trial meets a deep enthusiasm, by both performers, because it requires a huge mastery of piloting the canopy, and spectators presents near the airstrip, by its spectacular side.

About

World Championships in Dubai, from November 29th to December 10th, 2012 it's:

- *1.500 people registered of whom about 800 competitors*
- *Participation of 56 nations*
- *More than 10.000 jumps planned*
- *6 disciplines : Canopy Formation, Formation Skydiving, Artistic Events, Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, Canopy Piloting, Paraski*
- *24 possible titles for France*

French Parachute Federation's competitors, by region

Alsace	Bas-Rhin - Centre école de parachutisme d'Alsace - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : JEANNEROT Thomas, VENTAJA Patrick, VIGNUALES Jean
Aquitaine	Gironde - Club de Parachutisme de SOULAC SUR MER - <i>Free fly</i> : GOUTIN Nicolas, HILL Matthew, KIGER Domitille - <i>Canopy piloting</i> : DE SAIGNES Adrian
Auvergne	Cantal - Para-Club d'Aurillac - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : RATIER Nicolas
Bourgogne	Saône et Loire - Parachutisme 71 SARL - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : NENET Frédéric
Bretagne	Côtes d'Armor - Armor Parachutisme - <i>Free style</i> : ABY Yohann, CHAMBET Sébastien Morbihan - Parachute Club de Vannes Ploermel - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : HARDOUIN Jean-Noel Ille et Vilaine - C.P.S d'Ille et Vilaine - <i>Free style</i> : PERROUIN Loïc, RABUEL Pierre
Centre	Indre - Para Club de l'Indre - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : BOUCHARD Emmanuel, TRUFFAUT Frédéric Loiret - Ecole de Parachutisme Centre Orléans Loiret - <i>Canopy piloting</i> : BURNSIDE Gérard
Franche Comté	Doubs - Ecole de Parachutisme de Besançon - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : BELGODERE Magali, COLLOT Cindy, DELAY Charline, DUBOIS Guillaume, HUET David, POURCELOT Rodolphe - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : POLETTI Yannick
Guadeloupe	Caraïbe Parachutisme - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : GUIHO Julien
Ile de France	Essonne - Paris Sud Université Club de Parachutisme - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : MONTFORT Laurent-Stéphane Seine et Marne - C.P.S de Melun - <i>Formation Skydiving</i> : PECOUT Sophia
La Réunion	Parachutisme Club de Bourbon - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : ORLIANGES Hugues, TECHER Kevin
Lorraine	Moselle - Para Club Sportif de Hombourg Haut - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : CLESSE Aude Moselle - Para Club Sportif de Bitche - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : MIRVAULT Frédéric
Midi Pyrénées	Hautes Pyrénées - Parachutisme de Tarbes Bigorre - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : PLAT-FERRAND Deborah, FERRONI Danielle
Nord Pas de Calais	Nord - Centre Ecole Régional de Parachutisme de Maubeuge - <i>Formation Skydiving</i> : BERNIER Guillaume, BERNIER Mathieu, DEGEN Julien, GRANDCLER Rémy, TIRMAN Amélie, OLEK Julien, MARTIN SAINT LEON Clément, PERIN Bruno, SARRAZIN Emmanuel, SORLIN Damien, DEREMAUX Sophie Nord - Centre Ecole Régional de Parachutisme de Lens - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : ROTTY Benoit
Pays de la Loire	Maine et Loire - Club Saumurois de Parachutisme - <i>Canopy piloting</i> : RAMAUGE Jérôme
Picardie	Oise - Para Club Les Ailes du Noyonnais - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : CHATELAIN Grégory - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : DELECROIX Adeline
Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur	Vaucluse - Avignon Parachutisme SC 420 - <i>Free fly</i> : BOUETTE Virginie, BOUETTE Cathy, PENNY William Hautes Alpes - Baulip Sports Pack Plus - <i>Canopy Formation</i> : COLIAC Vincent - <i>Formation Skydiving</i> : HENAFF Olivier, TEXIER Stéphanie - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : HENAFF Ronan, VALOIS Philippe Hautes Alpes - Cerps de Tallard - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : COUDRAY Raphaël Var - Parachute Club de Toulon - <i>Vertical Formation Skydiving</i> : HENRY Edouard Alpes Maritimes - Cercle Parachutiste de Nice - <i>Formation Skydiving</i> : MISTROT DIT PACHET Stéphane, PERRIN GACHADOAT Thomas, SANCHEZ Perrine - <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : BERNIER Estelle
Individual License	- <i>Freefall Precision Landing</i> : PERROUD Blandine - <i>Canopy piloting</i> : MALEZE David, BERNIER Brice

French Parachute Federation

The National French Parachute Federation, created November 10th 1949, under the supervision of the Service of Light Aviation and Sports of the Ministry of Public Works and Transports becomes the French Parachute Federation, December 10th 1968. It leaves the Ministry of Transports for the Ministry of the Youth and Sports in 1972.

From 1961, the Federation is recognized as the only organization representative of the activities of the skydiving sport. The French Parachute Federation is recognized of public interest May 2nd 1986.

It becomes member of (*and still is to this day*) :

- ✓ the French National Board of Olympic and Sport,
- ✓ the National Board of Aeronautics and Sports Federation,
- ✓ the European Union of Skydiving,
- ✓ the International Air Sports Federation.

Its objective is to promote, organize, direct and coordinate skydiving under every form.

Since its creation, the number of the Federation's members and structures has been ever growing.

The French Parachute Federation is composed of :

⇒ 22 Leagues

⇒ 38 Locals Comitees

⇒ 200 Clubs

⇒ Individuals members approved by the Board of Directors.

⇒ Honorary members or benefactors approved by the Board of Directors

⇒ 56 Schools forming students and supervising activity at every levels, divided between :

◆ 35 Associative Schools

◆ 21 Commercial Schools under the conditions of the approved establishments charter adopted by the General Assembly of which the object is :

- ✓ to practice one or several federal disciplines and that the federation authorizes to give licences, training licences, and federal licences of participation.
- ✓ to contribute, by any additional activity, to the organization and/or to the development of said exercises.

Until December 31st 2011, the French Parachute Federation had 48.825 employees and 647.283 jumps were made under its supervision.

The leading instances of the French Parachute Federation

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the top instance that detains the whole of powers and can delegate some, define status, to its President, its Board of directors and its Directing office.

It is composed of the affiliated associations Presidents, the regional leagues and local comitees, the leader of each commercial company member of the French Parachute Federation, and individual members. Honorary members and benefactors too have voting powers. The voting system and the number of voices each hold are defined by the French Parachute Federation status.

The Board of Directors

The 15 members of the Board of Directors - 13 representing associations and 2 commercial organizations - are elected for a period of 4 years by the members of the the General Assembly, by secret ballot, by blocked list poll in two rounds. The first has absolute majority, the second has simple majority. The positions of each lists (president, vice-president, secretary, members) are nominative, non-interchangeable between members of the same list and without mix between lists.

The Board runs the Federation and detains all the powers of the General Assembly, except for those who cannot be delegated.

The President

The President of the Federation governs the General Assemblies, the Board of Directors and the Directing Office. He monitors spending and represents the Federation in every act of civil life and in court. The 4 years mandate of the president is renewable once. **Marie-Claude Feydeau, President of the French Parachute Federation, is the only woman presiding a French sport federation.**

The committees

There are statutorily 3 commissions, but the Board of Directors can create as many as judged necessary.

1-The electoral committee

At half-mandate, the Board of Directors elects 3 members, irrevocable for a period of 4 years, amongst the members of the federation not candidate to any representation. It makes sure the electoral process goes smoothly.

2-The medical committee

Its members are nominated by the Board of Directors. Its job is to elaborate a medical regulation that defines the whole of obligations and prerogatives of the Federation towards its employees under its duty of medical surveillance as stated by the L231-5 article of the Sport code. The medical regulation is fixed by the Board of Directors.

The committee plays an essential role in the prevention and fight against doping. It establishes, at the end of each sports season, the summary of the action of the Federation in terms of medical surveillance of the licensees, of the doping prevention and of the anti-doping fight. This summary is shown to the closest General Asssembly and addressed by the Federation to the Ministry of Sports.

3-The judges committee

The judges committee of the French Parachute Federation is composed of 7 titular members.

Statutorily, its presidency is assured by a member of the federal board.

The members of the committee are licensees that have an activity directly linked to judgment : in charge of disciplines, International Air Sports Federation judges, training officers...

The French Parachute Federation : role and missions

The French Parachute Federation, agent of the State for the skydiving sport, must, in this context, put in place a sports policy of general interest.

This partnership between the State and the French Parachute Federation is manifested by the Ministry helping with subventions, Ministry personnel availability...

In return, the French Parachute Federation, albeit self-sufficient, is governed by imposed status which ensures transparency and a democratic functioning.

From there results its principal missions :

Promote, develop and organize the skydiving sport :

- ✓ Ensure the formation and the improvement of the volunteer and professional staff,
- ✓ Organize competitions, deliver champion titles and constitute the French national teams,
- ✓ Deliver license and federal titles.

Write and suggest regulations or their modifications :

- ✓ The technical regulations (teaching methods of the French school, contents of the federal certificates, practice regulations and the functioning of the schools),
- ✓ The sport competition regulations,
- ✓ The regulation of the medical control (application of the Sport code),
- ✓ The federal regulation of the fight against doping (application of the law of fight against doping).
- ✓ Negotiate and suggest an insurance contract (application of the Sport code) : every licensee must possess an insurance in civil responsibility for the practice of its sport.

The French Parachute Federation, with the collaboration of the NTD, is part of numerous works, within committees, workgroups... of the evolution of the skydiving sport or that of the equipments with manufacturers.

The National Technical Direction –NTD–

It is composed of Ministry of Sports personnel placed with the Federation. The technical executives are under the authority of the **National Technical Director, Jean-Michel Poulet**, who is also the Director of the French National Teams. He is assisted by a **NTD assistant, Frank Mahut**. Both are sport teachers and holders of SCST 2 (State Certificate of Sport Teaching).

The National Technical Direction in the French Parachute Federation is composed of three sections :

- ✓ **The high level training and organization** (*the Director of French National Teams and national trainers are in charge of this section*),
- ✓ **the Territorial Animation and Development (TAD)** which leans back on the trainers network. This section represents the vital link between high level and practitioners, thanks to the formation,
- ✓ **the Formation of volunteer and professional monitors**



Frank Mahut

Jean-Michel Poulet

The National Technical Direction is divided between three sections :

1- The High Level

The French Pole of the French Parachute Federation constitute the essential of the activity in this section entirely turned to the competition, the making of the French team in activity, the detection and formation young hopes.

The French Pole is under the direction of Christian Lubbe, sport teacher and holder of the SCST 2. He is assisted by **Philippe Schorno**, sport teacher and holder of the SCST 2 and by **Jérémie Rollett**, sport teacher.

The French Pole plays an accompanying role for high level sportsmen in their professional evolution, especially if it is turned to the skydiving sport. He takes also part in the formation especially for the obtainment of diverse State certificates.

The high level also has 3 **Hope Poles** (Maubeuge, Vannes, Saumur) and an **Associated Structure** (S.A. of Besançon). This device, created by the National Technical Director of the French Parachute Federation, and validated by the Ministry, has been proved relevant in the deployment of the federal project.



Philippe Schorno

Jérémie Rollett

Christian Lubbe

2- The Territorial Animation and Development and Formation

The formation is done by national technical advisors (NTA).

The trainings are also monitored by professional monitors who bring a technique and a knowledge that they regularly use on the field. This section is in charge of the formation of the candidates to the State certificates. It also brings a technical assistance to the various structures of the Federation.

Those monitors are as of now 7, all of them holders of the SCST 2 and 6 of them are sport teachers : **Jérôme David** (*in charge*), **Frédéric Rami**, **Louis-Etienne du Reau**, **Jean-François Prunier**, **Yves Devauraz**, **Franck Cotigny**.

3- Investigations and accidents

As its name implies, it intervenes on accidents or incidents to determine the cause and responsibilities.

Jean-François Prunier, sport teacher and holder of the SCST 2, is in charge of the investigations.

All of the technicians are former competitors, recent or older, most of them being titled at the international level.



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The values of skydiving are deep : they become, for the practitioners, a way of life, between « civil » life the week and « sport » life the weekend.

Skydiving is not only a sport. It is also an important vector of social integration. The life on the site is a place of sharing and friendliness : a living and federating spectacle.

Skydiving is before everything else a school of will and a school of life. From the beginner to the occasional practitioner, including the high level competitors or the professionals, skydivers surpass themselves at every moment to accomplish fixed objectives, to allow a continued and endless progression, humbly

Skydiving is also –and especially- a source of pleasure and shared intense emotions. A jump gives unique feelings, an amazing rush of adrenaline for everyone, measured for every jump, alone or in group, according to the discipline.

The sky, the earth, the daily natural environment are the pre-occupations of everyone. The protection of these elements is key to the sustainability of our sport.

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Marie-Claude Feydeau
President of the French Parachute Federation



Formation Skydiving



CANOPY PILOTING



Canopy Formation



Vertical Formation Skydiving



Canopy Formation



FREEFALL



FREESTYLE



Formation Skydiving



Canopy Formation



PRECISION LANDING



FREEFLY





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