



1<sup>st</sup> HANDI FLY EURO CHALLENGE 2016

## COMPETITION RULES

Discipline:  
Tandem Freefall Style Event for the Disabled

I. AUTHORITY:

The competition scheduled during the Handi Fly Euro Challenge is a unique event that is conducted under the authority of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme (FFP).

II. DATE AND PLACE:

The competition will take place in Maubeuge from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

Team meeting: September 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9h00

Start of the competition: September 23<sup>rd</sup>: 20mn call 10h10 – 1<sup>st</sup> take off 10h30

End of the competition: September 24<sup>th</sup>: last take off 17h00

III. OBJECTIVES:

- To enable persons with reduced mobility to access sport parachuting in competition.
- To promote and to develop sport parachuting in competition.
- To share skills and strengthen friendly relations between valid and disabled people.
- To improve judging methods and practices.
- To develop specific equipment for this type of activity.
- To further develop the competition rules for the future.

IV. TITLE:

The following title will be awarded: 2016 Handy Fly Euro Challenge Skydiving Champion.

The title is awarded if at least 4 teams participate. The title is awarded to each Member of the event winning team.

V. PROGRAMME:

The Handi Fly Euro Challenge event is Freefall Style performed by a disabled tandem passenger carried by a qualified tandem instructor and filmed by a qualified videographer.

Qualified tandem instructors and videographers are defined in the competition BULLETINS.

This Freefall style is composed of 4 alternate turns:

There are 2 distinct groups:

Group 1: 1 left turn - 1 right turn - 1 left turn- 1 right turn.

Group 2: 1 right turn - 1 left turn - 1 right turn - 1 left turn.

3 rounds are performed (at least 1 round to validate the event).

The groups of the first 2 rounds will be selected by draw. The 3<sup>rd</sup> group will be at the discretion of the performer.

Tandem jumps are performed from an altitude of 4000 meters.

The may be reduced to 3000 metres for weather-related reasons, by decision of the Meet Director and the Chief Judge. In this case, this altitude will be maintained for the whole round.

If the altitude is lowered to 3500 meters, freefall style will consist of 3 alternate turns.

If the altitude is lowered to 3000 meters, the freefall style will consist of 2 alternate turns.

#### VI. CONDITIONS of PARTICIPATION:

The participants in the competition defined in the §V must be in possession of documents and qualifications issued by the FFP related to the practice of parachuting and the specific activity, or equivalent documents from their home country. Competitors must wear head protection for the duration of the jump. Their parachute equipment must conform to the regulations of their country. Automatic activation devices (AADs) maintained in accordance with manufacturer instructions are required.

Any situation not covered by the present rules will be decided by a three member jury composed of:

- The Chief Judge,
- The National Director of the French Parachuting Federation,
- One representative of the delegations appointed prior to the competition start by the President of the French Parachuting Federation.

#### VII. ORGANISATION OF THE EVENT:

It is permitted for any tandem instructor or videographer to participate with more than one disabled competitor.

The jump order, the type of aircraft, and the schedule of the competition are determined by the Organizer depending on the overall organization. The aircraft used can be changed depending on the rounds, and during a round.

Teams will have the entire duration of the event to validate their jump rounds in the order drawn (see § V). Any jump round not validated at the end of the event will be given the maximum score of 40 seconds.

#### VIII. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

The time achieved on each validated round is added up to define the overall ranking. The winner is the team with the lowest total. This ranking will enable the attribution of gold, silver and bronze medals to the top three teams that will be declared “2016 Handy Fly Euro Challenge Skydiving Champions”. If there is a tie for the first three places, a tie break jump similar to a competition jump will be made, if possible. At the end of this tie break jump, if the tie remains, teams are ranked equally.

If the competition is validated with more than one round, there will also be a ranking after each round. The winner of a single round is the team with the

lowest time. This ranking will enable the attribution of a gold medal to the team that wins a single round. Those teams will be declared “2016 Handy Fly Euro Challenge round winners”. If there is a tie for the first place of each round, teams are ranked equally.

In the case of a tandem instructor and/or a videographer belonging to more than one team, only one title will be awarded to that person for the performance with the best qualified team of which he/she is part. The team in which the relevant competitor is downgraded is however maintained in the ranking, its composition being simply reduced to the number of competitors not affected by multiple team membership.

During the award ceremony, all tandem instructors and videographers involved with different teams will be recognized for their contribution to disabled sport parachuting. All competitors will also be honoured.

## IX. SPECIFIC RULES FOR DISABLED TANDEM FREEFALL STYLE EVENT:

### A. DEFINITIONS:

- Freefall style manoeuvre: a turn starting and finishing in the horizontal face down position.
- Turn: a manoeuvre of 360 degrees rotation on a horizontal plane.
- Disabled sports team: a team composed of a disabled performer, of a tandem instructor (with specific qualification to carry disabled passengers), and a qualified videographer.
- Disabled tandem: a tandem couple consisting of a disabled performer associated with a tandem instructor (with specific qualification).
- Disabled performer: a competitor carried in tandem, classified as disabled according to the eligibility criteria defined in the competition BULLETINS, responsible for carrying out the movements leading to the performer/instructor tandem freefall style manoeuvres.
- Tandem instructor: a tandem instructor holder of the required qualification, responsible for carrying the disabled performer during the execution of the jump, for making no movement likely to improve the speed of execution of the performer/instructor tandem freefall style manoeuvres, and to signal to the team the end of the “preparatory stage” and the beginning of the “opening stage” (see definitions below).
- Videographer: a fully qualified videographer, responsible for recording the video evidence of the performer/instructor tandem freefall style manoeuvres, for making no rotation movement around the performer/ instructor tandem likely to improve the speed of the realization of performer/instructor tandem freefall style manoeuvres. At the end of the jump, he must immediately take his recording to the judging room to for downloading. He must keep his recording until the final announcement of the results. Any recording incident must be immediately brought to the attention of the Chief Judge who will decide if a re-jump should be granted.

- Preparatory stage: period of a round starting at the exit of the aircraft and ending when the tandem instructor signals by a distinctive thumb sign that the disabled team is ready for the execution of the freefall style manoeuvres. This signal implies a good stabilization under the drogue parachute and a good placement (axis and distance) compared to the videographer. From this signal, the tandem instructor becomes neutral and disabled performer can start the freefall style manoeuvres when he/she wishes.
- Execution stage of freefall style manoeuvres: period of a round starting at the end of preparatory stage signal and ending during the opening phase signal. During this phase, the tandem instructor must remain neutral without helping the execution of the freefall style manoeuvres, while the videographer must remain on the initial axis until the end of the performance ensuring the framing of video evidence by only making vertical (up/down), lateral (left/right) or horizontal (forward/rear) movements.
- Opening stage: period of a round which starts when the tandem instructor indicates by a distinctive sign of both arms his intention to open the parachute and which ends when the opening has been activated. This signal requires good control of altitude to avoid any hasty procedures. From this signal, the tandem instructor becomes active again and the disabled performer must cease all freefall style manoeuvres.
- Working time: the measured time in a round starts, at the latest either when the disabled performer starts the first manoeuvre in the required direction (i.e. as soon as the torso of the performer takes the proper direction for the manoeuvre), or when the end of the preparatory phase signal is given. This measured time ends either when the performer stops the final manoeuvre facing the videographer, or when the opening signal is given, or, at the latest, when the opening command is activated. Working time is measured up to 40 seconds.

Freefall Style penalties:

Undershoots (-)

- 10 deg: 0.2 sec

- 20 deg: 0.4 sec

And so on:

- 80 deg: 1.6 sec

- 90 deg: 1.8 sec

> 90 deg: 5.0 sec

Overshoots (+)

1 – 180 deg: no penalty

> 180 deg: 10.0 sec

Omission of a turn: 15.0 sec

Assisting manoeuvre by the tandem instructor: 20.0 sec

Rotation movement by the videographer: 20.0 sec

Inability to define the start of the working time: 40.0 sec

Missing round: 40.0 sec

B. Judging rules:

Each performance is evaluated by a panel of 3 fully qualified “freefall style” judges

Judges will watch each performance once at normal speed, then for the second and last viewing at reduced speed (speed defined par the Chief Judge). In the case where one of the judges is unable to establish a working time, (he/she) alone may review the jump at normal speed.

Judges record the working time of 1/100th of a second, assign any potential penalties observed for each relevant figure, and calculate their total by the sum of the time recorded and assigned penalties. Any total that exceeds 40 seconds is accounted for 40 seconds.

Once three totals are collated, the highest and lowest are discarded. The result of the round will be the total remaining, to the hundredth of a second.

X. SECURITY

The Meet Director and the FFP National Director are responsible for the enforcement of safety rules related to the activity. They can, at any time, intervene and penalize. Any person, including the Judges, may report matters of safety during the competition.

XI. PROTEST

A protest must be made in writing, in English, and must be handed to the Meet Director, together with the protest fee of 30 Euros, no later than one hour after results have been officially posted.

The protest may be presented by the Team Manager or Team Captain but must be signed by the competitor or Team Captain on whose behalf he acts. The Meet Director must give the protest to the Jury without delay.

Each protest must state the particular rule or rules about which the protest is being made.

No protest may be made nor shall one be accepted by the Jury that deals with the evaluation of a jump or a score given by the Judges.

A protest may be withdrawn at any time before the final vote by the Jury, in which case the protest fee will be refunded.

The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

XII. MEDIA RIGHTS

The teams give in to FFP free of charge but not exclusive patrimonial rights of exploitation in any media support whatsoever, audio and video materials made during jumping competitions.

These documents will be used by the FFP, for purposes of information, training and / or promotion during and after the competition.

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