

# Skydive Tilstock Freefall Club Ltd

## Membership Agreement 2018-19

Skydive Tilstock Freefall Club Ltd (STFCL) is the members club that provides parachute training facilities, instruction and the equipment to jump with at Tilstock Airfield.

In order to jump with us you must become a member of the Club, and this document is your membership agreement for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. STFCL is a non-profit making sports club, with any surplus made being re-invested to the benefit of the members. STFCL is a company limited by members guarantee of £1, and is Registered in the England and Wales as Company Number 9893253. As a club member the limit of your liability is £1.

If you are a Student Parachutist, £35 of the fee that you have paid to us for training is the cost of your membership for the year. If you are an experienced skydiver, you agree to pay a membership fee of £35 for the year to become a member of the Club.

To become a member of STFCL you need to agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Club and also by the provisions of the British Parachute Association's (BPA) Operations Manual. As a Student Parachutist you will learn about the BPA Ops Manual during parachute training, and copies are available in the Club office for you to read (or online at the BPA web address [www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk)). However, if you comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Club Instructors and other staff you won't go far wrong.

### CLUB RULES

The first rule is that you must be a member of the BPA. The BPA is also a non-profit making membership association, and STFCL joins you to the BPA as a Provisional Student BPA Member if you are a Student Parachutist here for training (including Tandem Skydives). You just need to sign the BPA membership form. Experienced jumpers must join the BPA themselves each year as a Full Member. The principle reason for joining the BPA is that all parachutists in the UK who are members benefit from the BPA public liability insurance policy – so if you damage anything while parachuting you are unlikely to get a bill.

### OTHER RULES

All parachuting at STFCL takes place under the rules laid down by the BPA Operations Manual and also the Club's Standard Operating Procedures.

All visiting jumpers must receive a full Drop Zone (DZ) briefing and have their equipment, documents and BPA membership checked by a Club Instructor. This will include the procedure for manifesting.

All jumpers will receive a 'flightline check' by a qualified person in the DZ Control pen prior to boarding the aircraft. FAI B Certificate holders will sign the manifest sheet to acknowledge that the check has been completed. In the case of student parachutists, and also FAI A Certificate holders, the checker will sign the manifest sheet.

All persons who will be operating the aircraft door must ensure that they are familiar with its operation. If in doubt, ask.

All jumpers should ensure that they are qualified and competent to undertake the planned descent and that the people they will be jumping with are also qualified and competent.

Persons without the Chief Instructor's approval will not attempt to land south of the small windsock. No person will land south of the East-West taxiway except in an emergency. This is the 'beer line'!

Food and drink is not allowed in the Packing Shed.

Any questions should be directed to an Instructor or the reception staff.

### IN ADDITION AND FOR SAFETY

Parachutists are reminded of the possible consequences of radical turns close to the ground.

Parachutists are reminded of the importance of concentrating on their landings and not becoming distracted by peripheral actions.

Parachutists are reminded that if they are unable immediately to rectify a problem at, during or upon deployment, they should instigate their emergency procedures without delay.

### GENERAL RULES

Please park sensibly in the designated area.

An airfield is not the place for animals, please leave them at home.

Children must be supervised at ALL times. They must not be allowed to sit on the fence or leave the Spectator Area without an adult. Active airfields are dangerous places for the unwary, let's keep it as safe as possible.

Please take your rubbish home with you. If you can't take it home, please use the bins provided, it won't clear itself up.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the airfield except the Spectator Area and NEVER in proximity to aircraft or parachute equipment.

Do not approach the aircraft except under the direct supervision of an instructor or Jumpmaster.

All accidents, injuries and incidents MUST be reported to a member of staff immediately.

Finally, alcohol is not permitted on the airfield until the last aircraft lift of the day has left the ground, and no-one will be permitted to jump if they have consumed any alcohol at all that day. Should a member of staff decide that a person is unfit to jump for any reason, they will not be permitted to jump.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Terms and Conditions are always available to review on our website or at the club. When making your booking with STFCL, either directly, over the telephone or online, or through an agent or friend (your agent or friend will be required to accept the Terms and Conditions on your behalf) you will have agreed to and be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions as binding. If you are unsure or have any questions, please contact STFCL.

Membership of the BPA currently includes public liability insurance (third party) up to the value of £5,000,000. Once purchased, membership of the BPA is non-refundable and non-transferable. BPA insurance provides no cover for personal injury or death.

Flights are not arranged by STFCL. Flight only services are provided at Tilstock Airfield by The Parachute Centre Limited, a separate operator. Flights are scheduled, and operate every 30 minutes from 09.00, subject to weather and operational issues.

A **non-refundable deposit** of £70 is required when booking parachute training with STFCL or purchasing a gift voucher. An administration fee of £70 will be charged if you change the date of your booking with less than seven days' notice (except in the case of bad weather or operational issues at the club).

**Cheques are no longer accepted and payment must be by cash, debit/credit card or bank transfer.** The balance due to the STFCL can be paid at any time up to and including the day of the booking. Once paid, all monies are non-refundable. **The training booked must be regarded as an "all day" event and your check-in time as advised is no indication of the time that you may jump, which may be delayed or rescheduled. If the activity is not able to take place due to weather or operational issues, it will be up to you to return to the club on another occasion(s) to complete your activity.** Any vouchers purchased from the club must be redeemed by the quoted expiration date. If you arrive at the club without all necessary documentation, you may forfeit your activity and all monies paid. **If you are unsure about the paperwork required, please contact us in advance of your booked date.**

You understand that, despite the best training and equipment, parachuting in any form holds an element of risk and may result in serious injury or death. You voluntarily accept all risks inherent in the sport and agree for yourself and your personal representatives to indemnify and hold harmless STFCL and their representatives against any claim or claims whether on your own account or from third parties arising out of any accident or incident resulting in any loss or damage including bodily injury or death. If you cannot accept the risks you should not participate.

**Parachutists need a reasonably high standard of physical fitness** and must not be overweight in relation to their sex, age and height. Please note that the minimum age for parachuting is 16 and the **maximum age is 55** for Static Line Course. Anyone under 18 must have the written consent of a parent or guardian. Tandem Students - Please read forms Form 115a - Tandem Student Parachutist Medical Information and Declaration and Form 115b - Student Tandem Parachutist Request for Medical Advice. Any tandem students aged 60 or over must have an individual assessment carried out by the CI and may require a Form 115B – Student Tandem Doctors Certificate completed by their GP.

If any of the conditions apply to you or a member of your group, please phone the Club (01948-841111) and we will forward the necessary forms. We must have the completed consent/medical declaration prior to commencing the Static Line Training Course or Tandem Skydive. Please bring it with you on the day as it may get lost in the post. Please study the Club height/weight chart published on our web site as persons who are very unfit or overweight relative to their height will not be accepted for training. **The MAXIMUM weight is 14.5 stones (92 kg.) for Static Line Course and 15 stones (95 kg.) for Tandem Skydives. The final decision as to the suitability of any person to jump will be made by the Club Chief Instructor. If you have any queries regarding the age and fitness requirements, please contact the club.**

I have read and accept the Club Rules and also confirm acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of trading set out above, and I apply to become a member of Skydive Tilstock Freefall Club Ltd for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

N.B. *If under 18 years of age the following section should be signed and dated by your Parent or Guardian  
If you are happy to receive emails from STFC please provide your email address*

I \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

Being the mother/father/guardian of the above applicant who is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age confirm that my permission is given for him/her to carry out parachute training and descents and I agree to the terms of the membership and indemnify the Centre according to the above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Witness Name \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Medical Form Signed</b>	
<b>Training Card Completed</b>	