Skydiving waiver

Participation in skydiving

I voluntarily choose to participate in skydiving activities provided or organised by **[Drop Zone Name]**.

Skydiving activities may include:

- Ground instruction, briefing and being fitted with a harness and other equipment
- Boarding and travelling in an aircraft, and leaving it at altitude
- Freefall, parachute deployment, canopy flight and landing
- Tandem jumps attached to an instructor
- Student jumps, including first-jump courses and progression training
- Being filmed or photographed where this has been arranged
- Being in the hangar, packing areas, aircraft loading areas and landing areas

I understand that participation is voluntary and that I may decide not to jump at any time before leaving the aircraft, but that once in freefall or under canopy, I cannot stop the jump.

The drop zone may refuse, delay, restrict or end participation at any time if it reasonably believes that a jumper is unfit, cannot follow instructions or presents a risk to themselves or others.

Bookings, deposits and fees remain subject to the drop zone's cancellation, weather and refund policies, and jumps are often delayed or rescheduled.

Age, weight and eligibility

The typical minimum age for skydiving is 18, and the drop zone's own minimum age applies. I confirm that the jumper has reached the drop zone's minimum age and will show identification if asked. Any exception must be permitted by applicable law and approved by the drop zone.

I understand that equipment and instructors have strict weight limits, and that weight and body shape can also affect harness fit, safe exit and landing. I confirm that the weight and height given in this form are accurate.

The drop zone may weigh or measure the jumper, and may refuse or charge for a jump as set out in its policies if the jumper is above its limits or the harness cannot be fitted correctly.

I confirm that the jumper can bend at the hips, lift their legs for landing, follow instructions under stress and meet any physical or medical requirements the drop zone sets.

Where a licensed jumper is using this form, I confirm that their licence, ratings and recent jump history are accurately stated and that they are current as the drop zone requires.

Skydiving risks

I understand that skydiving is a dangerous activity with risks that can result in serious injury or death, even when the jumper, the instructors and the drop zone all act correctly.

Possible risks include:

- Death or catastrophic injury from a parachute failure, a collision or an uncontrolled landing
- Malfunction of a main or reserve parachute, or failure to deploy one
- Hard landings, causing fractures and injury to the ankles, legs, hips, pelvis, spine or neck
- Spinal compression or paralysis
- Dragging on the ground by the parachute after landing
- Landing away from the target area, including on trees, buildings, power lines, roads or water
- Mid-air collision with another jumper, instructor, canopy or aircraft
- Injury during exit, including striking part of the aircraft
- Harness injury, line burns, and bruising or injury at parachute opening
- Ear, sinus or breathing problems caused by rapid changes in altitude and air pressure
- Fainting, disorientation, hypoxia or a medical episode in freefall or under canopy
- Sudden changes in wind, weather and visibility
- Mistakes made by the jumper, the instructor or others, despite training

I understand that the drop zone cannot eliminate every risk associated with skydiving.

I voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks of participation.

Aircraft risks

I understand that a jump involves travelling in a small aircraft, which may be fitted for jumpers rather than passengers and may have limited seats and open doors in flight.

Aircraft risks include engine or mechanical failure, an accident on take-off, in flight or on landing, turbulence, an emergency exit, or a forced landing away from the airfield. Being around a moving aircraft on the ground, including propellers and fuel, also involves risk.

I agree to:

- Stay away from propellers and approach the aircraft only when and how staff direct
- Stay seated and secured as instructed until told to prepare for exit
- Keep handles, pins and equipment protected when moving in the aircraft
- Follow the instructions of the pilot and instructors at once, including in an emergency

- Accept that I may be required to land with the aircraft, or to leave it early, for safety reasons

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Equipment and possible failure

I understand that parachutes, harnesses, automatic activation devices, altimeters, radios and aircraft are mechanical or electronic systems that can fail.

I understand that equipment may fail despite maintenance, inspection and correct packing, and that a reserve parachute or automatic activation device may also fail or may not operate in time.

I agree to wear the harness, goggles, jumpsuit, helmet and other equipment that the drop zone requires, in the way that staff instruct, and to allow an instructor to check it before boarding and before exit.

I agree not to touch or adjust any handle, pin, harness adjustment or other part of the equipment unless I have been told to do so.

Footwear must be secure, with laces tied and no hooks, and loose jewellery and pocket items must be removed or secured so that they cannot become caught or fall.

Tandem and student instruction

I agree to attend all ground instruction and briefing required for the jump, and to tell staff before boarding if I have not understood any part of it.

On a tandem jump, I understand that I will be attached to an instructor, that the instructor will direct the jump, and that I must follow their instructions on exit, body position and landing. These may include lifting my legs and holding them up for landing as instructed.

On a student jump, I understand that I may control my own parachute and that I am responsible for what I have been taught, including my body position, altitude awareness, deployment, emergency procedures, canopy control and landing.

I understand that a student may need to repeat training or a jump, and that passing a course or stage is not guaranteed.

I understand that radio assistance, if used, can fail and that I must be prepared to land without it.

Instructors may change or cancel a jump, or refuse to take me up, if they believe it is unsafe, whether I agree or not.

Diving, flying and blood donation

I understand that scuba diving before a jump increases the risk of decompression sickness, because altitude reduces the pressure on the body.

I confirm that the jumper has not been scuba diving within the period the drop zone sets, which is commonly at least 24 hours before jumping, and will tell staff about any recent diving.

I will also tell staff about any recent blood or plasma donation, and any recent flight or high-altitude travel if staff ask about it, as this may delay a jump.

I will avoid heavy drinking the night before a jump, and I will eat and drink sensibly beforehand.

Drop zone conduct and weather

I agree to follow all instructions from manifest staff, instructors, pilots and other staff, and to stay out of landing areas, aircraft movement areas and packing areas unless I have been told to enter them.

I understand that weather can delay or cancel jumps, that I may wait for an extended time at the drop zone and that decisions on wind, cloud and visibility rest with the drop zone and its instructors.

Spectators and children must stay in marked viewing areas and under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times.

The drop zone may remove any jumper who ignores safety rules or behaves recklessly, violently or disruptively.

Video, photography and personal cameras

Where video or photography has been arranged, I understand that it may be recorded by a hand-mounted camera or by a separate camera flyer in freefall, which adds to the activity on the jump and is at the instructor’s discretion.

Footage is not guaranteed. A camera may fail, a shot may be missed or the camera flyer may not be able to jump.

Unless the drop zone allows it, I will not carry a personal camera, phone or other device on a jump, because a camera can snag lines and cause distraction.

The drop zone will ask for any separate permission it needs before using footage of me for marketing.

Physical condition and health

I agree to inform the drop zone about any condition that may affect safe participation, including:

- A current injury or physical limitation

- Neck, back or spinal problems, including previous spinal injury or surgery
- Hip, knee or ankle problems, or limited leg mobility
- Dislocating shoulders or other joint instability
- Heart, circulation or blood-pressure conditions
- Epilepsy, seizures, fainting or loss of consciousness
- Asthma, lung conditions or breathing difficulties
- Diabetes or another condition that may cause sudden incapacity
- Recent ear, sinus or respiratory problems
- Recent surgery or medical treatment
- Pregnancy or possible pregnancy
- Osteoporosis or other bone conditions
- Medication that thins the blood or affects judgment or alertness
- A restriction recommended by a healthcare professional

I understand that staff are not medical professionals unless expressly stated otherwise.

I will stop and inform a staff member if I experience pain, dizziness, breathing difficulty, unusual weakness or another concerning symptom.

Alcohol, drugs and impairment

I will not participate while impaired by:

- Alcohol
- Recreational or illegal drugs
- Medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness
- Fatigue, illness or another condition that makes participation unsafe

I understand that the drop zone may refuse or end participation if it reasonably believes that a jumper is impaired.

No one may board an aircraft or jump while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This includes the after-effects of a previous night's drinking, and medication that causes drowsiness or affects judgment. The drop zone may refuse a jump, even after it has been paid for, if it reasonably believes that a jumper is impaired or unfit.

Personal belongings

I understand that clothing and personal belongings may become dirty, wet, damaged, lost or stolen.

I am responsible for protecting phones, jewellery, glasses, clothing and other personal property.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the drop zone is not responsible for ordinary loss or damage to personal belongings unless caused by liability that cannot legally be excluded.

Emergency assistance

If the jumper becomes ill or injured, I authorise the drop zone and its staff to:

- Provide reasonable first aid
- Stop the jumper from continuing
- Contact an emergency contact
- Contact emergency medical services
- Arrange transportation to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Share relevant information with emergency responders
- Take reasonable action to protect the jumper’s immediate safety

I understand that the drop zone cannot guarantee that an emergency contact will be reached before assistance is provided.

I accept responsibility for medical, ambulance and treatment expenses unless applicable law or legally established liability requires otherwise.

Assumption of risk

I knowingly and voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks associated with skydiving.

I accept responsibility for injuries, losses or complications caused or materially contributed to by:

- Inaccurate weight, height, age or other information I provided
- A health condition or limitation I failed to disclose
- Scuba diving or other recent activity that I failed to disclose
- My failure to follow ground instruction or instructions from staff
- My adjustment or misuse of a harness, handle or other equipment
- My failure to take the correct body position, particularly at landing
- My carrying an unapproved camera or device
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- My participation while impaired or medically unfit

Liability release

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I release **[Drop Zone Name]** and its owners, directors, tandem instructors, jumpmasters, pilots, parachute riggers, packers, videographers, manifest staff, employees, contractors and representatives from claims arising solely from:

- Ordinary and inherent skydiving risks knowingly accepted in this form
- Inaccurate weight, height, age or other relevant information I provided
- My failure to follow reasonable safety rules, ground instruction or instructions in the air
- Incorrect or unauthorised use of parachutes, harnesses or equipment
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- The conduct of another jumper, or sudden changes in the weather, where they were outside the drop zone's reasonable control

This release does not exclude or limit liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

It does not apply to fraud, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, reckless conduct, breaches of mandatory safeguarding duties, violations of mandatory consumer rights or any other liability that applicable law prohibits the drop zone from waiving.

Privacy and recordkeeping

I understand that the drop zone may collect and retain information where reasonably necessary to:

- Register and identify jumpers
- Confirm consent and eligibility
- Manage bookings and activities
- Understand relevant health or support needs
- Maintain safety and incident records
- Respond to injuries, complaints or legal claims
- Meet insurance, safeguarding and legal obligations

Information will be handled according to the drop zone's privacy notice and applicable data-protection laws.

Final declaration

By completing and signing this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the entire waiver.

- The information provided, including age, weight and height, is complete and accurate.
- I understand that skydiving may cause serious injury or death.
- I understand that equipment may fail despite maintenance and correct packing.
- I understand and accept the ordinary and inherent risks.
- I agree to follow all ground instruction and staff instructions.
- I have not been scuba diving within the period the drop zone sets.
- I will not jump while impaired or medically unfit.
- I authorise reasonable emergency assistance where necessary.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- Participation is voluntary.
- I understand that this form does not remove rights or protections that cannot legally be waived.

Jumper completion

Contact details

First name *

Last name *

Phone

Email *

Jump type *

- ◯ Tandem jump
- ◯ Student jump (first-jump course or progression)
- ◯ Licensed solo jump

Jumper’s weight (include kg or lb) *

Jumper’s height (include cm or ft/in) *

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the Skydiving Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk above. I confirm that the information provided is accurate, that I am authorised to sign for the jumper where applicable and that I voluntarily accept the risks of skydiving. *

Signature *