

Downsizing Criteria

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU WANT TO DOWNSIZE

- Competence, not jump numbers
- Currency and time in the sport
- Long term goals in the sport
- Change one size at a time or
- If changing planform (square to elliptical or to crossbraced) then same or similar size

DOWNSIZING CHECKLIST

The following in-air and landing exercises should be done to the satisfaction of the DZSO on your current canopy before considering changing size or type of canopy.

IN-AIR EXERCISES (TO BE PRACTICED ABOVE 2000ft)

- Slow flight
- Stall and stall recovery using brakes
- Rear riser turns
- Flat turns
- Flare turns
- Harness turns
- Hook turn recovery

LANDING EXERCISES

- Land in nil wind
- Land in light crosswind
- Land on a slope (uphill and downhill)
- Full glide landing approach
- Demonstrate consistent accuracy in different wind conditions
- Are you confident to land off DZ?

OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE DOWNSIZING

Have a plan for canopy progression (short term and long term)

Attend a canopy course

CI or DZSO approval

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