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REGULATORY SCHEDULES PROPOSED CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

PURPOSE:

Update and align regulations to correlate with CASR Part 105 and Part 105 MOS.

PROPOSAL:

Various and multiple minor changes throughout.

PURPOSE:

The advent of the APF mini-conference does not offer thorough continued professional development to allow for an extension of an instructor rating or coach approval.

PROPOSAL:

Regulatory Schedule 53: Instructor, Packer, Rigger Ratings and Endorsements, Coaches and Assessment

7. Validity and Revalidation of Instructor Ratings and Endorsements

7.3 Rating Extension

*Before the expiry of a rating, the STM may approve an extension of an instructor **rating** or coach approval to three years if the holder has:*

(a) ~~attended at least one APF Conference; or~~

(ab) completed other approved training or professional development acceptable to the STM, during the currency of their rating and has otherwise complied with this section 7.



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PURPOSE:

Remove the ability for new Master Instructor ratings while allowing the retention and renewal of existing Master Instructor ratings.

PROPOSAL:

Regulatory Schedule 53: Instructor, Packer, Rigger Ratings and Endorsements, Coaches and Assessment

7. *Validity and Revalidation of Instructor Ratings and Endorsements*

7.8 *Specific Revalidation Requirements for Senior Instructor Rating*

- (b) *The STM may authorise in writing the retention of an instructor rating or Instructor Examiner approval for a highly experienced Senior Instructor who is no longer able to meet the requirements of 7.1.1 (b) of this RS.*

9. *Senior Instructor Approvals*

9.2 *Retention and revalidation of ~~Approval as a Master Instructor (MI)~~*

(Note: Issue of new MI approvals discontinued with effect 1 January 2024.)

(a) The holder of a current MI approval may retain the approval if, at the time of revalidation, they:

- (i) have held uninterrupted APF membership for the preceding 5 years; and*
- (ii) have held and revalidated a MI or SI approval and associated endorsements uninterrupted for the preceding 5 years; and*
- (iii) have the support of their CI confirming continued activity, involvement, and contribution to sport parachuting.*

Failure to meet (i), (ii) or (iii) will result in cancellation of the MI approval and reverting to a Senior Instructor rating.

(a) — Upon recommendation by the STM, the Technical and Safety Committee may approve a member as an MI providing they meet the following criteria:

- (i) — have completed:*
 - a. — a total of 10 years as a CI at a full training DZ and have held examiner positions for AFF, SFF or tandem endorsements; or*
 - b. — 12 years as a Senior Instructor or an Instructor A and have held examiner positions for AFF, SFF or tandem endorsements;*
- (ii) — have accrued at least five years' total tenure in any combination of the following APF roles: as Area Safety Officer, Area Instructor Examiner, DRE, STO and/or a National Officer; and*



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~~(iii) — no disciplinary penalties imposed by an Area Safety Officer or STO, Tribunal or any National Officer within the previous five years.~~

- (b) An MI will have all the privileges of a Senior Instructor in accordance with the endorsements they may hold.
- (c) An MI will be required to meet the revalidation requirements defined in 7.1.1(b)(iii), ~~(e)~~ and 7.2(cb) **and to (ed), 7.4(b) and hold full APF membership but will not be required to meet the currency and other requirements defined under 7.1 to 7.7, unless;**
- i. **The MI performs jumps as a Tandem Master, in which case 7.1.2 applies; or**
 - ii. **The MI only acts as DZSO for tandem descents, in which case 7.1.2(c) applies.**

PURPOSE:

Allow the STM to approve an extension of a Packer A or Rigger rating to three years.

PROPOSAL:

Regulatory Schedule 53: Instructor, Packer, Rigger Ratings and Endorsements, Coaches and Assessment

14. Packer and Rigger Rating Revalidation

14.3 Rating Extension

Before the expiry of a rating, the STM may approve an extension of a Packer A or Rigger rating to three years if the holder:

- (a) has completed approved training or professional development acceptable to the STM;**
 - (b) holds a current rating; and**
 - (c) has otherwise complied with this section 14.**
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PURPOSE:

Group Members are registered in a specific State with the APF, this means when a person (student or otherwise) completes the membership application (waiver), that application is also specific for the State in which the Group Member is registered. If the specific activity (parachuting) is taking place in another State, the Group Member must ensure the membership application is under the Consumer Law in that State. In simple terms, each Group Member must ensure their students are reading and signing the waiver for the State in which they are jumping.

It is also incumbent for the Group Member to ensure the membership application has been completed.

PROPOSAL:

Regulatory Schedule 58: Drop Zones, Group Member Regulations and Applications

9. The Parachuting Contract and Application for Membership (Group Member Waiver)

(a) Each Group Member must ensure:

- (i) The Parachuting Contract and Application to Membership (commonly known as the 'Group Member waiver') must be completed by any person before commencing any parachuting/skydiving activities at each Group Member in each membership year;***
 - (ii) Each Parachuting Contract and Application to Membership (Group Member waiver) must be completed according to the State or Territory in which the parachuting activity takes place;***
 - (iii) When the APF makes an amendment to the Parachuting Contract and Application to Membership, the Group Member must incorporate the change within 28 days, unless directed otherwise. The current version will be made available on the APF website;***
 - (iv) Any intention ~~Group Members that wish~~ to undertake any customisation of the Parachuting Contract and Application to Membership template to suit their organisation must first obtain approval from the APF Office. Additional content may be permitted by APF (subject to its sole discretion) provided the customisation and additions do not in any way alter the template's original content, meaning and intent. Group Members must not remove any term or condition of the Parachuting Contract and Application to Membership.***
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PURPOSE:

For a pilot to continue to hold a Jump Pilot Authorisation (JPA), the pilot must have recent experience at a training organisation. This reduces the risk of a pilot who historically held a JPA and who has not maintained currency at a training organisation from revalidating their JPA (allowing them to then act as a pilot at a training organisation with little/no currency).

PROPOSAL:

Regulatory Schedule 56: Jump Pilot Authorisation and Examiner

5. JPA Revalidation Requirements

5.2 Currency Requirements

In addition to the general requirements, the jump pilot must also be able to meet one of the following requirements:

- (a) has completed a minimum of 10 hours conducting parachute operations **at a training organization** within the previous 12 months and is considered by the CI, Senior Pilot or a Jump Pilot Examiner to be current and competent to continue to hold the Authorization;*
or
 - (b) be required to pass the JPA written assessment with a CI, Senior Pilot or a Jump Pilot Examiner; or*
 - (c) be required to undergo re-training and assessment with a Jump Pilot Examiner.*
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