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# **Australian Parachute Team Manual**



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## **PART 1 - AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE TEAM (APT)**

### **1.1 Authorisation**

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- 1.1.1** Only members authorised by APF may represent Australia in international parachuting competition.
- 1.1.2** APF may form an Australian Parachute Team (APT) composed of APF members to represent APF at international parachuting competitions.
- 1.1.3** APF may authorise people who are not part of the APT to attend international parachuting competition.

### **1.2 Eligibility for the Australian Parachute Team**

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- 1.2.1** The APT will usually be composed of one team for each event or 3 individuals for each event subject to competitors meeting eligibility requirements. The teams and individuals will be selected based on merit considering their relative performance at previous National Championships.
- 1.2.2** To compete as part of the Australian Parachute Team in an FAI sanctioned competition, the member must meet the eligibility requirements of the FAI Sporting Code.
- 1.2.3** To be selected for and remain a member of the APT a person must:
  - (a) Be a full member of APF in good standing; and
  - (b) Be at least 18 years of age; and
  - (c) Have achieved a result in the most recent National Championships equal to or better than the requirements for Level One Performance Based Funding.
- 1.2.4** The composition of a team selected for the APT may be changed after selection with APF approval provided at least 60% of the original team members remain. For individual events, no substitution is permitted.

### **1.3 Conditions of Australian Parachute Team Membership**

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- 1.3.1** Inclusion as a member of an Australian Parachute Team is under the terms and conditions set by APF.
- 1.3.2** Eligible members may be invited to join the APT and shall receive a copy of the terms and conditions referred to above which must be accepted by the member prior to accepting a position on the APT.
- 1.3.3** Teams and Individuals eligible for World Championships shall notify APF of their acceptance within 14 days of receiving a letter of invitation and before any APF money is expended on them.
- 1.3.4** Team members are responsible for all costs associated with attendance at any competition, APF may reimburse some or all of the costs to the member in accordance with APF policy.
- 1.3.5** All team members' financial commitments must be paid in advance and team members shall not leave Australia as a member of the Australian Parachute Team if all financial commitments to the APF have not been met.

### **1.4 Delegation Officials**

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- 1.4.1** APF may appoint officials to accompany the team to each international competition including a Head of Delegation (HoD) and a Team Manager. Other officials may be appointed at the discretion of APF.
- 1.4.2** The Head of Delegation is the titular head of the group and should be an appropriate person who is familiar with World Championships organisational procedures and has leadership qualities.
- 1.4.3** The Team Manager should be a person who is familiar with World Championships organisational procedures and has displayed leadership qualities.
- 1.4.4** Should APF appoint an Interpreter, it should be a person capable of interpreting all documents, speeches, briefings etc. from the language of the country in which the competition is being held into English.
- 1.4.5** As soon as the team is selected, a Team Captain for each event will be elected by each team from amongst its members.
- 1.4.6** APF may appoint a person to one or more of the above positions. Except where explicitly prohibited by the relevant competition rules APF may appoint a competitor to these positions.

## **1.5 Duties and Responsibilities**

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- 1.5.1** The team and officials must at all times behave in accordance with the APF Code of Conduct and in a manner which upholds and enhances the image of APF and the sport of skydiving.
- 1.5.2** Competitors must obey the FAI rules, the competition rules, the rules of the airfield and dropzone, the Competitors' Code of Conduct and other relevant guidelines during both on-field and off-field activities.
- 1.5.3** The Head of Delegation shall administer the affairs of the team and delegation according to the directives of APF, attend meetings and functions as directed by APF, and act as a member of the International Jury where applicable.
- 1.5.4** The Team Manager shall attend all meetings of the Committee of Team Managers, ensure the team is ready in good time for events and keep the team members informed on the latest developments and rule interpretations throughout the competition.
- 1.5.5** Team Captains shall assist the Team Manager in maintaining discipline, ensuring competitors are ready to board the aircraft on time and act on behalf of the Team Manager when delegated to do so.
- 1.5.6** Where required, the Interpreter shall be available to assist the Team Manager and other officials and shall generally assist team members with language problems.

## **1.6 Reports**

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- 1.6.1** The Head of Delegation in consultation with the Team Manager must submit a report to APF following the completion of the competition, informing APF of the progress and achievement of the team, with emphasis on those items which could lead to improvements in future organisation.

## **1.7 Organisation Prior to the Team's Departure**

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- 1.7.1** The Head of Delegation and the Team Manager are responsible for managing the affairs of the team in accordance with APF direction.

- 1.7.2** After consultation with the Team Manager and Head of Delegation, APF may schedule an official training camp prior to the competition.
- 1.7.3** The Team Manager is responsible for the collection of video and photographs of the team in training and team details for media purposes. The Team Manager and Head of Delegation are responsible for ensuring the APF is provided with a copy of all relevant media and informed of any matters of importance.
- 1.7.4** The Team Manager may be provided with an allowance for miscellaneous expenses incurred while travelling or at the Championships. The Team manager is to account for the allowance and return any unspent funds to the APF.

## **PART 2 - PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING**

### **2.1 General**

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- 2.1.1** APF may support APT members by providing funding to offset the cost of competing at a WPC, this funding is provided in three levels based on the competitor's skill level and demonstrated performance. Where practical, a competitor's performance at the most recent APF National Championships will be the primary factor in determining the appropriate level of funding.
- 2.1.2 Level One** funding may be awarded to APT members whose performance is in line with that of an average competitor at a WPC. Level One funding is intended to offset the following costs associated with attending a WPC:
  - (a) Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation costs); and
  - (b) APT uniform; and
  - (c) Relevant travel insurance.
- 2.1.3 Level Two** funding may be awarded to APT members whose performance is in line with that of an average competitor in the top half of the rankings at a WPC. Level Two funding is intended to offset the following costs associated with attending a WPC:
  - (a) Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation costs); and
  - (b) APT uniform; and
  - (c) Relevant travel insurance; and
  - (d) Reasonable accommodation costs.
- 2.1.4 Level Three** funding may be awarded to APT members whose performance is in line with that of an average medallist at a WPC. Level Three funding is intended to offset the following costs associated with attending a WPC:
  - (a) Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation costs); and
  - (b) APT uniform; and
  - (c) Relevant travel insurance; and
  - (d) Reasonable accommodation costs; and
  - (e) Reasonable travel costs.

### **2.2 Performance Indicators**

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- 2.2.1** The following performance indicators are a guideline for determining eligibility criteria for each level of funding and have been constructed using data from the past 3 WPCs.

**2.2.2 Formation Skydiving (FS)**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 14.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 17.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 21.0

**2.2.3 Four-way VFS Open**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 11.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 12.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 14.0

**2.2.4 Eight-way FS Open**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 12.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 14.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 16.0

**2.2.5 Artistics, Canopy Piloting, Wingsuiting**

Demonstrate a level of performance that would in the reasonable view of APF likely result in the competitor placing at the following levels in the WPC:

- (a) Level one: Within the top 50%
- (b) Level two: Within the top 25%
- (c) Level three: Within the top three

**2.2.6 Speed Skydiving**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 440
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 475
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 504

**2.2.7 Accuracy Landing**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of less than 4.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of less than 2.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of less than 1.0

**2.2.8 Canopy Formation (CF) 4-way Sequential**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 6.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 7.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 8.0

**2.2.9 Canopy Formation (CF) 4-way Rotations**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 11.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 12.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 14.0

**2.2.10 Canopy Formation (CF) 2-way CF Sequential**

- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 12.0
- (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 16.0
- (c) Level three: Produce an average score of at least 20.0

### **2.2.11 Mentoring Incentive**

As an incentive for competitors to share their knowledge with other APF members and assist in the future development of the sport, APF may consider supporting the team or individual at one level higher than was provided at the previous WPC where:

- (a) the team or individual qualifies to represent Australia at the 2nd+ WPC; and
- (b) the competitor(s) have substantially contributed to the development of their relevant discipline within Australia; and
- (c) doing so is in the interests of APF and members as a whole.

*Note: Merely improving one's own performance will not be considered contribution towards the development of the discipline, instead competitors should provide evidence of coaching, mentoring, publication of relevant information in APF publications, etc.*