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## **APF TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE - No. APF TD03/2020**

**Verification of Compatibility of CRW Equipment by CRW Coach  
Issued 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **SUBJECT:**

The APF requires the verification of compatibility of main parachutes with the rest of the parachute system. This verification must be done by a suitably qualified person, currently a Rigger or Packer A.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The premise behind OR 7.1.1 (b) is that someone with a higher level of knowledge of equipment should verify the compatibility. CRW equipment is unique and some Packer A's, Riggers, CI's or DZSO's may not be adequately familiar with it. Training on how to safely assemble, pack and use CRW equipment is usually done by CRW coaches, whom most likely know more about this equipment than anyone else. Therefore, it is appropriate if verification of compatibility of CRW mains can also be done by a CRW coach.

### **NEW PROPOSAL:**

Include the ability for a CRW Coach to verify CRW equipment compatibility.



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## PROPOSED CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO: OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS

### PART 7 – EQUIPMENT

#### 7.1 General

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##### 7.1.1 Harness and Parachutes

- (b) The main parachute must be verified as compatible with the rest of the parachute system by a Packer A or Rigger (notwithstanding OR 9.3.4).

### PART 9 – REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DESCENTS

#### 9.3 Canopy Relative Work (CRW) Descents

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##### 9.3.4 CRW Equipment

Main parachutes designed for CRW can be verified as compatible with the rest of the parachute system by a CRW coach, if:

- (a) it is used for a CRW descent only;
  - (b) it is used by a member holding at least a certificate Class B; and
  - (c) verification is documented.
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#### **ACTION:**

Members are encouraged to become compliant with OR 7.1.1 (b) and accordingly APF TD 03/2020 (OR 9.3.4) as soon as practically possible. The APF highly recommend Members to take action immediately to avoid late or “last minute” compliance.

This Technical Directive is effective in line with Technical Directive APF TD01-2020, which allows the phasing in of compatibility verification.

This Technical Directive will remain in effect until the proposed changes are included in a future release of APF regulations.



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Immediate

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