

**The British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association**  
**National Open Paragliding Accuracy Championships 2010**

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**GENERAL**

**1.1 Objectives**

The first objective of the competition is to determine the National Team Champions and National Champion of the UK Paragliding Accuracy Competition by means of a competition open to both teams and individuals of the BHPA. The second objective of the competition is to determine the International Team Champions and International Champion of the UK Paragliding Accuracy Competition by means of a competition open to both teams and individuals that hold a current FAI paragliding licence.

**1.2 Eligibility**

The National competition is open to all current members of the BHPA holding a minimum of Club Pilot (H) rating. The International competition is open to holders of a current FAI paragliding licence, a minimum of 8 competitors are required to validate the Category 2 competition.

The maximum number of pilots will be 60.

**1.3 Categories**

The competition will comprise the following categories:-

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| a) Club Team                | f) Best Club Pilot          |
| b) Individual               | g) Best Veteran             |
| c) International Team       | h) Most Improved Individual |
| d) International Individual | i) Best Newcomer            |
| e) Best Female              |                             |

**1.4 Eligibility for Categories**

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| a) Club Team                | Entrants for the team trophy must be BHPA members and have been members of that BHPA registered club for at least the last 6 months.  |
| b) Individual               | BHPA members.   |
| c) International Team       | Entrants hold a current FAI paragliding licence.  |
| d) International Individual | Entrants hold a current FAI paragliding licence.  |
| e) Best Female              | BHPA female members.  |
| f) Best Club Pilot          | BHPA members who are CP rated.  |
| g) Best Veteran             | BHPA member aged 50 or over, on the start date of the competition.  |
| h) Most Improved Individual | BHPA member who has improved the most places compared to their best placing in any of the preceding 3 valid championships. Pilots who have not attended any of the preceding three valid championships are not eligible for this award. In the event of a draw the pilot with |

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- the highest finish in the current year's championships will be the winner.
- i) Best Newcomer                      BHPA member who has not previously competed in this event.

There must be a minimum of 3 entries in categories a) to g) for trophies to be awarded in that category.

**1.5 Determination of Winners**

The winner(s) of each category will be the individual or team with the lowest aggregate score, where appropriate. In the event of a tie for an individual (except in Category h) or team where a jump-off is not possible the winning individual or team shall be determined by the placings in the previous round. If the previous round still gives a tie then the process will keep going back a round until a winner is determined.

**TEAM COMPOSITION AND SUBSTITUTES**

**2.1 Team Composition**

Each team shall consist of 3 competitors and may include one substitute. Competitors may not compete for more than 1 team in this event.

**2.2 Substitutes**

An individual may be nominated as the substitute for more than one team from the same club. A substitute may take the place of one member of one team only. Substitutes will only be permitted in the case of injury or dire circumstance and by permission of the Chief Judge.

**2.3 Team Captains**

A Team Captain shall be nominated by each team to act as sole spokesperson for that team. The Team Captain need not be a competitor. An individual can act as Team Captain for one team only.

**CONDUCT OF COMPETITION**

**3.1 Rules and Procedures**

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with Section 7C of the FAI Sporting Code, these rules and BHPA published procedures. All persons are expected to comply with these rules, directions given by competition officials and the tenets of good behaviour.

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**3.2 Officials**

All personnel in a position of authority and involved in the direct running and operation of the competition shall be current members of the BHPA. viz. The Meet Director, the Chief and Event judges and Launch Marshall.

**3.3 Entry Forms and Fees**

Entry forms, showing names of competitors together with the appropriate fees, Certified Glider Affidavit and Release of Liability, Waiver Of Legal Rights forms must be received by the Event organisers by 0800 of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**3.4 Registration**

Competitors and substitutes must personally register on arrival on site with the registrar by the nominated date and time. They shall produce, at that time their current BHPA Individual Membership card, overseas competitors shall produce their current National Association membership card and evidence of 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance. A signed copy of evidence of the certification or registration of the paraglider to be flown in the competition (Certified Glider Affidavit) and a signed copy of Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights form.

**3.5 Briefings**

All competitors, substitutes, non-flying team captains and competition officials shall attend briefings as required by the Meet Director/Chief Judge.

**3.6 Flying Sequence**

At the discretion of the Meet Director -

**A** - Teams will be drawn at random to determine the flying order. Team members will be allocated a number 1, 2 or 3 in accordance with the information stated on the entry form. All the number 1`s will make their first flight, followed by all the number 2`s and then the number 3`s.

The names of competitors entered as individuals will be drawn at random. Competitors must fly in the published flying order unless they have prior permission from the Launch Marshal. Competitors not ready to fly in the established flying order when called forward by the Launch Marshal will be liable to a 10m penalty in lieu of their score for that round.

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**B** - A time limited window will be announced for that round whereby competitors may at any time within the specified time limit complete their competition flight. Competitors must notify the Launch Marshal of their competition number just prior to launching. Competitors may launch at any time within the specified time limits. Times of first take off, and landing within the target area will be recorded by competition officials for each competitor for each round. Unless a reflight has been awarded only 1 (one) approach to the target area in each round will be permitted. Any competitor who lands within the target area more than once in a round may be liable to a 10m penalty in lieu of their score for that round. Competitors who have not completed a competition flight for that round within the specified time limits will be liable to a 10m penalty in lieu of their score for that round.

In the event that the **B** launch sequence is used, relaunch requests will only be considered for events which occur once a pilot has flown towards the target and is within the confines of the target area.

**3.7 Launching**

Competitors will launch only with the permission of the Launch Marshal.

**3.8 Preflight Checks**

Pilots will be responsible for carrying out their own preflight checks.

**3.9 Grievance Procedures**

A competitor may submit a grievance to the Chief Judge for consideration by the Appeals Panel. The grievance must be in writing, stating the grievance, the rule(s) applicable and the remedy sought. A deposit of £25.00 must accompany the submission. The deposit is only refundable if the grievance is upheld. In the case of the grievance being denied the monies shall be enter into the BHPA Accuracy Panel fund.

**3.10 Appeals Panel**

An Appeals Panel shall exist to resolve disputes over any grievance submitted. The panel shall consist of an Appeals Panel Chairman appointed by the Meet Director and 2 representatives nominated by the competitors. The Chair of the appeals panel shall be someone who has a good knowledge of the rules and none of the panel should have been directly involved in the original dispute.

**3.11 Disqualification**

Any infringement of Section 7C of the FAI Sporting Code, these rules or other BHPA published procedures may result in disqualification.

Where any competitor or person attending the competition, exhibits behaviour which brings the sport into disrepute they may be immediately expelled from the site and future competition.

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**3.12 Unsporting Behaviour**

Cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, wilful interference with other competitors, falsification of documents, use of forbidden equipment, abusive behaviour towards competition officials or repeated serious infringements of rules should, as a guide result in a maximum penalty score being awarded.

**3.13 Measuring Field**

The size of the measuring field will be 10m.

**3.14 Target Area**

The target area will be indicated to competitors at the competition site briefing.

**3.15 Number of Rounds**

There shall be as many full rounds completed within the time available and as the conditions will permit as determined by the competition officials. A minimum of two rounds must be completed to constitute a competition with 12 rounds being the maximum.

**3.16 Team Scores**

The score of a team shall be the aggregate of all scores (3) in each completed round including any scores achieved by a substitute from the point of substitution.

**3.17 Substitutes Scores**

The scores achieved by a substitute count, as if scored by the original team member, towards the team aggregate score from the point of substitution.

If the substitute is already in the competition as an individual and takes the place of a team member, then all of the substitutes scores shall count towards their aggregate individual score. If the substitute is brought in after they have flown as an individual in that round, then they shall make one more flight, in lieu of the pilot substituted, and that score will count towards the team score for that round, but not towards their aggregate score.

**3.18 Wind**

Momentary changes of wind direction which result in the wind direction indicator(s) or wind speed measuring sensor not being on the upwind side will not automatically be grounds for a relaunch, but will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge.

**3.19 Adverse Weather Conditions**

Operations will only proceed / continue if considered safe by the Meet Director / Chief Judge.

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**3.20 Dangerous Flying**

Competitors considered to be flying in a manner prejudicial to either their own or the safety of others, may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the Chief Judge and/or Meet Director.