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ACCELERATED FREEFALL (AFF) INFORMATION SHEET

At Skydive Aurora, we will teach you to skydive in a friendly and professional environment. Our instructors are all fully qualified and dedicated to teaching you the skills you will need to enjoy the unique experience of skydiving.

AFF is the quickest and most accessible way to fully take part in the sport of skydiving. You could join around 6,000 qualified sport skydivers in the UK by becoming licensed to experience freefall by yourself!

WHAT IS 'AFF'?

'AFF' stand for Accelerated Freefall (the term 'Accelerated' refers to the rapid rate of learning rather than the speed at which you fall to earth). You can do an AFF skydive as a one-off or as the first step of a course that will allow you to obtain the internationally recognised British Parachute Association (BPA) 'A' license, indicating that you are competent enough to jump with little or no supervision.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

The complete course consists of a series of lectures and briefings followed by eight training jumps, or 'levels', carried out from around 12,000ft. Each jump has a defined objective that is achieved before progressing to the next level. You are then required to complete ten solo 'consolidation' jumps in order to earn your BPA 'A' license. The course breaks down as follows:

Ground training:

Six hours of schooling with no more than two other students in a class. Includes a series of lectures, briefings and practical exercises preparing you for your first skydive.

Levels 1 – 3:

Each skydive is with two instructors. The objectives progress from heading and altitude awareness to turning, heading maintenance and parachute deployment.

Levels 4 – 7:

Each skydive is with one instructor. The objectives progress from starting and stopping turns to controlled solo exits and forward movement.

Level 8:

A solo skydive with the objectives of achieving a solo exit and a stable solo parachute deployment.

The course is flexible enough to be modified to meet the individual needs of each student. Progression is based on the ability to perform in freefall as well as under the parachute. Usually levels 1 – 7 are recorded on tape by your instructor for training purposes; these can be cut on to a DVD at the end of the course.

IS IT SAFE?

The sport is naturally extremely safety-conscious and all parachute systems come with a back up reserve canopy in the event of a main parachute fault, together with a computer operated device that will automatically deploy the reserve canopy even if the correct emergency drills are not performed. All parachute jumps with Skydive Aurora are conducted in accordance with safety limitations imposed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the BPA.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS?

The maximum weight restriction is 15stone 7lbs, the minimum age is 16 years (parental consent required for under 18's), and a medical form signed and stamped by your doctor is required if you are 40 years of age or over. If you are 50 years of age or over, please contact us prior to making your booking.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

There are several options available to our AFF students:

AFF Level 1 Skydive:

Cost: £350

Includes: Ground school, all equipment hire, temporary membership to the BPA, AFF level 1 skydive.

Discounts: £325 per person – 2 people
£300 per person – 3+ people

£399 per person – AFF Level 1 & DVD Package

Full Courses:

Silver Package:

Cost: £1350, payable in full or jump-by-jump

Includes: Ground school, all equipment hire, temporary membership to the BPA, AFF levels 1 – 8.

Consolidation jumps are charged at £35 per jump.

Gold Package:

Cost: £1650, payable in full or jump-by-jump

Includes: Ground school, all equipment hire, temporary membership to the BPA, AFF levels 1 – 8, ten consolidation jumps.

Platinum Package:

Cost: £1950, payable in full or jump-by-jump

Includes: Ground school, all equipment hire, temporary membership to the BPA, AFF levels 1 – 8, ten consolidation jumps, starter equipment pack once you gain your BPA 'A' license.

The starter equipment pack consists of goggles, gloves, altimeter, hook-knife, custom-made jumpsuit and £30 voucher towards a skydiving helmet.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to call us and speak to our experienced and friendly staff.

HOW DO I BOOK?

To book your place on an AFF course with Skydive Aurora, contact us by telephone or complete a booking form and return it to us. We will then confirm your course dates.

We look forward to helping you realise your skydiving ambitions!