

## **ACCELERATED FREE FALL BASIC INSTRUCTOR (AFFBI) AND ACCELERATED FREE FALL INSTRUCTOR (AFFI) TRAINING SYLLABUS**

### **1. ACCELERATED FREE FALL BASIC INSTRUCTOR (AFFBI)**

Qualifications to attend an AFFBI Course are set out in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 3 (Accelerated Free Fall Basic Instructor). Before attending, candidates must complete the AFFBI Proficiency Card (Form 254c) and bring the fully completed card to the Course.

- a. During the AFFBI Course, candidates will receive lessons or lectures, where possible, on the following subjects:
  - i Role and responsibilities of a Skydiving Instructor.
  - ii Qualities required of a Skydiving Instructor.
  - iii Methods of instruction.
  - iv The training progression system.
  - v Equipment recognition, maintenance and basic rigging.
  - vi Drop zone management.
  - vii Flying for skydiving.
  - viii Incident procedures.
  - ix Flight line checking.
  - x Dispatching techniques.
  - xi Radio procedures and student talkdown.
  - xii Safeguarding.
- b. Candidates' personal skydiving skills may also be assessed.
- c. Practical training and teaching assessments will take place and may include:
  - i Specimen lessons and briefs.
  - ii Teaching practices covering lessons, lectures and pre-jump periods from the AFF Instructor Manual.
  - iii An additional Student Canopy Training (STU-CT) brief.
  - iv Briefing, dispatching and supervising AFF students on consolidation jumps following successful completion of Level 8 (See Form 286 for suggested guidelines).
  - v Flight-line checking.
  - vi Briefing and debriefing AFF students.
  - vii Briefing pilots.
  - viii Aircraft drills and student dispatch procedures, weather permitting.
  - ix Use of training aids.
- d. Discussion periods will take place and an open forum may be conducted.
- e. A written examination will take place during the Course. It will cover relevant Course content and the requirements of the Operations Manual.
- f. After successful completion of the Course, the candidate will enter a probationary period of at least six months and will work under the direct supervision of an Accelerated Free Fall Instructor (AFFI) until attending

an AFF Instructor Course. During this period, the candidate will be involved in the training of AFF Student Skydivers.

*An AFFBI may dispatch and supervise AFF students on consolidation jumps after a brief by at least an AFFI, with the brief recorded in the candidate's logbook. An AFFBI may follow out a consolidation student only after the student has successfully completed Level 8. An AFFBI must not make AFF instructional descents with AFF Student Skydivers.*

- g. During the probationary period, the candidate must complete and record the following on Form 254f (AFFI Proficiency card):
- i Ground school lessons taught, including the number of students.
  - ii Student refresher training briefs or lessons.
  - iii Progression briefs for Levels 2-8, with at least one of each.
  - iv AFF consolidation students dispatched and coached.
  - v Student talkdowns.
  - vi A recommendation from a current, experienced AFF Instructor nominated by the candidate's CI. The nominated Instructor must assess the candidate's brief, simulated AFF skydive and debrief on at least four jumps simulating AFF Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7, and must be satisfied that the candidate would pass those levels during an AFF Instructor examination Course.
  - vii A recommendation from the candidate's CI confirming that the candidate's classroom ability is satisfactory and that they are fully familiar with the procedures and syllabus for teaching an AFF ground school.

*Note: Requirement g also applies to CSBIs and CSIs preparing to attend an AFFI Course.*

## **2. ACCELERATED FREE FALL INSTRUCTOR (AFFI)**

Qualifications to attend an AFFI Course are set out in the British Skydiving Operations Manual, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 6 (Accelerated Free Fall Instructor). Before attending, candidates must complete the AFFI Proficiency Card (Form 254f) and bring the fully completed card to the Course.

At the date of this issue, candidates must also:

- i Be a Category System Instructor (CSI), or be a Category System Basic Instructor (CSBI) or Accelerated Free Fall Basic Instructor (AFFBI) who has held that rating for at least six months.
  - ii Hold a British Skydiving D Licence and have at least 10 hours of free fall time.
  - iii Hold a British Skydiving Canopy Handling (CH) Coach qualification.
  - iv Hold a written recommendation from the candidate's CI.
  - v Have completed all requirements on Form 254f.
  - vi Have completed at least 60 descents during the two years before the Course.
- a. During the Course, the following areas will be assessed where possible:
- i Ground training.
  - ii Learning objectives for the various AFF Levels.
  - iii Procedures.
  - iv Ground school.
  - v Briefing and debriefing.
  - vi Aircraft procedures, exits and emergencies.
  - vii Equipment and checks.
  - viii In-air emergencies.
  - ix Malfunctions and emergency drills.
  - x Responsibilities of the Primary Instructor.
  - xi Responsibilities of the Secondary Instructor.
  - xii AFF Levels.
  - xiii Consolidation jumps.
  - xiv Training aids.
  - xv Training records.
  - xvi Jumpsuits and weights.
  - xvii Lesson plans.

- b. The Course is divided into three assessment phases:
  - i Administration and documentation checks, followed by a closed-book written examination.
  - ii Ground school assessments.
  - iii In-air evaluation.
- c. The written examination will cover the Operations Manual and aspects of AFF instruction. Candidates must achieve a pass mark of at least 70% before progressing to the remaining assessments.
- d. Before any jumping takes place, candidates must complete the following assessments in order, each with a pass mark of at least 70%:
  - i A basic AFF syllabus classroom lesson.
  - ii An AFF progression brief.
  - iii An additional Canopy Training (CT) brief.
  - iv A 20-minute call brief.
  - v A Level 1 retrain and, or a further AFF syllabus classroom lesson.
- e. Once a candidate has demonstrated sufficient teaching ability, they may progress to the in-air evaluation. This consists of at least one practice jump followed by five scoring descents. Each scoring jump is worth 0-4 points and may cover any AFF Level.

*The Examiner will provide feedback after the practice jump. No feedback will be given on the five scoring jumps until the assessment phase has been completed.*
- g. To pass the in-air evaluation, the candidate must score at least 12 points across the five scoring jumps. Scores will not be totalled until all other Course assessments have been completed.
- h. After successful completion of the Course, two Instructor Examiners will sign the candidate's qualification. The candidate will then be awarded Accelerated Free Fall Instructor (AFFI) status and will be qualified to instruct and coach AFF Student Skydivers.

*Candidates should review the current AFF Instructor Manual, Operations Manual, Canopy Training Manual and relevant PTO lesson plans before attending. These documents are available through British Skydiving or the candidate's PTO.*

Candidates are advised to obtain as much relevant AFF information and practical experience as possible before attending the Course.