

UK SKYDIVING LEAGUE 2026

RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR

4-WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING &

2-WAY VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING

The 4-Way F.S. competitions shall comprise four categories: AAA, AA, A, Rookie.

The V.F.S 2-Way competitions shall comprise one category.

All 4-way F.S. competitors must be at least Grade 1 in FS (FS1) and have Chief Instructor logbook endorsement for formations larger than 3-ways.

All 2-Way V.F.S competitors must be at least Grade 2 in FF, except for those assigned as camera flyers in accordance with paragraph 4.5(e).

Each UKSL competition will be up to six rounds. FS Nationals may have a higher number of rounds.

1. GENERAL

- a. The Competition will be conducted where practicable in accordance with UKSL, British Skydiving National and World Championship rules, except where specific changes have been made for judging and scoring purposes to determine the placing and winners of the Competition. Should any conflict or omission between UKSL, British Skydiving National Championship and World Championship rules arise or exist, these UKSL rules shall take precedence over British Skydiving National Championship rules which shall take precedence over World Championship rules (in that order).
- b. The British Skydiving Anti-Doping Policy and Rules (See Form 220) apply to all competitors at Grand Prix / UKSL Competitions. By entering a Grand Prix Competition, all competitors agree to take a random drugs test if required – failure to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification.
- c. All participants will accept these rules as binding on entering the competitions.
- d. At the pre-competition briefings any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Management and must be adhered to. **At least 1** representative of each team is expected to be present for the competition briefing to avoid competition schedule inefficiencies.
- e. Subject to Parachute Training Organisations' ability to host, each discipline shall be contested at four different events throughout the season (3 x UKSL meets plus British National Championships). The scores attained by F.S. Teams throughout the season shall be used to establish the total scores and positions in the Overall F.S. UKSL League Table (see Section 8). NOTE: UKSL League points are not at present awarded or accrued for the 2-way V.F.S. discipline.
- f. Medals will be awarded for the top 3 placing teams in each discipline in each category at each UKSL competition, and (typically at the A.G.M.) the top 3 placing F.S. teams in each category in the UKSL League.
- g. British Skydiving will provide funding towards the provision of Officials and necessary equipment for judging. The Drop Zone host will charge for jumps at as near normal price as possible. An Entry fee for each competition may be charged by the host Club up to a maximum of £5 per competitor.
- h. Each competition will have a start and end time dictated by the Parachute Training Organisation (PTO) Operator and Officials at the end of the registration period.
- i. There will be a minimum of one round per category to conclude and determine each category's result. In the event that the minimum number of rounds cannot be completed for each category, the competition will be continued for those incomplete categories at the PTO Operator's convenience. Teams not registered at the original competition (or those deemed to have completed the original competition) can enter but will not be eligible for (any additional) league points.
- j. Should 1(i) materialise – to avoid Teams gaining an unfair advantage – any incomplete rounds will be re-drawn for the new competition.
- k. Wind Tunnels: Competitors are not permitted to use wind tunnels (free fall simulators) after the draw has been made for any competition at which they are intended to be, or become, a competitor (FAI rule 4.3 – page 6). Competitors may recommence wind tunnel use once the competition has concluded.

If a competitor competes at a competition having used a wind tunnel after the draw for the competition in question (and before conclusion of that competition), all team performances contributed to by that person shall receive a score of zero.

I. NOT USED

m. Team Composition – the overarching philosophy applied to UKSL FS competitions is to support the creation of FS teams, to enhance UK formation skydiving competence, and to encourage participation in UK formation skydiving events. As such, the following rules shall be read with this principle in mind to ensure correct interpretation:

- i. Each team competing in “Rookie”, “A” and “AA” categories shall comprise (up to) 7 different people defined as follows:
 - a. 4 x formation flyers
 - b. 2 x alternative flyers
 - c. 1 x camera flyer
- ii. Each team competing in “AAA” category shall comprise (up to) 6 different people defined as follows:
 - a. 4 x formation flyers
 - b. 1 x alternative flyer *
 - c. 1 x camera flyer

* Although only 1 x alternative flyer may be used in the AAA category during each competition, for the purpose of accruing UKSL league points, AAA teams may use a total of 2 x alternative flyers throughout the season. Put differently: paragraph 1(m)(vii) applies to all categories such that a AAA team may use 7 differently named people throughout the season to accrue UKSL League points without penalty despite only being permitted 1 x alternative flyer for any single competition.

- iii. At the point of registration for any competition, all Team members intending to compete at that meet shall be listed on the appropriate registration form for that competition, and one of the members shall be nominated as the Team Captain.
- iv. For a team to enter a UKSL meet it must specify on the appropriate entry form a minimum of 4 x formation flyers and 1 x camera flyer.
- v. Teams wishing to utilise a pool camera flyer must make their own arrangements with the hosting DZ, and detail this on the appropriate entry form. Pool camera flyers shall not be included in the limitations specified in paragraph 1(m)(vii).
- vi. Any member of a team can take on any role (formation flyer, alternative flyer, camera flyer) throughout the competition at any time, and may switch roles throughout the season without limitation.
- vii. Teams are not required to declare every intended member for the season prior to (or at) the first UKSL meet of a season. New members may be added for (or at**) subsequent UKSL or Nationals meets; however, a team will only be awarded UKSL league points for those meets at which the limitations specified in paragraph 1(m)(vii) are not exceeded.

That is: the first 7 x named flyers declared (or used) – excluding pool camera – for any UKSL and / or National competition under any particular team name will be deemed as that named team’s lineup, and only performances by those named individuals shall contribute to that named team’s scoring of UKSL league points. If a team’s lineup for any particular competition implies an exceedance of the 7 x differently named flyers limitation, whilst that team will not score UKSL League points for that particular meet, this shall not prevent that team from accruing UKSL League points at subsequent competitions (so long as only the original 7 x differently named flyers comprise the team at subsequent meets). ** See para 1(m)(viii) for context and elaboration.

Some limited examples to illustrate the application of the above are shown in Appendix D to this document.

- viii. For the avoidance of doubt; every team member declared on an event entry form counts towards the quantum and limitation in paragraphs 1(m)(i), 1(m)(ii) and 1(m)(vii) at the point they are declared whether they are used or not. Only those members listed on an entry form may take part in the competition unless specific dispensation is sought and granted by the Meet Director and / or Chief Judge during the competition (e.g. to cover injuries etc). If a member not declared on the entry form takes part in a competition meet, that person will be considered as though they were declared as an alternative flyer (under paragraph 1(m)(i) or 1(m)(ii)) for the purposes of enforcing the limitations described under paragraph 1(m)(vii).
- ix. For the avoidance of doubt; a competitor may compete with differently named teams at different meets in the same category throughout the season without any additional penalty to either the original team or the differently named team(s), so long as all other rules are adhered to herein.

- x. For the avoidance of doubt: a competitor may not compete with a differently named team in the same category at the same competition meet, but may compete with a differently named team in a different category at the same meet without any additional penalty to either the original team or differently named teams(s), so long as all other rules are adhered to herein.
- xi. Teams should enter the category appropriate to the team's ability. Teams are encouraged to remember the spirit of the competition and move on as ability / experience improves year on year, and with due regard to the team members' past achievements, currency and mix thereof.
- xii. UKSL league points will be awarded in accordance with these rules, the points structure for which is more specifically set out in Section 8 of this document.

2. DOCUMENTATION

All competitors on booking in will produce the following:

- a. A valid British Skydiving membership.
- b. Current Medical declaration or Doctor's certificate.
- c. Logbook.

3. EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment, which should consist of:

- a. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b. An equipment inspection record and a reserve packing card.
- c. A serviceable altimeter and suitable helmet, clothing and footwear.

N.B. All of paras 1, 2 and 3 (above) must comply with the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual.

4. THE EVENTS

4.1 4-WAY FS SEQUENTIAL – AAA Class

- a. Each round drawn shall comprise 5 or 6 of any Random and Block formation as defined in Appendix A and B to this document.
- b. Team composition: see para 1(m).
- c. The normal exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- d. The normal working time is 35 seconds.

4.2 4-WAY FS SEQUENTIAL – AA class

- a. Team composition: see para 1(m).
- b. The normal exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The normal working time is 35 seconds.
- d. Each round drawn shall comprise 4 or 5 of any Random and the following Block formations:

Blocks: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

as defined in Appendix A and B to this document.

4.3 4-WAY FS SEQUENTIAL – A class

- a. Team composition: see para 1(m).
- b. The normal exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The normal working time is 35 seconds.
- d. Each round drawn shall comprise 3 or 4 of any Random and the following Block formations:

Blocks: 2,4,6,7,8,9,19,21

as defined in Appendix A and B to this document.

4.4 4-WAY FS SEQUENTIAL - Rookie

- a. Team composition: see para 1(m).
- b. The normal exit altitude is 3,200 metres AGL (10,500 feet AGL).
- c. The normal working time is 35 seconds
- d. Each round drawn shall comprise 3 of any Random formations as defined in Appendix B to this document.

5 2-WAY VFS

- a. VFS 2 way – 6 rounds using:-
Addendum G: Vertical Formation Skydiving Intermediate 2-Way
- b. The normal exit altitude will be 3960 meters / 13000 feet AGL for all events.
- c. The normal working time is 35 seconds.
- d. Each round shall comprise 3 or 4 scoring formations, as defined in Appendix C.
- e. At the PTOs' Chief Instructors' discretion only, a camera flyer may hold Grade 1 in FF. The camera flyer must be able to maintain a consistent position away from the performers, both horizontally and vertically. For 2-way VFS, this can be in either the head up or head down orientation.

6. Videography

- a. For the purpose of these rules, "freefall camera equipment" shall consist of the complete video system(s) used to record the video evidence of the team's freefall performance, including the camera(s), recording media, cables, and battery(ies).
- b. All footage submitted for scoring must comply with the following criteria:
 - Resolution: High Definition 1080 pixels.
 - Framerate: minimum 50 FPS.
 - On a Memory card.

The videographer is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of the freefall camera equipment with the scoring system, paying particular attention if a 360-style camera is used (since not all 360 cameras are capable of complying with the above).

Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in a 20% score penalty (rounded down to the next whole number) for that round).

- c. As soon as possible after each jump is completed, the freefall videographer must deliver the freefall camera equipment (including the media used to record that jump) for dubbing at the designated dubbing station. The video evidence must remain available for viewing or download until all scores are posted as final.
- d. Only one video recording will be dubbed and judged. Secondary video recordings may only be used in NV situations.
- e. If the Video Review Panel determines that the freefall camera equipment has been deliberately tampered with, the team will receive no points for all competition rounds involved with this tampering.

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS, EXIT ALTITUDES, WORKING TIME & TIME BETWEEN ROUNDS

- a. Adverse weather conditions during a jump will not be considered as grounds for protest; however, a re-jump may be offered due to adverse weather conditions upon request and granted solely at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
- b. For meteorological reasons only - and with the consent of the Chief Judge - the Meet Director may change the exit altitude and/or working time to ensure continuation of the competition. If the exit altitude and / or working time is changed, the following conditions will apply:

The minimum exit altitude will be 2290 meters / 7500 feet AGL for the FS events.

The minimum exit altitude will be 2750 meters / 9000 feet AGL for the VFS events.

Working time will be either 20 or 35 seconds.

The reduced working time must be used if the exit altitude is lowered.

If a reduced working time is introduced part way through any particular category's round, the scores from that round will be rendered void and the next round will commence.

- c. For minimum time between competition rounds, please refer to FAI Sporting Code Section 5, para 5.2.5.

8. SCORING SYSTEM FOR UKSL LEAGUE POINTS

For judging purposes each completed formation executed correctly within the working time will score one point. The addition of the number of points scored in completed rounds only will determine the order of team placing for each event.

In the event of a tie at a single event, one jump off should take place, weather and time permitting, at the discretion of the Chief Judge. If a jump off is not possible or does not decide the winner, then the team with the highest score in any completed round will settle the tie. If this does not break the tie, the judges will refer to the FAI rules. Tie breaks will only be used to decide first, second and third placings.

Medals will be awarded for the first three teams in each category at each UKSL event. Medals for each UKSL event will be limited to those people who contributed to the performance of the team at that particular event in the roles: formation flyers, alternative flyers, camera flyers. For the avoidance of doubt; pool camera flyers shall not receive medals.

Once the placings have been established, UKSL League Points will be awarded to each F.S. Team in each category as follows: 1st place = 10 points | 2nd place = 8 points | 3rd place = 6 points | 4th place = 5 points | 5th place = 4 points | 6th place = 3 points | 7th place = 2 points | 8th place = 1 point.

The UKSL League points for each Team from each event (UKSL 1-3 plus British Nationals) through the season will be added together to determine the Overall F.S. UKSL League placings. In the event of a points tie between two or more teams (in a particular category) in the F.S. UKSL League at the end of the season, the team with the highest position average - calculated as the sum of the league points awarded divided by the number of competitions entered - will be awarded the end of year medal.

Should this methodology fail to separate all tied teams, an inspection of competition scores attained by each of the tied teams will be performed (in reverse chronological order) to identify the last common round between the teams in question. The team attaining the highest score in that common round shall be awarded the end of year medal.

Should this methodology fail to separate all tied teams, the methodology shall be repeated until a separation occurs between the team's point scores.

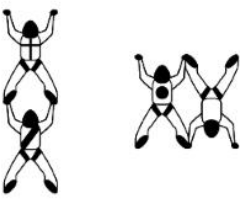
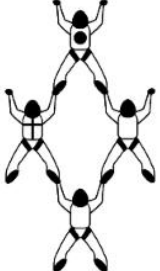
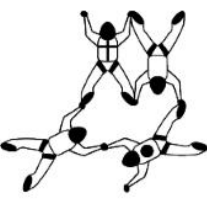
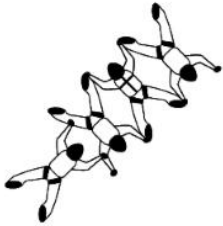
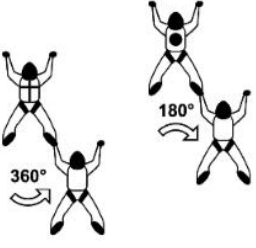
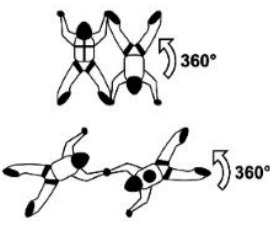
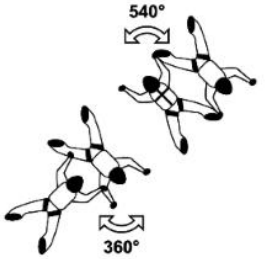
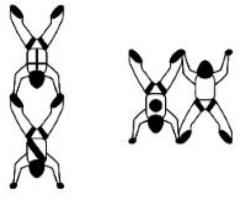
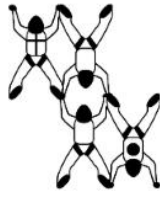
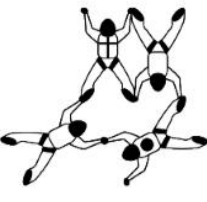
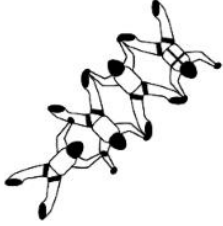
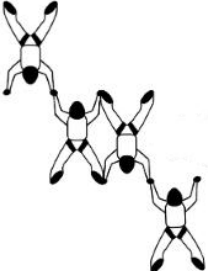
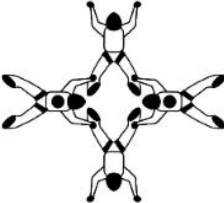
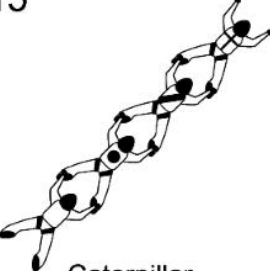
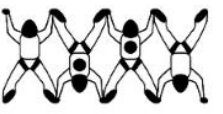
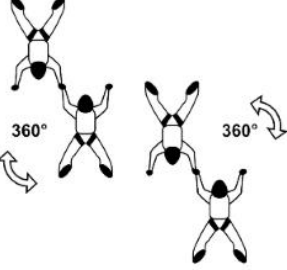
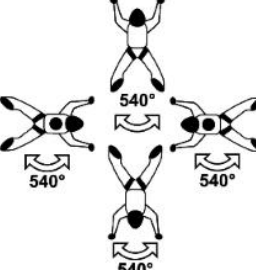
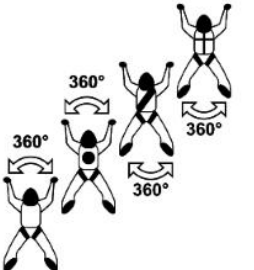
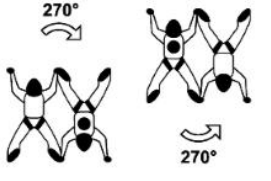
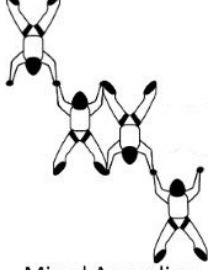
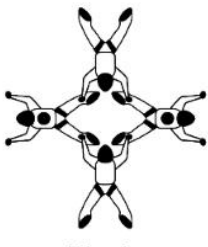
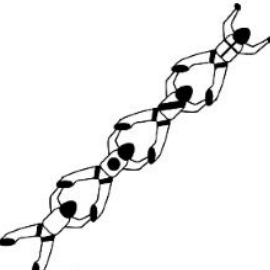
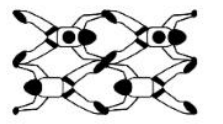
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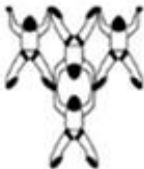
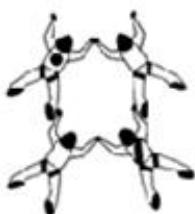
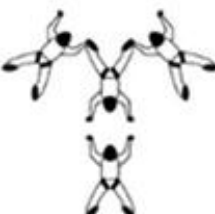
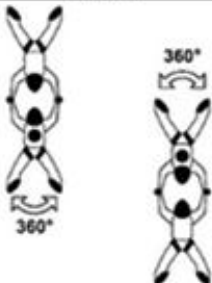
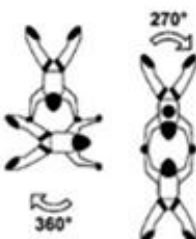
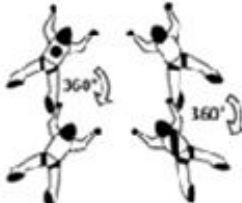
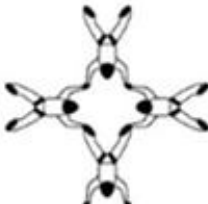
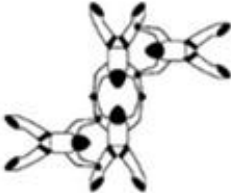
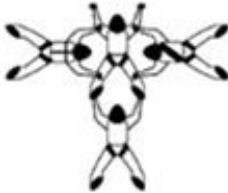
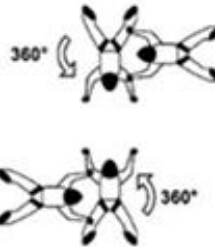
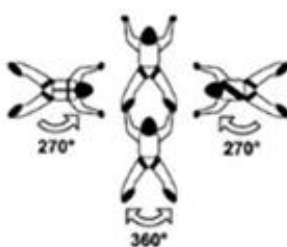
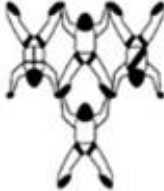
Should this methodology *still* fail to separate all tied teams, joint medals shall be awarded to the teams that cannot be separated.

Medals will be awarded (typically during the AGM) for the Teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Overall F.S. UKSL League. A maximum of 7 different team members may receive medals, as per the eligibility rules.

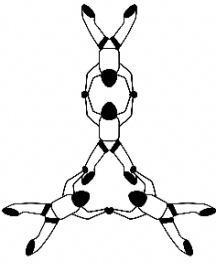
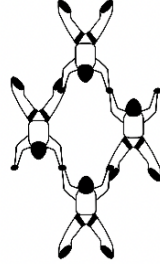
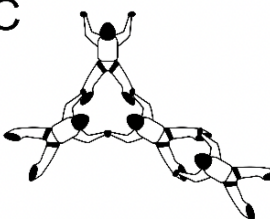
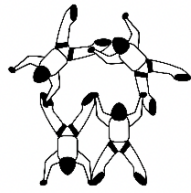
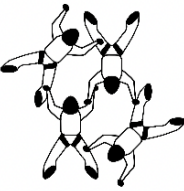
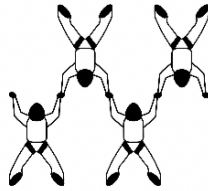
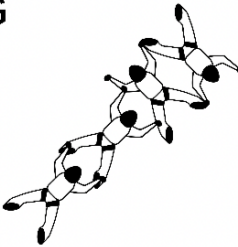
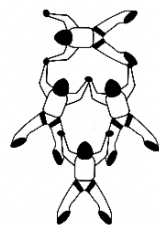
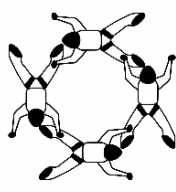
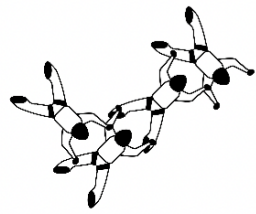
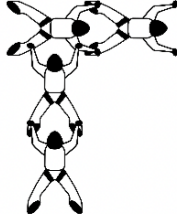
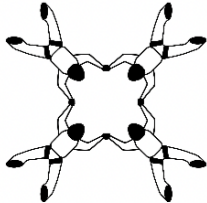
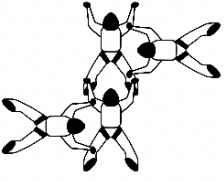
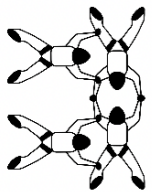
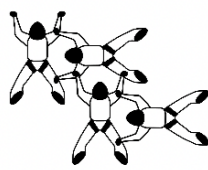
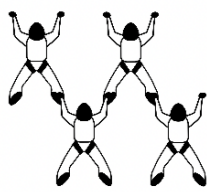
APPENDIX A – FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY BLOCK POOL 2026

1 Molar	2 Sidebody Donut	3 Side Flake Opal	4 Monopod
Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
Molar	Side Flake Donut	Turf	Monopod
5 Opal	6 Stardian	7 Sidebuddies	8 Canadian Tee
Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
Opal	Stardian	Sidebuddies	Canadian Tee

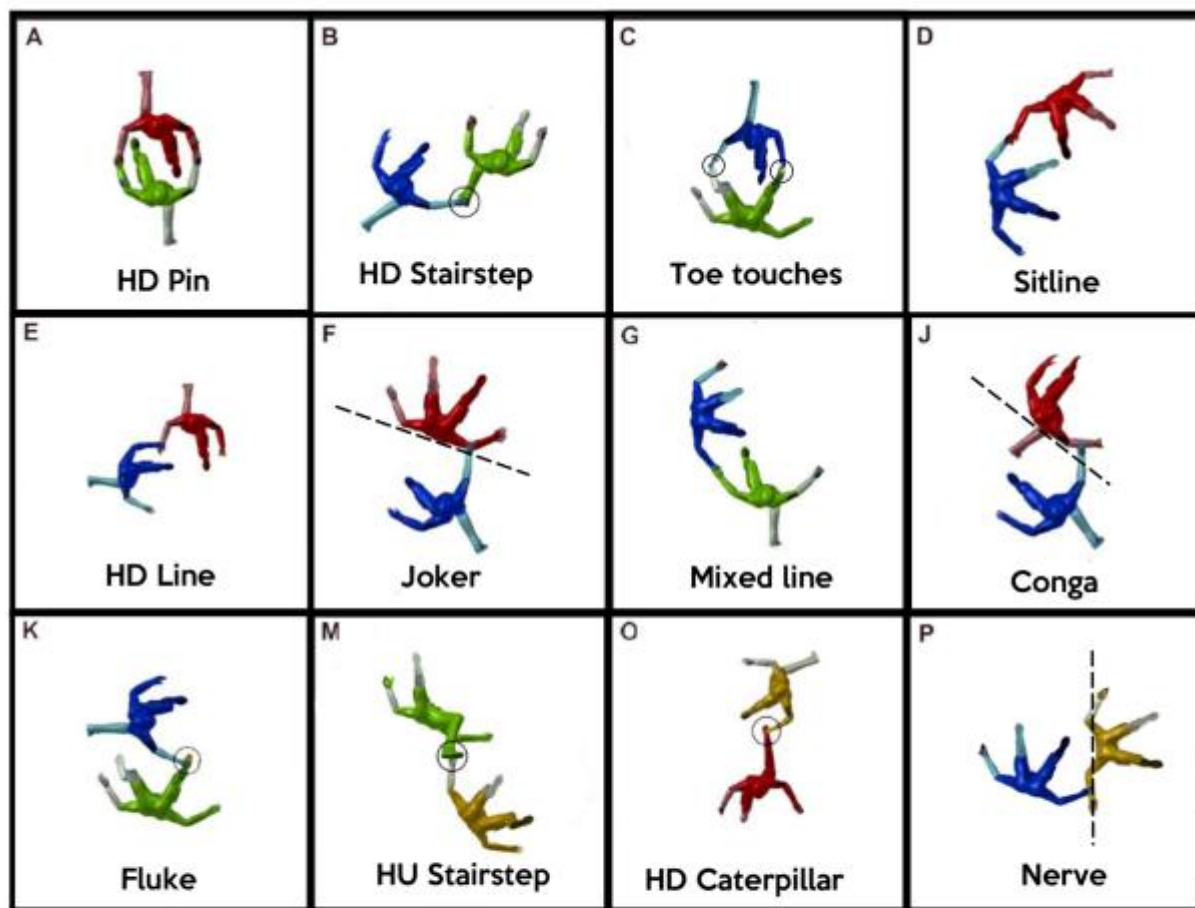
9  Cat+Accordian	10  Diamond	11  Photon	12  Bundy
 Inter	 Inter	 Inter	 Inter
 Cat+Accordian	 Bunyip	 Photon	 Bundy
13  Mixed Accordian	14  Bipole	15  Caterpillar	16  Compressed
 Inter	 Inter	 Inter	 Inter
 Mixed Accordian	 Bipole	 Caterpillar	 Box

17	18	19	20
			
Danish Tee	Zircon	Ritz	Zipper
			
Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
			
Murphy	Zircon	Icepick	Zipper
21	22		
			
Zig Zag	Tee		
			
Inter	Inter		
			
Marquis	Chinese Tee		

APPENDIX B – FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY RANDOM POOL 2026

A  Unipod	B  Stairstep Diamond	C  Murphy Flake	D  Yuan
E  Meeker	F  Open Acordian	G  Cataccord	H  Bow
J  Donut	K  Hook	L  Adder	M  Star
N  Crank	O  Satellite	P  Sidebody	Q  Phalanx

APPENDIX C – 2-WAY VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING DIVE POOL 2026



Notes: (1) A circle denotes a foot grip.
 (2) A dashed line represents a vertical plane immediately behind the torso of the outfacing flyer. Each flyer must be on opposite sides of this plane.

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4) Shackle	5) Mix flower	7) HD flower	9) Duck
Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
Shackle	Mix flower	HD flower	Goose
16) Flip	17) Stag	18) Ping	20) Double 69
Inter	Inter	Inter	Inter
Flop	Doe	Pong	Double 69

Note: A circle denotes a foot grip (ref. Competition rules 2.2)

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APPENDIX D – EXAMPLE 4-WAY FS TEAM COMPOSITIONS & UKSL LEAGUE POINTS ELIGIBILITY

Team “Example 4-Way FS” lineups for any particular season:

(Letters represent team members’ names. **Red** indicates the implicated additional person used)

Comp. Name	Formation Flyers Specified / Used	Alternative Flyers Specified / Used	Camera Flyer Specified / Used	Cumulative # Members Used	Points Awarded for meet?
UKSL 1	A, B, C, D		G	5	Yes
UKSL 2	A, B, C, E	D	Pool	6	Yes
UKSL 3	A, B, D, F	C, E	G	7	Yes
Nationals	A, B, F, G	C	D	7	Yes
UKSL 1	A, B, C, D	E	Pool	5	Yes
UKSL 2	A, B, D, E		F	6	Yes
UKSL 3	A, B, E, F	G	Pool	7	Yes
Nationals	A, E, F, G		Pool	7	Yes
UKSL 1	A, B, C, D	E, F	G	7	Yes
UKSL 2	A, C, D, E	F, G	H	Person H implies 8 different people used.	No
UKSL 3	A, B, C, D	E, F	G	7 (original members).	Yes
Nationals	A, B, C, F	D	G	7 (original members).	Yes
UKSL 1	A, B, C, D		Pool	4	Yes
UKSL 2	A, E, F, G		Pool	7	Yes
UKSL 3	A, B, D, E		Pool	7	Yes
Nationals	A, B, F, G		Pool	7	Yes
UKSL 1	A, B, C, D	E, F	G	7	Yes
UKSL 2	A, B, E, F		G	7	Yes
UKSL 3	A, B, G, H		I	Person H and I imply 9 different people used.	No
Nationals	A, B, C, E	D, F	G	7 (original members).	Yes

Note: the above scenarios are not exhaustive of every scenario that could materialise, and are merely shown to provide some guidance. Please query with the FS TEA(s) if specific further guidance is required prior to event entry deadline.

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