

Parachutists Over Phorty Society

Sport Accuracy Competition Rules

9-1.1: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Sport Accuracy is a competition where competitors aim to land standing up within a defined area with their first point of contact as close as possible to the center of a target.

9-1.2: EVENT DESCRIPTION

A. Each round consists of individual competitors guiding their canopies to a stand-up landing on an Automatic Measuring Device (AMD) positioned at the center of the landing area.

9-1.3: EXIT ALTITUDE

Jumps will be from 3,500 feet, which may be lowered to 2,500 feet by the Meet Director to negotiate weather.

9-1.4: EXIT PROCEDURES

Competitors are personally responsible for selecting a proper exit point that will permit a safe and successful target approach.

9-1.5: NUMBER OF ROUNDS

The minimum number of rounds is one, and the maximum (scheduled) number of rounds is three.

9-1.6: SCORING

- A. Individual Landings
1. The landing point is the first point of body contact with the surface (ground) or the AMD.
 2. A landing off the AMD will be measured from the edge of the dead center to the first point of body contact with the ground.
 3. The distance will be measured, to the nearest 0.01 meters, to a maximum distance of 15 meters.
 4. In the first round, the target dead center will be the 1.50-meter diameter AMD sport accuracy scoring pad.

5. In round two, the dead center will be 0.35 meters in diameter (the precision accuracy pad).
6. In round three, the dead-center will be 0.03 meters in diameter, the same dead-center dot used for precision accuracy.

- B. Landing penalties are assessed as follows:
1. Failure to execute a stand-up landing, with any point of contact other than the soles of the feet: 15 meters.
 2. Failure to contain the complete landing from first point of contact to a complete stop within the 15-meter radius circle: 15 meters.

9-1.7: JUDGING AND RECORDING

- A. Landings are judged by at least three judges; in addition, there will be at least two recorders.
- B. Landing on the AMD:
1. Any first point of contact on the AMD will be scored as a dead center with a measurement of 0.00 meters.
 2. When the three-centimeter (0.03-meter) dead center is in use, any first point of contact on this AMD will be electronically scored.
- C. Any other first point of body contact not on the AMD will be marked with a Manual Measuring Device (MMD).
1. The MMD is a 25-centimeter diameter disk that is painted red on one side and green on the opposite side.
 2. Located in the center of each side of the MMD is a three-centimeter diameter black dot.
 3. When the competitor lands, the judge positions the MMD over the jumper's first point of body contact with the ground.
 4. The measured distance to the nearest centimeter is from the center of the MMD to the edge of the dead center.
 5. If the jumper makes a stand-up landing, the green side of the MMD will be placed up.

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6. If the jumper fails to execute a stand-up landing (15-meter penalty), the red side of the MMD will be placed up.
- D. Competitors' landings will be measured out to a maximum distance of 15 meters, to an accuracy of one centimeter.
- E. Penalties
 1. A penalty will be added to the score of each competitor who does not execute a stand-up landing.
 2. A stand-up landing is defined as landing with only the bottom of the feet or shoes and no other body part coming in contact with the ground or AMD during the landing.
 3. The landing phase of the jump commences when the competitor first crosses the 15-meter radius circle.
 4. The competitor must complete the landing standing up with both feet inside the 15-meter radius circle, demonstrating full body control, or receive maximum penalty.
- F. Maximum score: The maximum score for any one individual competitor's jump is 45 meters (e.g., 15-meter maximum accuracy score plus a 15-meter penalty score for failure to do a stand-up landing plus a 15-meter penalty for failure to contain the landing within the 15-meter radius circle equals 45 meters).
- G. Disqualification
 1. Any competitor executing a radical canopy maneuver during the final approach of the jump will receive a maximum score of 45 meters for that round and may be completely disqualified from the competition, making him ineligible to receive a medal.
 2. A radical canopy maneuvers on final approach is defined as an abrupt canopy turn of more than 90 degrees at less than 250 feet of altitude, which in the opinion of the judges could place the jumper or persons on the ground in danger.

9-1.8: TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

- A. Wind drift indicators, wind sock, and wind speed measuring devices are as described in

SCM Section 2, except the wind speed device may be at an elevation 20 feet or more above the ground and, located within 100 feet of target center.

- B. Target
 1. The target (AMD) must be centered within a marked circle of 15-meter radius.
 2. A second circle with a 20-meter radius from the target should be marked as a spectator line.
 3. The landing area surrounding the AMD will be a flat, open, unobstructed, preferably grass covered area for a minimum radius of 100 feet from the center of the target.

C. Canopy limitations

1. POPS Handicap Standards

- a. Competitors with fewer than 300 jumps may jump any single canopy.
- b. Competitors aged 40-49 must compete with a single canopy loaded at greater than 1.1 pounds per square foot of canopy area (SFC);

ages

50-59 1.0 SFC;

60-69 .09 SFC;

70-79 .08 SFC;

- c. the loaded weight based on the jumper's weight at exit, using the manufacturer's published wing area for the canopy.
- d. Competitors 80 years of age and older may jump any single canopy.
- d. The exit weight may be measured at anytime during the competition at the target area after landing.
2. The jumper's exit weight with gear and verification of the canopy's area may be determined at any time during the competition at the target area after landing.

9-1.9: WEATHER

- A. Wind speed and direction recordings will be made by meet management at no less than 10-minute intervals.

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- B. When the wind speed on the ground is greater than seven meters per second (m/s), the wind speed will be monitored constantly and documented at an interval of no less than every two minutes.
- C. The maximum allowable wind speed for conduct of the event is nine m/s.
 - 1. If the wind exceeds this limit, the event will be halted for five minutes.
 - 2. If the median wind exceeds this limit, the event will be halted for at least 30 minutes.
 - 3. If a competitor is on final (below 250 feet) and the wind exceeds this limit, the competitor will be given the option of keeping his or her score or taking a re-jump.

9-1.10: CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULTS

- A. Sport Accuracy Landing
 - 1. Each individual competitor's score for the three rounds will be added to determine the winners of the event.
 - 2. Tie
 - a. In the case of a tie in the top three places, the tie will be broken by a jump-off round.