

University of Nottingham Skydiving Club Rules

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MEMBERSHIP

Standard Membership

Membership for UoN and NTU is £35. NTU students must also pay £5 membership to sign up to the University of Nottingham Student's Union.

Those from universities outside of Nottingham are encouraged to join our social media groups if they would like to make use of our pool of experience and support as they progress towards their A-license. Once qualified, any student from a university that does not have a Skydive club can become affiliated with LU:ST (Langar Universities Skydiving Team) for £40 in order to use our equipment. Contact the committee to learn more.

Associate Membership

This is predominantly for skydivers who graduated from The University of Nottingham more than 4 years ago, and are therefore no longer eligible to compete for the university. Membership is £40 and tickets will be sold for the price they are bought from Langar for.

Honorary Membership

This is for certain members who have shown great dedication to the club and whom the committee have agreed should be offered a privileged lifetime status. Privileges are known only by the committee and honoree.

RAPS

You must have signed up as a member of UoN Skydiving in order to receive discounted jump tickets.

To encourage you to carry on jumping, we will give you your tenth jump ticket for free. Show one of the committee your logbook and we'll reward you with a ticket to use on your next jump. Note that you cannot buy nine tickets and request the tenth free - the jumps must have been completed before receiving the ticket. Note also that, as of August 2014, this replaced the 'four free jump tickets' offered previously.

KIT

Jumping our rigs

We share our rigs with all qualified university skydivers at Langar, which means as a qualified member you have a large choice of kit with various sized canopies to jump.

You must have had a kit brief (usually upon gaining your A licence) from another experienced

member, and have the permission of Langar staff (Rich is the best person to ask).
The kit brief is available to read on our website.

Taking kit to Competitions and BCPA events

If you need a rig this should be no problem. Let the committee know a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event. You become responsible for the kit whilst it is away and must ensure it arrives back in the kit room in a clean and ready-to-jump state. Any problems or queries, let the committee know.

Taking kit to unofficial events

We may allow rigs to be taken to events other than those organised by the club, under certain circumstances. Contact the committee a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event, the SU must be informed 2 weeks before any kit leaves Langar.

Other universities using our rigs

At large events, we do our best to help out fellow skydivers where we can if they are short on rigs, and this calls for an element of trust. If another university skydiver wants to borrow a rig, let one of the committee know. We don't expect them to pay for kit hire, but ask that they pay for it to be packed by a packer - just like any dropzone hiring out kit would do.

We also expect the kit to be returned to us in the state that it was in before it was jumped. This includes cleaning the kit and paying for a repack should you have a malfunction. Anyone borrowing our kit must accept these terms before jumping.

Members of LUST remain free to use our rigs while at Langar.

Malfunctions and Kit Damage

Anyone who is using club kit is responsible for it for that day, and must ensure it is protected from the weather, packed by someone who is qualified to do so, and returned to the kit store at the end of the day.

As members of UoN Skydiving or LUST, you are not expected to cover the cost of repacks after a reserve ride. Inform the club's President or Kit Sec, who will guide you to our club reserve packer. This will be covered by the club assuming these rules are adhered.

The club will hold an individual accountable if any damage is caused due to negligence. The individual is expected to do everything they can to find the main parachute and freebag.

Any member of LUST who loses any item of kit, be that during a reserve ride or not, must reimburse the host club (Nottingham) for the loss of item. This should be either in the form of cash to the value of the lost item, or the replacement item.

Stolen Rigs

Our kit is insured when stored in the kit room at Langar. The SU must be informed if it is removed, otherwise it won't be covered by insurance and the individual responsible could be held accountable. Rigs are not insured when stored in cars overnight, so should be kept in a kit store when at other dropzones.

TICKETS

Buying RAPS/ experienced tickets for Langar

All tickets must be paid for online via the SU website prior to collection. We recommend that you buy plenty of tickets in advance and stock up when you can. The committee will make every effort to be around the dropzone with tickets, but the club will not reimburse tickets bought directly from Langar when we are not available. Try asking other members of the club first if you can borrow one of theirs.

In rare scenarios where the committee are unable to provide tickets that have been promised, then the club will subsidise tickets bought directly from langar at £3 each.

We recommend that tickets are bought in bulk up front to avoid running out of tickets when the box is unavailable, but appreciate that this is sometimes difficult on a student budget.

Reimbursement for jumps at other Dropzones

We offer to reimburse jumps at other dropzones, under certain conditions. This is to encourage attendance at events that further individual's learning and experience of the world of skydiving, as well as to promote the club.

Each jump can be reimbursed by £2 each if:

- The jumps are completed at BCPA events or competitions around the UK. These include, but are not limited to;
 - Any BCPA organised event at a dropzone in the UK other than Langar
 - UKSL/Nationals 4-way competitions
 - Training courses (ie the Flight-1 canopy course)
- You bring or email a receipt to the treasurer. This is required to receive reimbursement from the treasury. Make sure you hold on to your receipt and write your name on it somewhere, or ask for one if you don't get one.

Jumps tickets not eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to:

- BCPA tour ticket
- Jumps at other dropzones with friends
- Retrospective jumps from weeks or months ago.

We may consider reimbursing some other jumps. These must be discussed with the committee PRIOR to the event, and will be dependent on whether the jumps are deemed to fulfil the goals of furthering your learning and positively promoting the club.

How to apply for reimbursement

Hand your receipts to the treasurer, or take a clear photo of the receipts and email them to treasurer@uonskydiving.co.uk. The university rules are 'no receipt, no reimbursement'. Explain the receipt to the treasurer clearly, stating how many jumps you did, and how much each one cost.

Competitions

If you finish first in any BCPA competition (ie monthly 3-way FS draw) then we will give you a free Langar jump ticket. This includes the cameraman if he is a member of UoN Skydiving. If your competition involves multiple rounds of jumps (ie BCPA 4-way competition) then one jump ticket will be reimbursed.

Note that we cannot offer a free ticket for the camera slot if (s)he is not a member of UoN Skydiving and you paid for their slot.

Buying back tickets

If you get qualified and have spare RAPS tickets left over then we will buy all remaining tickets back from you at the price we sold them to you for.

If you are leaving the club for whatever reason, then we will buy tickets back for £36 each, or feel free to advertise them on the facebook group to other members.

TRANSPORT

Transport to Langar

Each journey to or from Langar costs £2, and is debited from your transport account. Remember to keep topping up your transport account by purchasing tickets online. The transportation rules should be adhered to at all times, and can be found on our website.

Transport to other events/ dropzones

The price is calculated assuming petrol costs 25p/ mile, then rounded up to nearest £2 value. The petrol cost involved in travelling to another DZ or tunnel will be split equally between all those in the car.

A list of prices to other DZs can be found on the website.

If multiple cars are travelling to an event with varying number of passengers then the fairest way of distributing reimbursement will be made on a case-by-case basis by the treasurer.