

Hey Folks,

Please read all the points below and contact me with any questions. All participants should plan to be on Saturday the 26th by 8:00am to get their team picture done, get their gear settled, and prep their practice flights prior to the briefing. The meet briefing is scheduled for 8:30am, with official practice flights beginning at 9am sharp. With the current number of teams, we should finish the last competition flights by about 7:30pm and the awards ceremony will begin ASAP after that.

Creepers We need them – if you have your own creeper, please bring it up to the tunnel. The tunnel only has one set and we'll have at least 40 teams for the meet.

Free Event Coaching World Champion, and former Airspeed member, Eliana Rodriguez will be on-site all day providing FREE coaching for every team – if you want any guidance on engineering choices, block techniques, or help creeping, don't hesitate to ask!

Meet Scores and Video: National Skydiving League team pages are up now and will be updated with team photos once they are taken. This link <https://www.skyleague.com/events/150693/> is where you'll be able to watch individual meet rounds and check for scoring updates – scores are all “unofficial” until the judges post final scores at the end of the meet.

Event Sponsors Event sponsors for this year's meet include Skydive New England, Connecticut Parachutist, Inc., Jumptown, Skydive Pepperell, The Parachute Shop, Performance Designs, Cookie Composites, and United Parachute Technologies. They have all donated multiple sets of prizes for the meet!

Equipment Because of the pace of the meet, we absolutely cannot afford a tunnel shut down from a busted helmet or helmet lens. If your lens has any stress cracks or the velcro is worn, buy a replacement one **NOW**. Staff will be checking all helmets and if

anything looks questionable, you'll be wearing a Protec and goggles... we mean it. The judges highly recommend wearing white gloves for judging video clarity (it helps them see the grips you are responsible for showing.)

Flight Rotations / Times All Rookie teams will be given 60 seconds of tunnel time for each round (to get in the tunnel, break the initial round or launch from the net, fly the round, and exit the tunnel. Intermediate, Advanced and Open teams will be given 55 seconds. Working time is 35 seconds for all teams.

Start Time Again, All competitors should be at the tunnel no later than 8:00am. The briefing will start promptly at 8:30am. Rookie and Intermediate teams will need to prep their two warm-up flights, one minute for Rookie teams and 55 seconds for Intermediate teams, before the meet briefing. Warm up flights will begin at exactly at 9am.

Available Practice Time The tunnel will be staying open later than usual on Friday, January 24th. It is your responsibility to find other teams to “share” time with. At the time of this email, these times are available for purchase:

15min of a 30 block starting at 1pm

30min available at 2pm

15min of a 30 block starting at 3pm

15min of a 30 block starting at 5pm

15min of a 30 block starting at 5:30pm

15min of a 30 block starting at 9:00pm

15min of a 30 block starting at 10:30pm

Call the tunnel directly at 603.897.0002 to book the time. Membership time can be used between 2pm and 10pm.

Awards and Post Party This will happen down in the Sufside Cafe area approx. 30 minutes after round 10 finished, which will likely be between 7:00 and 8:00pm. The Surf's Up wave will be running for your viewing entertainment, and there will be live music and snacks provided. After the meet awards and onsite party, all competitors are highly encouraged to meet up at the Shades restaurant at the Radisson in Nashua, NH. See you there for the debauchery.

Meet Fee: \$100 for your first competition class and \$70 for each additional team you are competing on.

Payment Link (Required): https://app.locbox.com/promotions/75223-nh-tunnel-meet-2019-fs-online-payment-skyventure-nh-surf-s-up?channel=external_web

Anyone who is not willing to pay for this on line (if, for example, you don't have a credit or debit card and only pay for things in unmarked bills out of fear that the US Government is tracking you), then get in touch with me so I can make sure your team stays registered and tell everyone else that you are bat shit crazy.

Waiver Link (REQUIRED): New year, new waiver.

<https://skyventurenewhampshire.waiverapps.com/locations/liabilitywaiver> Please complete this prior to the meet, as well.

Team Name and Class Confirmation Please check this link to confirm your team's name, team member names, and class. Team numbers and order are subject to change. Let me know if there are any concerns or I got anyone's name or nickname wrong. I'll be printing flight group documents and other information on Monday, so please let me know if there are any name corrections or line-up changes by Sunday night.

Cancellations Don't back out... If you have a teammate that has an emergency, find someone! If you need help finding someone, get in touch with me by phone at 617.835.9266.

Approximate FS meet schedule:

7:30-8:30am All competitors check-in to verify payment and waivers are all set, get your team photo taken, prep your two warm up flights, and buy breakfast at the cafe.

8:30am Competitor briefing

9-10:30 Warm up flights and draw

10:30am - Final Briefing

10:32am – 7:30pm Competition meet rounds

7:30-8:15pm Awards Ceremony and surfside party begins (or slightly later if the judges need a bit more time)

10:00pm After party at the Radisson

On Site Food The Oasis Cafe will be open! They'll have a breakfast foods, a plethora of smoothies, and food options that will be available throughout the day for purchase. Pizza and water will be provided for competitors free of charge. ¼ Pizza per person. Please bring cash or a credit card to purchase other items if you don't like pizza. The Cafe also has a liquor license and will be serving alcohol throughout the day for spectators and after round ten (or after surfing) for everyone else. Beer tickets will be sold throughout the day so you can skip the line when it's drinkin' time.

Gear Bags and Valuables Meet Fee Because of the large number of competitors, we are begging that you store gear bags and anything you don't need to compete in your cars so we aren't all tripping over stuff. In addition to the space issue, it's more secure; we have never had a problem in the past, but please leave all valuables locked in your car right after you pay and waiver.

Dive Pool You should reference this document for the "official" pictures of the draw: https://uspa.org/Portals/0/files/SCM_ch09.pdf. Advanced and open competitors, please note that USPA has not yet noted the changes to blocks 1 and 13 in the document above, please reference the NHTM rules for depictions of those two blocks.

Rules Jim Rees has been kind enough to put together an official set of rules for the meet. I've attached them to this email. Please read through them so that there are no surprises for anyone.

Safety Reminders

Helmets: See notes above - please replace cracked lenses and tighten down all hardware. Broken lenses have caused long shut downs during the meet in the past - don't be that guy/girl.

Weight: All belts and vests need to have secure zipper closings, be made for/secure for skydiving, and not have solid pieces of lead that can fall out (I wouldn't be writing it if it hadn't actually happened...)

Jumpsuits: PLEASE empty out the pockets of your jumpsuit before you come to the tunnel. Remember, no jewelry, watches, or necklaces. If you have rings that you can't get off, gloves with good Velcro are mandatory.

Airport Transport Here is the link to FlightLine, which provides shuttle service directly to Nashua locations from Boston Logan Airport every 1/2 hour and from Nashua locations back to the airport every hour: <http://www.flightlineinc.com>. Cost is \$66 round trip and it must be booked 24 hours in advance.

Hotels The Radisson in Nashua has a SkyVenture rate of \$79 plus tax. Free internet, hot tub, and a restaurant/bar on site. You must call the local number [603.888.9970](tel:603.888.9970) to get the discounted price and tell them that you are flying at the tunnel. If they are full, the Hampton Inn is a good alternative. Their phone number is 603.883.5333.

Surfing, Climbing, and Fishpipe Discounts Laurie and Rob's generosity continues with the following discounted rates (from Friday through Sunday) for competitors: \$25 per surf session, \$10 per fish pipe ride, and \$5 to climb.

Thanks,

Ben

For people that have not competed in past years, here is the structure for the meet flights:

Teams will be arranged into flight groups of three teams. The teams within each flight group will enter the tunnel chamber at the same time and then each team will complete two separate meet rounds during that flight session. Therefore, teams will have about a 2 minute break between round 1 and round 2, and then they'll exit the tunnel and another three teams will enter the flight chamber.

For each meet round, Rookie teams will have a 60 seconds to enter the air column (55 seconds for all other teams), to complete their 35 seconds of working time, and then safely exit the air column.

Teams will have approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes between each flight session to prep their next two competition rounds. Team numbers indicate three things 1) the first digit is your class, one for Rookie, two for Intermediate, three for Advanced, and four for Open 2) the second digit represents your flight group, and 3) the final digit is your team's slot within the flight group. It is crucial that teams enter with the flight groups and fly their rounds in this specific order for judging purposes.

If you practice ahead of time, work on staying below the top of the doors since the video angle we use cuts off at about there. It is the team's responsibility to stay low so that the judges can see all the grips.

Participants New to 4-way This article might be helpful to read if you haven't done any

4-way before: <http://collegeskydiving.com/tips-from-the-pros/relative-work/12-4-way-basics>

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