



Procedure Number: **OPS - 003**
Procedure: **Skydivers on Campus**
References: [USPA](#) Publication Part 118, [CFR](#) 91.119
Approved By: Kenneth A. Willett Director, Office of Public Safety

EXPLANATION

The Silvertip Skydivers were organized in 1959. On April 24, 1975, President Richard C. Bowers approved the recommendations of the University Conduct Committee, which pertained to parachute jumping activities on The University of Montana campus. These policies and procedures address the current status of the President's original approval and include all amendments accepted to date.

PROCEDURE

All jumpers utilizing University property will be either members in good standing of, or have requested permission of, the University of Montana Silvertip Skydivers and be current members of the United States Parachute Association (USPA) and thus possess \$250,000.00 bodily injury and property damage liability insurance.

A member of the Silvertip Skydivers must accompany any guest jumper.

All jumpers utilizing University property must meet the requirements of the USPA "C", "D" or "Pro" license, the requirements for which are contained in part 118, Demonstration Jumps of the USPA Doctrine. A Pro rating is required for all stadium jumps.

The Silvertip Skydivers shall provide an up to date listing of all club officers and club advisors, including their addresses and telephone numbers, to the Office of Public Safety.

The Silvertip Skydivers shall appoint a Unit Safety Officer. This person will be directly responsible to the Public Safety Director for coordination of all jump activities and accident investigations.

The Office of Public Safety shall be responsible for the enforcement action taken on any complaint or violation lodged by the Silvertip Skydivers, the public, or other campus departments/offices against any person(s) who willfully refuse to obey USPA or University of Montana parachuting policies.

Because of the recurring nature of the activities involved, and the unique aspects of the administration of the policy, the responsibility for administration and approval of such activities has been delegated to the Public Safety Director.

Every jump will be made in coordination and with the approval of the Public Safety Director. This will consist of either written or verbal approval, providing all requirements contained herein are met. Drop Zones to be determined jointly by both parties. The President's office will be advised of the time, date and location for all jumps.

The Silvertip Skydivers organization must maintain recognition by the Associated Student of The University of Montana (ASUM). They are a registered student organization and currently have the official recognition of the University when engaged in national competition

At every demonstration jump (those made with spectators present) there will be a ground crew to advise jumpers, from the ground, with visual wind indicators of possible adverse wind conditions or other potential hazards. In addition, the ground crew will attune spectators, on the ground, of the jumper's presence and assist the jumpers once they have landed.

The Unit Safety Officer must approve all demonstration jumps internally. The senior jumper on board the aircraft will directly supervise each jump at the time of the jump.

Demonstration jumps will not include maneuvers, which may endanger spectators.

Final jumper drop authority will be the responsibility of the pilot in command of the aircraft. This is in accordance with FAR-105 and Part 118, Demonstration, USPA Doctrine.

All aircraft flights will be coordinated with the local Air Traffic Control (FAA) in accordance with FAR-Part 91.

The University of Montana Half-Time Director will be advised of activities over and into Washington/Grizzly Stadium, and that specific approval for such activities has been communicated to the President's office prior to the event.

Jumpers will not exit the aircraft directly over Washington/Grizzly Stadium (defining such as a congested area of assembly) and will follow FAR-105.15 in all respects. Such jumps will consist of drifting into the open assembly area by way of end zone approaches whenever possible.

With limited exceptions, the maximum number of jumpers shall not exceed four. If prevailing winds are determined to be unsafe, the drop will be immediately aborted.

The jumper, in writing, to the Silvertip Skydivers and the Office of Public Safety, must report any jumps made contrary to these rules.

Continuation of University approval shall remain contingent upon adherence to the terms and condition prescribed and contained herein.