



INTERNATIONAL BODYFLIGHT ASSOCIATION RATING PROGRAM

IBA INSTRUCTOR RATING DESCRIPTION

Introduction

An IBA Instructor is the entry level award offered by the IBA and contributes to the IBA Vision to “Fly-Together-Safely” by providing a safe instructional environment for all customers and staff and by demonstrating a genuine culture of excellence and safety within the community of IBA Instructors.

The IBA Instructor is routinely the first point of contact with flyers/customers and as such, has a high level of responsibility for leading by example and by consistently operating safely in accordance with their level of qualification and the recognized and published flight procedures.

The IBA Instructor also has a responsibility to enthuse their students and to encourage them to continue within the sport by joining the IBA. As such, the Instructor should have an in-depth knowledge of the flyer progression system and the skills that customers require to progress within the sport of Indoor Skydiving. This also supports local tunnel return-flyer programs.

Qualification as an IBA Instructor requires a candidate to attend an IBA approved Flight Instructor Training Program (FITP), delivered by an IBA Trainer Level 4 (T4). The FITP may be delivered in a number of ways: either as part of a specific contract of employment delivered by the host tunnel T4; or directly upon request through the IBA. In all cases the FITP must be delivered in accordance with the extant FITP Curriculum/Syllabus.

The final recommendation and the award of the IBA Instructor Level 1 (L1) rating sits with the IBA T4 who is also responsible for ensuring that a suitable IBA Instructor account is opened for the Instructor L1. Ratings may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of an IBA Examiner following any reported or observed breach of the endorsed IBA flight safety, training or operating procedures. Suspension or revocation can be appealed to the IBA Director of Safety and Training whose decision is final.

IBA Instructor Competencies

IBA Instructors hold a varying level of competencies based upon their individual training progression. This is to be managed carefully by the lead instructor/trainer at each tunnel and reviewed annually by the IBA Regional Examiner responsible for the respective tunnel staff. The specific competencies are detailed at Annex A.

Specific Roles and Responsibilities

The exact conditions of employment of an IBA Instructor will be company specific, but in order to hold and retain the IBA Instructor rating there is an expectation from the IBA that certain roles will be conducted. These will vary depending upon the qualification and contract of employment, but as a minimum should include:

- Hold an active IBA Instructor account on www.tunnelflight.com
 - Regular employment in all aspects of flight instructor duties appropriate to their level, including: class briefing/debriefing; supervision of flight classes in accordance with their level of qualification for all grades of flyer; airflow controller duties; and the daily facility inspection.
 - Retain currency as follows:
 - Instructor L1-4 qualified within 12 months: A minimum of 3 Instructor shifts within a 30-day period.
 - Instructor L1-4 qualified beyond 12 months: A minimum of 3 Instructor shifts within a 3-month period.
 - Attend a minimum of 4 Safety and Training Meetings (STM) meetings per year
 - Currency is to be actively managed by the lead Instructor/Trainer at each facility.
 - Instructors who lose currency may only regain it with approval from an IBA T4 or Examiner.
 - In addition, there is an expectation to contribute to the wider Indoor Skydiving community by engaging with their respective customers to promote the sport and to encourage membership of the IBA.
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IBA INSTRUCTOR RATING EXPLAINED

Instructor Level 1

- An Instructor candidate completes a Flight Instructor Training Program (FITP) that, depending upon experience, includes approximately 4 weeks of training and 12 hours of tunnel time.
- Upon successful completion, Level I Initial Certification (L1) is awarded. This permits an IBA L1 to spot, assist and teach the following flyers:
 - First time students with no experience.
 - Belly-Flyers ranging from initial students learning body-flight up to Formation Level Pro.

High-Flights

- Upon completion of the “Flying with Students” module, IBA Instructors are permitted to conduct “High-Flights” with first time flyer students.
- This training can take approximately 6-10 hours (or more) depending on Instructor flying abilities.
- This may be delivered locally under the authority and direction of an IBA T3 with final approval given by an IBA T4.
- This is not a prerequisite for any specific Level of Instructor.

Instructor Level 2

- Following a period of consolidation as an L1 and an additional training module of approximately 4 hours (as detailed in the respective training manual and depending upon the abilities of the Instructor) a Level 2 Instructor is authorised to supervise, spot, assist and teach the following additional skills:
 - Approved “Free Flying” sessions.
 - Competent Belly-Flyers to Back-Fly, Tunnel-Walk and the Transition between each of these orientations.
 - In addition, the L2 will receive training for “High Wind Speed” situations.

Instructor Level 3

- Following a period of consolidation and an additional training module of approximately 5 hours (as detailed in the respective training manual and depending upon the abilities of the Instructor) a Level 3 Instructor is authorised to supervise, spot, assist and teach the following additional skills:
 - Sit-Flying and each Transition related to this orientation.
 - Low-wind speed carving movements for Belly and Back Flying.
 - High wind speed Head-Up Carving movements.
 - Full Front and Back Layouts as part of the Dynamic Flight progression.

Instructor Level 4

- Following a period of consolidation and an additional training module of approximately 5 hours (as detailed in the respective training manual and depending upon the abilities of the Instructor) a Level 4 Instructor is authorised to supervise, spot, assist and teach the following additional skills:
 - Head-Down Flying and each movement and transition related to this orientation.
 - All Vertical Formation Skydiving manoeuvres and transitions.
 - High-wind speed Head-Down Carving, Bottom Loops (back flip), Breakers (sliding barrel rolls) and Switching Carving manoeuvres as part of the more advanced Dynamic Flight progression.
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