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Tandem Instructor Certification Form

This box must be filled in by computer

Full Legal Name _____

Name to appear on card *First* _____ *Last* _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____ Date of First Jump _____ Number of Jumps _____

Instructional Rating(s) *(please attach copy)* _____ Current _____ Expired _____

USPA D-License/Equivalent *(please attach copy)* _____

FAA Medical Certificate # *(please attach copy)* _____ Home Drop Zone _____
Foreign or Military equivalent accepted

Applicant Training Record

Date	Aircraft	Name of passenger	Examiner's comments and signature
Jump 1.	_____	_____	_____
Jump 2.	_____	_____	_____
Jump 3.	_____	_____	_____
Jump 4.	_____	_____	_____
Jump 5.	_____	_____	_____

Name of Examiner (Please Print) _____

Cross-Training to Sigma from another Tandem rating

Date	Aircraft	Name of passenger	Examiner's comments and signature
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Name of Examiner (Please Print) _____

Applicant must possess a current tandem rating from another manufacturer, national federation tandem rating (other than USPA), or military tandem rating, complete a Sigma Tandem ground school, and complete a minimum of two Sigma Tandem jumps.

I verify that initial jumps have been complete. Examiner Signature: _____

SIGMA TANDEM INSTRUCTOR & EXAMINER RE-CERTIFICATION

ANNUAL RENEWAL PROCEDURES

Sigma Tandem Instructor Ratings must be renewed annually. To apply for renewal, **you must have made at least 25 tandem jumps within the preceding 365 days, and you must have made 3 tandem jumps within the preceding 90 days.** It is mandatory to review the Sigma Tandem Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Emergency Procedures (EPs) located in the Sigma Manual, prior to making any recurrency jumps. This information should be reviewed every 90 days whether you are current or getting recurrent. Once these requirements are met, please:

1. Have this form and your jump requirements verified (via logbook) and have this form signed by either an uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC Sigma Tandem Instructor Examiner (IE) or Sigma Tandem owner.
2. Send the form, along with a photocopy of your FAA Medical Certificate (or equivalent), a photocopy of your USPA instructional ratings (or equivalent), and \$50.00 Instructor renewal fee) to uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC. Payment can be made by credit card using our Credit Card Authorization Form.

*Note: A 1st class medical certificate must be renewed every six months. A 2nd class medical certificate must be renewed once a year. A 3rd class medical certificates expire every five years if it was issued before the certificate holder turned 40 years old. If the certificate holder was 40 years of age or older at the time of issue, the certificate expires every 2 years. Expirations occur at the end of the calendar month that the certificate was issued. **Make sure you send a copy of a CURRENT medical certificate.***

We recommend making copies for your records in case this form is lost in the mail. Please contact uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC if you have not received your renewal license or a response within four weeks. Any tandem jump you make while not currently rated with uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC is in violation of federal law and is subject to a maximum fine of \$1000.00 per incident. If you have not received your Sigma Tandem Instructor Card within 30 days of form submission, you are not considered current, and are not authorized to use the Sigma Tandem system.

An uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC Sigma Tandem rating does not require to be renewed if the holder of an expired Sigma Tandem Instructor Card maintains currency with the United States Parachute Association (USPA) Tandem Instructor rating. A current USPA Tandem Instructor does not have to renew with uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC as long as currency as a tandem instructor is maintained by USPA via the USPA Tandem Instructor rating. If a current USPA Tandem Instructor wishes to get recurrent with uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC as a Sigma Tandem Instructor, submission of this form and proof of currency will be accepted, along with copies of current medical and USPA rating card.

RECURRENCE TRAINING

Recurrency Training consists of a minimum of one (1) solo jump with the tandem system, and one (1) tandem jump with an experienced jumper acting as a student/passenger. The experienced jumper must first be briefed on how to respond to tandem emergencies. In addition, each experienced skydiver acting as passenger must watch the Sigma Waiver video and fill out a Waiver. Passenger emergency handles may be used. During the jump the applicant must make a stable exit from at least 7,500 feet, with drogue deployment within ten (10) seconds, and have an open main canopy by 4,500 feet. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to control heading during drogue-fall by making at least one 360-degree turn and perform practice pulls to all operating handles. Landing must be a stand-up (wind permitting) within 150 feet of target. These two jumps must be witnessed and signed off by an uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC Sigma Instructor Examiner or Sigma Owner. If you are an owner or examiner or both, you cannot sign for yourself.

SOLO JUMP PROCEDURES

Review operation of the complete tandem system. Remember, you can experience every possible tandem malfunction mode except student interference, so be prepared. Exit the aircraft, get stable, then deploy the drogue. Perform handles checks, starting with visually inspecting drogue inflation over your right shoulder. Then proceed on to physically touching each handle as prescribed in the Sigma Manual. Once that is complete, continue on with practice pulls of the main deployment handles. This jump is intended to familiarize you with the system and how it operates. Do not combine this jump with any other skydiving discipline, i.e. "RW," etc.

CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to yearly recertification, Sigma Instructors are expected to maintain currency during the year by covering all tandem emergencies while in a hanging-harness simulating canopy emergencies, and/or while wearing a Sigma tandem system (standing on the ground, attached to a simulated student) while simulating drogue and aircraft emergencies.

1. If any currently rated Tandem Instructor has not made a Sigma tandem jump in the preceding 90 days, he/she must make a minimum of one (1) satisfactory Sigma tandem jump with an experienced jumper acting as a student prior to jumping with actual students.
2. If any currently rated Tandem Instructor has not made a tandem jump within the last 180 days, he/she must complete Recurrency Training before jumping with actual students.
3. If any rated Sigma Instructor has not made a tandem jump in the preceding two (2) years, he/she must attend a complete Sigma tandem training course covering the classroom/ground school (SOPs and EPs) and make a minimum of three (3) satisfactory re-certification jumps, including 1 solo and a minimum of 2 tandem jumps with experienced skydivers acting as student.

Sigma Tandem Instructor Operator Criteria

I agree to conform to all of the Sigma Tandem Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Emergency Procedures (EPs).

Initial_____

I agree to perform handles checks in the manner prescribed by the Sigma Manual on every tandem jump that I make using the Sigma Tandem system.

Initial_____

I agree to forfeit my UPT and USPA tandem instructor rating through either suspension or revocation of rating, if I am found to have violated the SOPs and EPs of the Sigma tandem system.

Initial_____

I have read the Sigma Manual and am fully knowledgeable of the system SOPs and EPs.

Initial_____

I will fill out the Initial Sigma Hand Cam Safety Checklist Document and submit to UPT prior to using hand cam on Sigma Tandem jumps. (Can be emailed by instructor directly to Sheryl@uptvector.com)

Initial_____

Signature_____

Date_____