

Skydive Arizona Policy: Wing Suits

Please study this briefing sheet carefully. If you have questions ask the Dropzone Safety Officer (DZSO). If you do not comply, you may lose the privilege of wing suit jumping until you have resolved the issue with the DZSO of the day.

- Always tell manifest if you are making a wing suit jump.* We will record this on the load sheet. It is up to you to determine if the rest of the load is compatible with your jump. If there are already multiple wing suits or trackers, you may be assigned to a different load.
- Every day we will assign wing suits and tracking dives an airspace box, either east or west of the regular jump run.* It is imperative that you know this because in the other direction there may be high canopies, such as Canopy Formations or military parachutes. Never make a wing suit jump at Skydive Arizona without information about other unusual skydiving activity!
- On every jump it is your responsibility to plan a flight that will keep you away from other jumpers AND allow you to land on the DZ.* Planning suggestions: learn how to find the wind conditions online before you jump. Our DZSO can show you useful websites where you can find detailed wind information. Using this information, determine what general area you must open in to land on the DZ. Then, make a flight plan that will take you to this opening area without crossing over the normal jump run or putting you near any other high canopies, trackers, etc. This plan must include the possibility of a 180 degree second pass. There may be some days when conditions simply do not allow for wing suit jumps.
- If your pattern is to the west, it is very important not to fly so far that you cannot make it back across the runway safely.* The General Aviation traffic pattern is to the west of the runway. You must be a minimum of 3,000 feet above the surface west of the runway and cross the runway with enough altitude to safely enter the landing pattern.
- Do not ask the pilot for any variation from the normal jump run.* If you would like a specialty jump run it must be approved by the DZSO before you manifest.
- Opening close to tandem canopies or flying over the normal jump run will result in immediate and prolonged grounding.* If you are on a load with Tandems, you must land in the South Landing Area.
- We often fly multiple airplanes.* If your load sheet specifies “Wing Suits” the next plane will drop a minimum of three minutes behind the one you are in. Wing suits with very slow vertical speeds, opening high, under canopies with slow descent rates may find they are being dropped on by the next plane. Open as low as you safely can (minimum opening altitude is 2,500 feet) and keep the canopy descent rate high when we are operating multiple airplanes.
- Never assume that our ground staff will see you if you land out or have a malfunction.* Because wing suits open away from the normal jump run there is a very good chance we *will not* see you! If you are going to land out, use your safest technique and do not expect a ride. For the same reason, if you have a cutaway take careful note of where you got open under your reserve. We rarely lose canopies if we know where to look.