

Risk Statement.



A Hike & Fly Challenge

1. I confirm I am a current member of the BHPA, and hold the appropriate pilot qualification (CP or above) and have third party liability insurance through my national organisation.
2. I confirm and agree that the organiser/s of the X-Dales Challenge shall, in no way, be held responsible for any incidents/accidents that may occur whilst participating in the event.
3. I confirm that I have had my equipment checked and/or serviced in accordance with best practice for equipment airworthiness. As the pilot in charge, I warrant that all my hiking and flight equipment is serviceable and of sufficient standard to take part in this event. I understand that I am solely responsible for my equipment and will not hold the organisers of the X-Dales Challenge liable in any way for any malfunction, damage, or loss of/to my equipment.
4. I understand and accept that I am the pilot in charge of my paraglider, and that I have the opportunity, based upon my level of skill, knowledge and understanding to make my own decisions regarding routes to take and whether it is safe to fly. I understand that any guidance given to me is intended to be advisory and is not mandatory.
5. Whilst participating in the X-Dales Challenge I take full responsibility for all route finding and navigational decisions whilst out on the hills regardless of weather and conditions. I will carry all standard safety equipment for navigating on the hills for the prevailing conditions when travelling alone. I will be prepared to initiate my own rescue independently of any safety measures that have been put in place by the event organiser/s.
6. I understand that the organiser/s of the X-Dales Challenge recommend the use of devices or technology with live tracking that could include communication via satellite with their and/or my support network. I understand that there may be a delay or lag time in receiving tracking messages via the SMS and I may be out of service coverage for several hours. I hereby agree that the organiser/s of the X-Dales Challenge shall in no way be held responsible for any mal-functioning of my track log devices, due to damage, discharge or lack / delay of network coverage.
7. I confirm that I can make my own in-race decisions, including finding suitable landing sites and landing without guidance. I confirm that I understand that mountain flying will also mean local meteorological conditions with potential for severe turbulence. Pilots must accept this and understand how to manage such conditions safely. Pilots must also be prepared to choose a suitable landing site and land if at any time they feel the conditions are beyond their comfort and experience level.
8. I confirm that I will not participate in the X-Dales Challenge under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. I will ensure that I am fully fit and able to participate in all briefing events (including online/remote and in the event itself).
9. I confirm that my support, flying equipment and safety kit conforms with the rules contained within the rules of the X- Dales challenge (refer to EN

standards for mandatory reserves and helmets). I understand that if it becomes impossible to communicate with me during the event, for whatever reason (radio failure, or tracking device failure) then I will no longer be in receipt of information from my supporters or from the event organisers. If I choose to continue to participate, it will be entirely under my own control.

10. As a participant in the X-Dales Challenge event, I hereby fully and forever discharge and release the organiser/s involved in planning the event and the owners of any land in which I walk/run/launch/land, of any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damages, both in law and equity, in any way resulting from personal injuries, conscious suffering, death, or property damages sustained while on the ground or in flight, or while participating in any of the activities contemplated by promotion of the X-Dales Challenge. Exemption from liability includes loss, damage, or injury from any real or perceived negligence of the organiser/s or any other cause or causes.

Signed: (I have read and accept all the statements above)

Date: (Signed on or before the chosen day of flight)

Start time: (Approximate – to set against the final igc file)

*Without a signed **Risk Statement** sheet you are not eligible to take part.*

Post flight sign off

Self or organiser/s:

Date: (as above).

Details of the exact start/finish location and manning of the registration window will be provided just before the event at 24hrs notice.

The post-flight sign off must be completed and dated for the same day. It can be called or messaged to 07808394895 giving pilot name and BHPA number.

The Countryside Code (IMPORTANT - read, understand and adhere to)

Respect people who live and work in the countryside. ...

Keep to paths across farmland. ...

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls. ... climbing a wall is a DSQ penalty!

Leave gates as you find them. ...

Don't interfere with livestock, machinery and crops. ...

Keep dogs under control. (NOTE: For the X Dales you cannot take a dog with you).

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.