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**OFFICIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN #1
5th FAI World Indoor Championships Formation Skydiving**



PARACLETE XP · RAEFORD, NC

**WORLD INDOOR SKYDIVING
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Organized by Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving
in Raeford, North Carolina, USA
April 9-12, 2025

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1. Event Organizers

1.1 Skydive Paraclete XP

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1.4 Organizing Committee

Same as above

2. Aims of the 5th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships

2.1 To determine the World Champions of Indoor Formation Skydiving Events:

- 4-Way FS
- 4-Way FS Female
- 4-Way VFS
- 8-Way FS

2.2 To establish world records

2.3 To promote and develop Formation Skydiving, Female Formation Skydiving, and Vertical Formation Skydiving

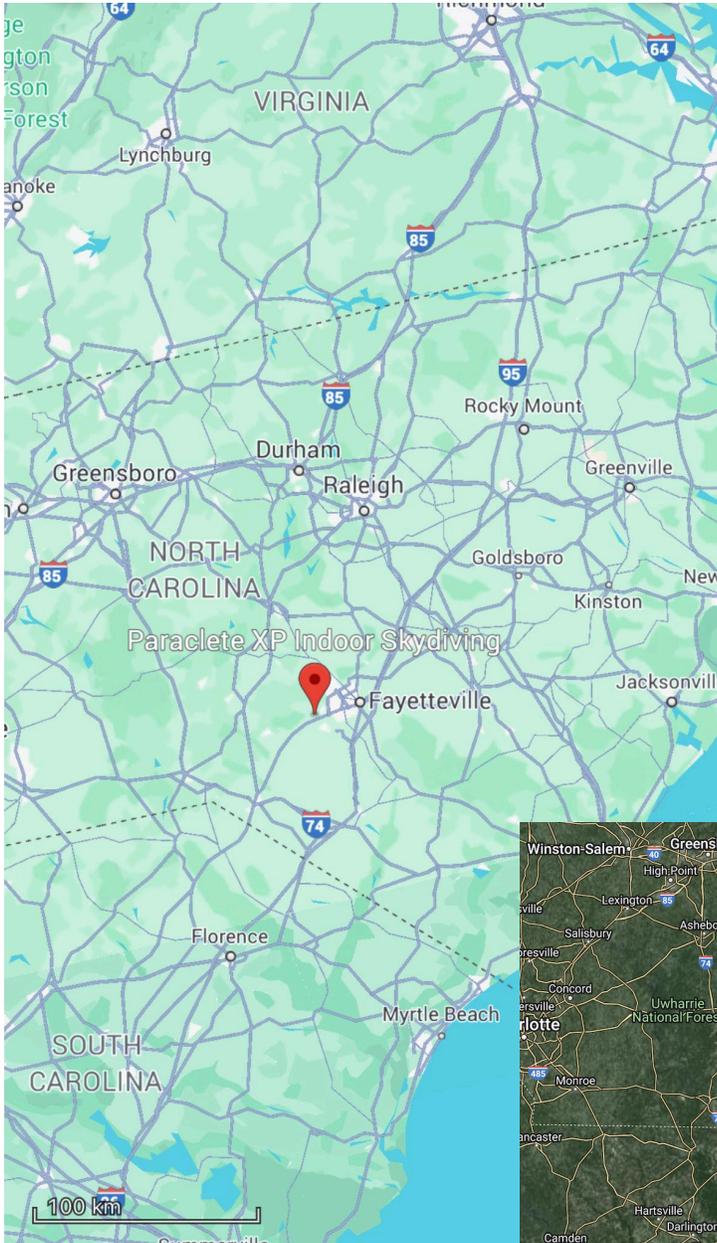
2.4 To deliver a world class competition to competitors, spectators, and media

3. Date and place of the FCE

3.1 Official Event Date April 9-12, 2025

April 1, 2025 Tuesday	Start of Registered Training Period
April 6, 2025 Sunday	Arrival of Chief Judges Arrival of Assistant to the Chief Judges Arrival of FAI Controller Arrival of Meet Director
April 7, 2025 Monday	Arrival of 1 EJ Arrival of Jury President Arrival of Jury
April 8, 2025, Tuesday	Official Arrival Day Arrival of 1 EJ Arrival of Judges Panel
April 9, 2025 Wednesday	Official Practice Day (speed setting flights) Judges Conference Official Team Photos Opening Ceremony (Begins at 6:00pm) Competition Draw
April 10, 2025 Thursday	Competition Day 1 (Round 1 begins at 8:00am)
April 11, 2025 Friday	Competition day 2
April 12, 2025 Saturday	Competition Day 3 Competitors Meeting (provisional) Awards Ceremony (Begins at 6:00pm) Dinner Banquet After Party
April 13, 2025 Sunday	Official Departure day

Note: Change to dates reflected in ISC Bureau IBD #7 dated June 6, 2024

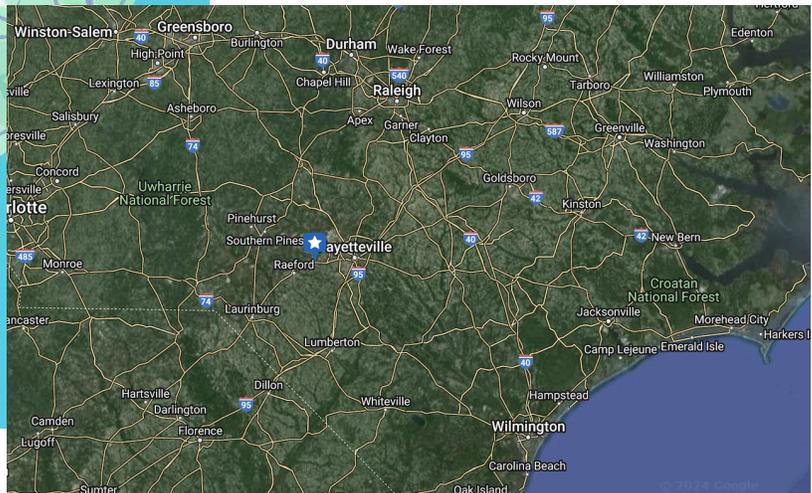


3.2 Location of Event

Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving is located between two airport options. The Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY) is 30 minutes from Paraclete XP. Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) is 1.5hrs from Paraclete XP. Both airports provide rental cars and taxi services.

Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving
190 Paraclete Drive
Raeford, NC 28376
USA

[DIRECTIONS](#)



4. Travel and Transportation

4.1 Recommended Airports

There are airports within driving distance to Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving Center; Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY), and Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT).

4.1.1 Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY)

Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving is a 30 minute drive to/from FAY. Rental cars and taxi service is available at the airport:

<https://www.flyfay.com/parking-transportation/rental-cars>

4.1.2 Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)

Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving is approximately a 1.5 hour drive to/from RDU.

Taxi service is available at the airport:

<https://www.rdu.com/ground-transportation/taxis/>

Rental cars are available at the airport:

<https://www.rdu.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/>

4.1.3 Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)

Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving is approximately a 2hr 20min drive to/from CLT.

Rental cars are available at the airport:

<https://www.cltairport.com/to-and-from/rental-cars/>

Taxi service is also available at the airport:

<https://www.cltairport.com/to-and-from/taxis-and-taxi-rates/>

There is very limited or no rail transportation servicing the area near Paraclete XP. It is not a recommended means of transportation.

4.2 Transport to Competition Venue

All of these airports offer car rentals from most major car rental companies, including but not limited to: Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty. Links are provided in Section 4.1.1 - 4.1.3

Uber is a widely used app to provide a one way ride from the airport to your airbnb or hotel. A trip to/from FAY is approximately \$20, a trip to/from RDU is approximately \$100, and a trip to/from CLT is approximately \$150. It's highly recommended to reserve a ride in advance if this is the option you choose.

Turo is also a widely available car-sharing app. <https://turo.com/>

4.3 Local Transportation Provided

The Organizing Committee will provide cars for the judges and staff related to the event to share. Rental cars will be assigned two to three people per car.

Competitors are responsible for their own transportation to and from the tunnel. There are many car rental companies that operate out of Raleigh-Durham, Fayetteville Regional, and Charlotte International airports.

5. Entry: Fees & Registration

5.1 Entry fees will be as follows:

4-Way Formation Skydiving	\$750 US (team) + Sanction fees
4-Way Vertical Formation Skydiving	\$750 US (team) + Sanction fees
4-Way Formation Skydiving (Female)	\$750 US (team) + Sanction fees
8-Way Formation Skydiving	\$750 US (team) + Sanction fees
Member of Official Delegation	\$250 US + Sanction fees
Alternate Team Member	\$250 US + Sanction fees
Accompanying Person	\$250 US

	Entry Fee per team (excluding FAI Sanction fees)	FAI Sanction Fees per person (according to ISC fee schedule 2025)
4-way FS Open	750 USD	TBD (x4)
4-way FS, Female	750 USD	TBD (x4)
4-way VFS, Open	750 USD	TBD (x4)
8-way FS, open	750 USD	TBD (x4)
Alternate Team Member	250 USD	TBD (x4)
Official Delegation	250 USD	TBD (x4)
Accompanying Person	250 USD	No sanction Fee

If a competitor registers for more than one event, the team fee will be discounted by \$50USD per each already registered competitor for the additional event.

Total competitor entry fees include all competition costs (including re-flights), sanction fees, Opening Ceremony, Awards and Closing Ceremonies, banquet dinner and drinks, and a competitor gift. Competitors are responsible for their own lodging, travel, transportation, and food. Recommendations will be provided on the website www.2025wisc.com

Entry fees for Heads of Delegation, Team Leaders, other Delegation Members, and Accompanying Persons include all of the above except the competition costs.

Note:

- Each competitor pays a one-time sanction fee, which covers participation in any discipline. Sanction fees are non-refundable.

- Late registrations can be considered based on availability. In the event of an accepted late registration, the Organiser will impose an additional 20% to the applicable entry fee. The separate sanction fee will be charged accordingly.
- Withdrawal from an FCE ([FAI Sporting Code Section 5](#))
- Return of Entry Fees ([FAI Sporting Code Section 5](#))

5.2 Registration

Each FAI Member country (NAC) may register up to 5 competitors for 4-way Open, 4-way Female, and 4-way VFS. 8-way Open may register up to 10 competitors.

5.3 Registration Procedure & Payment Procedure

Step 1. Each delegation's NAC is asked to email a list of all approved delegation members to events@flyxp.com with the subject "FAI Preliminary Registration". You can download the Entry Form here [REGISTRATION FORM](#) for editing ability.

The information required of each individual for registration includes:

- Full Name
- FAI License Number
- Gender
- E-mail of Individual Registrant
 - This must be the individual's email and may not be, for example, a generic Federation email because a confirmation email will be sent to each individual once online registration has been completed.
 - The confirmation email contains a link to complete the electronic waiver, which is mandatory and must come from each individual.
- Phone Number
 - Can be the NAC phone number, personal phone number not required
- Address
 - Can be the NAC address, personal address not required
- Date of Birth
- Role (i.e. Competitor, Head of Delegation, Team Manager, Coach, Medic, Media, Significant Other, or Other)
- Gift jersey size
- Banquet dinner special dietary requests
- Estimated Date of Arrival
- Estimated amount of training time

Step 2. The NAC may enter the individual details for all or some of the delegation members. In this case, please note the total due and select the option to pay via wire transfer in the individual payment section. A single transfer may then be made of the total amount due for the delegation.

The name of the competitors on the entry forms must be EXACTLY the same as the one listed in the FAI Sporting License Database.

Deadline for Preliminary Registration: 24 January, 2025 (Friday 23:59HRS EST)

Deadline for Final Registration & Payment: 7 March, 2025 (Friday 23:59HRS EST)

[Registration Form](#)

Please contact us at events@flyxp.com with any questions.

5.5 Registration Payment Procedure

Payments can be made:

- a) **Online via credit card** during the registration process. All major credit cards will be accepted, but subject to a 3% booking fee per registrant.
- b) **Via bank transfer.** Please use this payment method if you wish to pay for more than one registrant at a time. Only after transfer has been received is registration considered to be complete. Any bank charges for wire transfers will be the responsibility of the sender.

The whole amount as per the section on Entry Fees must be paid to the organizer.

All payments must be made in USD. Sanction fees should be paid in USD based on the exchange rate on the day of payment.

5.6 Full Bank Information (beneficiary, account name and number, IBAN, BIC/Swift, etc.)

Please email events@flyxp.com with the subject line "FAI Bank Request" for full banking information to prevent fraud from posting publicly online.



6. Wind Tunnel Facilities

6.1 Competition Layout

Paraclete XP provides space over 3 floors including 5 classrooms, internet access, and there will be a designated area in addition to this for the judges panels and FAI/ISC officials. There are men, women, handicap accessible bathrooms on the first and third floors.

6.2 First Floor

When entering the building, you'll be welcomed by one of our Front Desk staff. This is the registration area and where all competitors will also complete a waiver (online completion recommended). This floor has elevator access to the 2nd and 3rd floors as well as stairs.



6.3 Judges/Jury/FAI Controller

There will be a designated area equipped with computers, video playback monitors, internet access, scoring system, scanner, printer, and necessary tools.

6.4 Competitors

Competitors will have access to the classrooms provided on the 2nd floor. These rooms are equipped with computers, coffee makers, whiteboards, and an option to review videos for debriefing.

6.5 Media

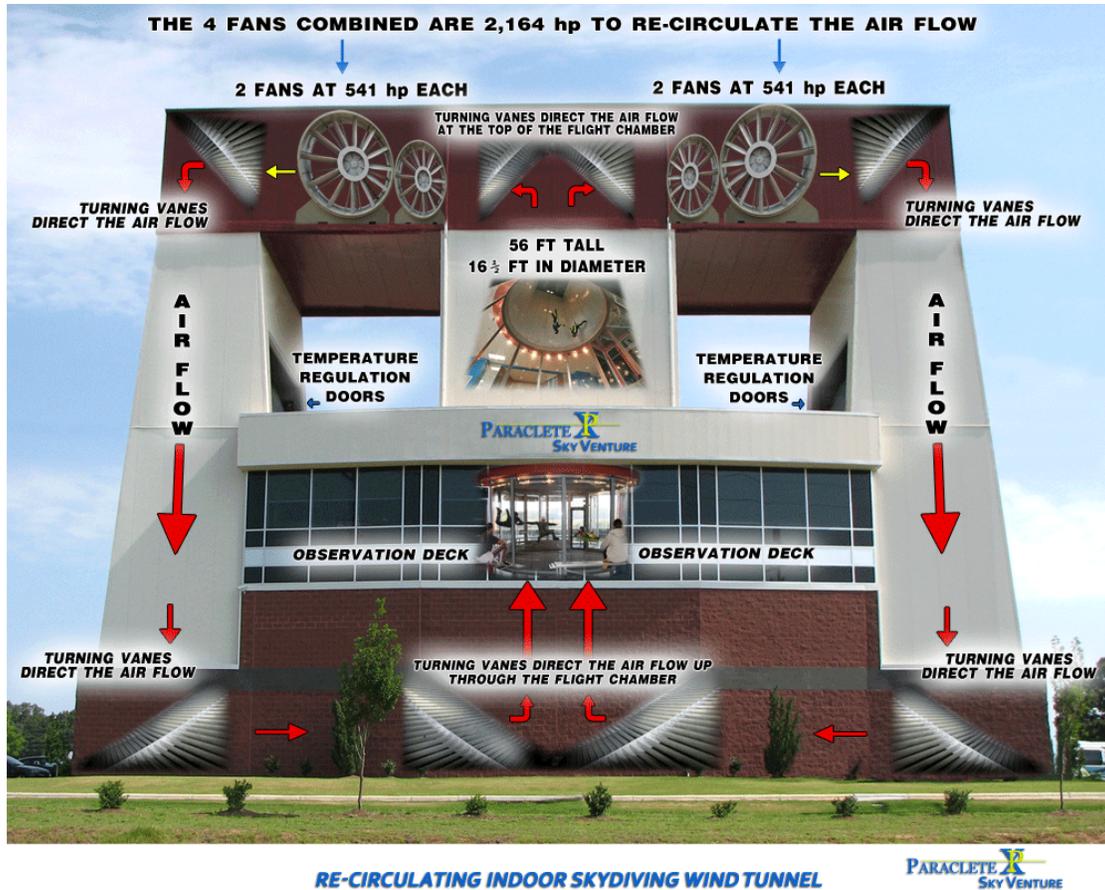
A sufficient area for media is available on site including a private room equipped with computers and internet.



6.6 Food

The tunnel is not equipped with a restaurant but the organizers will arrange food trucks daily. Doordash and Uber Eats are both good apps to use for ordering and having food delivered to the tunnel. They may be left at the front desk for your convenience so as not to interrupt your training or competition rounds.

Food trucks will be provided and available during the competition days (April 8-12). The private grass area surrounding the tunnel is large enough to provide tables and tents are provided for dining. The food truck schedule can be found on the event website here. www.2025wisc.com



7. Wind Tunnel Details

Paraclete XP SkyVenture is currently the largest vertical wind tunnel in the United States in terms of power and size. Our tunnel has 4 fans at 541 horsepower each to give a great range of air speed and the diameter of our tunnel is also something to be quite proud of at 16'5" in diameter (and 53' tall).

2164 horsepower worth of fans push air out to the sides of the structure and past the "Louvers". At this point we can control the air temperature for comfort in the flight chamber. Past the "Louvers" the air flows down and around back into the flight chamber – where you are currently flying. Note that in every place the air must make a turn – "turning vanes" are in place to guide it around. Because of this long trip around the structure and this series of "turning vanes" the air in the flight chamber is turbulence free; giving an exact simulation of freefall. At this point the air makes it back to the fans for another trip around the wind tunnel.

Tunnel engineering details: <https://paracletexp.com/wind-tunnel/>

Tunnel facilities: <https://paracletexp.com/wind-tunnel/facilities/>



7.1 Cameras

All cameras are able to record and store footage for review. The existing system automatically uploads all videos to the server and enables immediate access from stationary computers in the building. The views will include a top and bottom view.



It is understood and agreed that Paraclete XP will have all equipment needed, ready, and operational for competition performances and official training.



8. Pre-event Training Time and Rate

On successful entry, the Head of Delegation/Team will receive an account to a booking website to book and pay for pre-competition training hours. More information on booking time can be found on our website www.2025wisc.com

8.1 Training period 1-7 April 2025

As a contribution to keeping competition costs down, Paraclete XP will offer a favorable rate to all teams for pre-event training. Once a team has registered

and paid the full entry fee, the rate offered to competitors will be \$1275 USD per tunnel hour. All members of the team must be present and flying during the pre-event training. Paraclete XP commits to reserve blocks of time exclusively to competitors for up to seven days prior to the event start date.

8.2 Time Units and Rates

- 1 hour \$1275
- 30 minutes \$637.50
- 15 minutes \$318.75

8.3 Terms and Conditions

- Each registered team is able to purchase in units of 15mins, 30mins, or 1hr.
- Tunnel time bookings will be on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability.
- Tunnel time bookings can only be confirmed once payment has been received.
- This time can only be used for team training - only registered team members can fly on this training time.
- All members of the team need to be present and flying during the training.
- This time is not for resale.
- Any time remaining on the account once the competition starts will be forfeited.
- Operation hours during the Training Period will be extended to allow teams the maximum opportunity to train.
- Training time will be available for booking through our competition booking system at the start of final registration. Updates will be released on our website www.2025wisc.com
- There are no limits on booking time from 1-7 April 2025.
- From 8-9 April 2025, each team can book up to 15 minutes of training time to ensure that all teams have the opportunity to train before the competition.
- Any remaining un-booked time on 8-9 April, 2025 will be released/made available for booking after the final registration deadline/March. There are no limits on booking these remaining hours. Updates will be released on our website.
- There are no limits on booking time before 1 April 2025 and after the competition. Normal rates apply. If a team requires training time before 1 or after 12 April, please contact info@paracletexp.com indicating your details and requirements for special pro-flyer rates and payment methods. Please write "WISC 2025 Additional Booking - off training dates" in the Subject line.
- All tunnel time purchased is non-refundable.

9. Accommodation Details

Within 16 km of the Tunnel:

Holiday Inn & Suites	(910) 491-5352	ihg.com
Embassy Suites by Hilton	(910) 826-3600	hilton.com
Hilton Garden Inn	(910) 860-3600	hilton.com
Hampton Inn	(910) 487-4006	hilton.com
Comfort Inn	(910) 900-9454	choicehotels.com

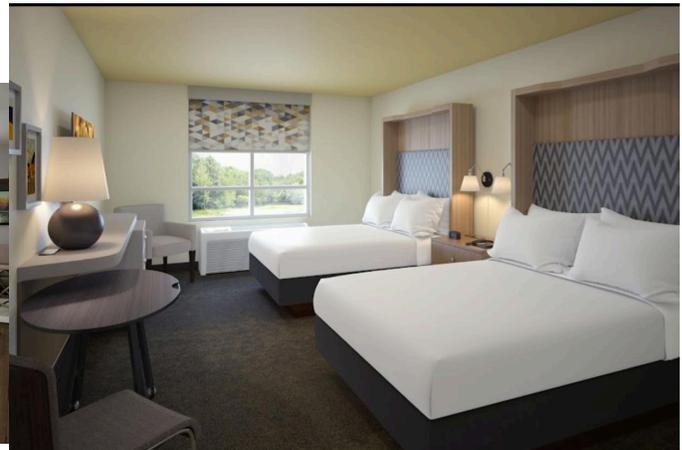
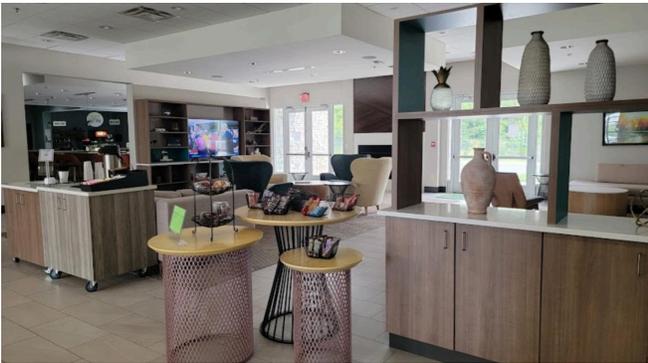
At the time of this printing, the average nightly rate per room with two queen beds is approximately \$140 US for hotels within 10 miles from the tunnel.

Lodging is not provided in the entry fees for this event. All Competitors must find their own housing. There are many options available on the home-sharing app AirBnB and VRBO rentals available on various websites.

Competitor Discounts available:

Holiday Inn (2501 Two Bale Lane Fayetteville, NC 28304)

- ihg.com
- \$119 discounted rate
- Call (910) 491-5352 and reference "Paraclete XP" to receive discount



Airbnb will be used for staff and officials during the event (Meet Director, Chief Judge, Asst to Chief Judge, Judge panel, Media Officer, FAI Controller, and other officials)

10. Equipment

All competitors are required to wear a helmet and equipment which is in compliance with the FAI Sporting Code Section 5. Metal components and plastic mounts are strictly forbidden in the flight chamber whether on helmets or any other equipment, including shoes. Competitors need to bring their own weight belts. Paraclete XP reserves the right to prohibit any competitor with non-standard equipment from entering the tunnel. If

the competitor enters the wind tunnel with exposed metal or plastic mounts despite warning, the organizer may hold him/her financially responsible for any damage to the wind tunnel equipment.

11. Organization Officials

Meet Director- _____
FAI Controller- Rina Gallo
FS Chief Judge- _____
Event Judges- _____
Assistant to Chief Judges- Marylou Laughlin
Electronic Scoring Operator- Dirk Venter
Jury Members
_____ - Jury President
_____ - Jury Member
_____ - Jury Member (remote)

A list of all judges can be found at <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents> under: Officials and Judges > Judges > Judges Panels 2025

12. Judging & Scoring

The Organizing Committee will be utilizing InTime as the required electronic scoring system.

The Organizing Committee will post scores on an official scoreboard, which will be easily accessible by teams and judges per ISC requirements.

13. Medical / Emergency details

All legal requirements are met for the building in regard to safety and emergency plans, emergency exits, fire extinguishers, etc. Full ambulance and medical services are provided through 911 emergency service.

The nearest hospital is located directly across the street:

Hoke Hospital
210 Medical Pavilion Dr
Raeford, NC 28376
<https://www.capefearvalley.com/hospitals/hoke.html>

14. Insurance Details

Paraclete XP does not require tunnel flyers to hold third party liability insurance. During the registration process, all flyers are asked to sign a waiver and a risk acceptance statement. Each participant will be responsible for acquiring their own travel/medical insurance

15. Visa information

Visitors to the USA may be required to obtain a DS-160 visitors visa (B-2 visa) to attend this sporting event. Visitors can apply online to the US State Department using form DS-160 at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html>. The nonimmigrant visa application fee for the athlete category at the time of this printing is \$205 US, and is not covered by the registration fees.

Email events@flyxp.com to request an invitation letter to the event for visa purposes.

16. Rules and Regulations

16.1 Competition Rules can be found here:

[Formation and Vertical Formation Skydiving Sporting Code Section 5](#)

16.2 Doping Requirements and Control

The USADA may conduct drug testing following directives from WADA according to the details specified in the FAI website:

<https://www.fai.org/anti-doping-faq-event-organisers#6>

17. Weather

Considerations regarding weather conditions are not applicable as the event will be held indoors.

18. Other Matters

18.1 National flag and anthem (as per SC5)

The FAI sporting code requires that each delegation must bring its own national flag and its national anthem in a downloadable format to be used in ceremonies. Please submit these no later than two weeks prior to the event to

events@flyxp.com

18.2 Official Media Channels

- FAI/ISC Webpage: <https://www.fai.org/commission/isc>
- ISC Webpage: www.worldskydiving.org
- Paraclete XP Website: www.paracletexp.com
- Competition Website: www.2025wisc.com
- Official email: events@flyxp.com

18.3 Official Bulletin #2

The second bulletin will be provided no later than March 9, 2025.

