



Inside the Glass

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Welcome to “*Inside the Glass*” and the IBA Review of 2021. Despite the uncertainties of the global pandemic, we have made some exciting progress that supports our collective priority of providing the safest possible environment for the sport of indoor skydiving. Our goal is to help you to enjoy this incredible sport and to be as safe as possible, so here is a look back on how we have supported you this year.



The IBA website has been enhanced and we have just launched a brand-new mobilized version in the form of a Progressive Web App called “*My IBA*”. This has better functionality and is easier to use and allows you to access your account quickly on your mobile. And there is more to come; we plan to automate instructor currency to provide a more robust management system to record and track instructor and flyer currency. Check the new site out, add it to your home screen, and be sure to let your flyers know about it.

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Check IBA

One of the most significant safety measures we can apply is to monitor flyer currency. When did you get signed-off for that skill and when did you last fly it? It’s something we all understand and a path that other sports such as skydiving have trodden for many years. It is a natural evolution for our sport and the only method available to do this is to have an active IBA account that is maintained and checked before you and your customers fly. It is a simple action that takes very little time, but provides a significant benefit to us all. It looks like you agree with us, because we now have more than 50,000 flyers and instructors around the world with active accounts. It is now even easier to open an account and to check flight skills using “*My IBA*”.

*We love to fly; together as one community;
and as safely as possible*

Safety Matters

IBA Instructors play a vital role and are trained to the highest possible standards. In January we published the new IBA Instructor Level 1 Curriculum and Manual. The Curriculum helps IBA Trainers from over 85 tunnels worldwide, deliver consistent training while the Manual provides the detailed knowledge that instructors need to operate as safely as possible. They are “living” documents and amended through IBA STNs, and we published 5 of these in-year to address safety issues such as flyer weight limits, flying with flyers, and logging safety training, as well as flyer management updates to the IBA Flight Progression System and flight skills confirmation. All of these are available to instructors and managers through their personal log-in on “My IBA”.

And there is more?

There is always more to do. You will have noticed that the IBA training documentation is now written in a consistent language that is compliant with recognized international standards. The IBA Instructor Level 2-4 Curriculum is in publication and will be followed by the supporting Instructor Manual in early 2022. Once we complete this, we will move onto the documents we use to train our Trainers and Examiners. And, we will continue to support operations on a daily basis.



More Safety

The IBA and iFLY are committed to safety, so in April 21, iFLY closed all US tunnels to deliver 4 hours of safety training to staff. This was a huge commitment that was extremely successful, but it was much more than just a “demonstration”; it was an opportunity for staff to contribute and refresh their skills, so we plan to repeat the program as part of a continuous safety campaign. One of the important feedback items was to invite flyers (customers) to become part of the “safety team” and to help us to help them. The IBA Notice on Flyer Safety Responsibilities achieved this goal and we have had great feedback from across the world.



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We need your input. We plan to publish this IBA update quarterly, but we want to know what you do daily that we could all learn from. Did we say that safety is important? It is our collective priority and we should all promote it through world-class training and good behaviours; so always be accountable for your actions and always support others to be as safe as possible. Let us know how you keep your flyers safe.