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All BAOC Members/Army Orienteers

ARMY TEAM SELECTION

Reference

A. 2017DIN07-91 - Authority for Army Orienteering 2017–18

General

1. Selection to represent the British Army in Orienteering is a great honour and those who have done so should be very proud of their achievement. It is, therefore, imperative that the correct selection process is in place to ensure those who have been selected are rewarded accordingly.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to detail the policy used to select the Army Team. The Army Team will comprise 10 men and 6 women and 2 reserves in each team.

Selection Policy

3. **Overarching Policy.** The overarching principle for both the male and female team selection is that individuals will be selected by ability, based on their availability for any given competition. In extreme circumstances, the Team Managers reserve the right to reduce the size of the team selection, rather than expose individuals to courses on which they will struggle physically or technically.

4. **Eligibility.** Selection for the Army Team is open to all members of the Regular Army and Reserves, subject to the rules laid out in Reference A. It is an individual's responsibility to demonstrate their suitability for selection by competing and achieving credible results, in the months leading up to selection. The Army Team will be announced 2 weeks prior to the Inter Service Competition.

5. **Event Organisation.** Each Service is responsible for organising the Inter-Services competition every 3rd year, the rotation is shown in the table below. The event is usually coupled with a Level A or B civilian event and therefore can be both physically and technically demanding. Potential competitors are encouraged to participate in Orienteering events outside of the Military Leagues to gain wider experience; some suggested events are found in paragraph 6 of Annex A.

Year	Responsible Service	Date and Location
2018/19	Royal Navy	13 Jan 18– Burley West, New Forest
2019/20	Army	To be decided
2020/21	RAF	To be decided
2021/22	Royal Navy	To be decided
2022/23	Army	To be decided
2023/24	RAF	To be decided
2024/25	Royal Navy	To be decided

6. **Colours.** Colours (an Army Orienteering shirt) will be awarded to new caps who compete on the day of the Inter Services match. They will not be issued to reserves or individuals who do not run for the Army team.

7. **Selection.** Individuals who wish to be considered for selection are asked to contact their respective Team Manager 3 months prior to the Inter Services Competition. The earlier the better,

as this will give Team Managers the opportunity to focus on committed individuals and review their achievements. Selection is based on an individual's commitment and their orienteering ability on events listed at Annex A. Personnel do not have to compete in all of them, but consistent performance across both the military and civilian events will add weight to selection justification. Team Managers can provide appropriate feedback on performance and improvements. Given the likelihood of last-minute duty commitments, or injuries, it is quite possible that reserves could be called up at short notice. Equally, the Team Managers would appreciate as early notice as possible from anyone who will have to withdraw.

8. **Announcements.** Successful individuals will be informed by their Team Managers and the selected team will be announced on the BAOC website as will all results.

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EX TECHNICAL CHALLENGE EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

1. **Introduction.** Ex TECHNICAL CHALLENGE (Ex TC) the Inter-Services Orienteering Championships usually takes place in the winter. The competition is physically and technically challenging and the Army Team will only be selected from individuals who have proven themselves able to cope with such conditions. In order to help Team Managers, identify these individuals, Ex TC is run throughout the previous year. Ex TC is a series of races, in conjunction with civilian orienteering events that will allow individuals to demonstrate ability and identify where improvement is necessary. Note, none of the Military Leagues provide suitable technical challenges to justify selection for the Army Team in their own right, however they do demonstrate performance potential. The exercise author includes 5 national level competitions and 1 BAOC Long in the programme of events.
2. **Status.** Ex TC is formal military training in accordance with Para 7 of Reference A. All personnel are considered to be on duty whilst taking part, including when travelling to events. Individuals are entitled to the same allowances and support afforded any other official training activity. However, there is no central budget for Ex TC and so individuals must clear any expenditure with their unit budget manager beforehand.
3. **Individual Equipment.** The following will be required at each event:
 - a. Compass.
 - b. Whistle (no whistle, no start policy in operation at many events).
 - c. Control description holder.
 - d. SI/EMIT card, if owned. Cards can normally be hired at events, but check the details.
 - e. Orienteering/lycra running bottoms.
 - f. Orienteering top.
 - g. Orienteering shoes.
 - h. Gaiters (carrying/wearing whilst on the course may be compulsory).
 - i. A change of warm and weatherproof clothing, including footwear.
4. **Entry Fees.** As military training, individuals should not be paying for their own entry fees, which should be met from their unit's training budget. However, unless funds have been bid for in advance, the unit might not have this flexibility. In some cases, it might be more appropriate for individuals to claim payment in advance or a refund from their COPF, PRI or Corps/Regimental Fund. There are no central funds to cover entry fees for Ex TC.
5. **Event Entry Bids.** Individuals are responsible for their own entries to each event that they wish to take part in. Note that many of these are higher level events that might have online entry only and/or a closing date in advance of the event itself.
6. **Ex TC Events:**

Ser	Time of year	Location	Event	Remarks
1	Easter	Various	JK Events	
2	Summer	Various	Scottish 6 Days Wales Croeso 5 days Lakes 5 days	
3	Autumn	Wells	British Middle Distance	
4	Winter	Various	Inter Corps Champs	
5	Winter	Various	The Nick Bateson Long O	Max attendance is encouraged – BAOC support event.
6	Nov	New Forest	November Classic	Max attendance is encouraged

7. Other events may be added to this list as the details become available. Not all these events offer the same level of technical difficulty. Personnel should make every effort to attend the higher rated events where possible.