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## AUTHORITY FOR ARMY ORIENTEERING 2016 – 2017

- A. DIO Practitioner Guide – 06/09 – occasional use of the MOD Estate for private and non –entitled purposes.
- B. [British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering](#) Version 2.3 Effective 1st January 2016.
- C. Regular Army and Army Reserve Army General Administrative Instruction (AGAI) [Volume 1 Chapter 5: Sport](#).
- D. Army Corporate Standard ([ACS 10](#)) dated June 2016.
- E. Armed Forces Compensation Scheme [JSP 765](#).
- F. MoD Health & Safety Handbook [JSP 375 Part 2, Vol 1, Ch 40](#) – Military Training for Land Systems.
- G. Sport in the UK Armed Forces [JSP 660](#).
- H. [2014DIN07-028](#) Authority to Conduct Physical Development (PD) Activities and Duty Status Applicability.
- I. [JSP 539](#) Climatic Illness and Injury in The Armed Forces: Force Protection and Initial Medical Treatment.

1. **Status of Orienteering in the Army.** A number of sports contribute directly to the development of military skills. They improve the level of individual expertise in the military skill involved and play an important role in both encouraging interest in the skill and developing a cadre of subject matter experts and instructors. In many ways they can produce ‘role models’ to demonstrate the level of skill achievable and the benefits to military

capability that is produced. The sports which directly produce this benefit are<sup>1</sup>: Target Shooting; Orienteering<sup>2</sup> and Biathlon/Nordic Skiing.

a. Orienteering is a sport in which the competitors navigate independently through challenging terrain where competitors must visit a number of control points marked on the ground by a kite, usually in the shortest possible time, aided in navigation by map and compass only. There are four official orienteering disciplines currently recognised by the International Orienteering Federation (IOF). The discipline in which the Army participates in and which is sponsored by the Army Orienteering Association (AOA), is Foot Orienteering (Foot O), which requires the competitor to travel on foot through the terrain.

b. Orienteering [training or competitive] in the Army up to and including Army Team and Individual championships is classified as participating in 'Individual Military Training' (IMT); a distinct form of navigation training, usually taking place in rural areas (although camps are also now mapped) where it is possible to navigate freely between control points on foot i.e. not limited to tracks and paths. It can be used as a component of Military Annual Training Test (MATT) 5 – Land Navigation, a mandatory annual competence test for Army personnel. However, Army orienteers that compete abroad (outwith Home Theatre), in Inter Services (Army v Navy v RAF) and UK Armed Forces (Armed Forces team v Police etc; & university) matches are classified as participating in a 'Category 2 Sport'<sup>3</sup>.

2. **Governance and Supporting Policy.** The AOA provides governance over orienteering in the Army by: sponsoring events at Army level; delegates the delivery of the military leagues to geographically based League Secretaries; and supports MATT 5 (Land Navigation) activities upon request. The AOA uses the British Orienteering rules as the foundation upon which all events take place; by means of a 'comply or mitigate' philosophy<sup>4</sup>. Army orienteering takes place under the following governance:

a. **British Orienteering (BO).** In order to comply with Army policy at Ref C, the requirement is that activity is conducted in accordance with the National Governing Body (NGB) rules, policies and regulations for the conduct of the sport in the United Kingdom. British Orienteering (BO) provides comprehensive rules<sup>5</sup> on the conduct of foot orienteering.

b. **Army Orienteering Association (AOA).** The AOA, through an Executive Committee of nominated officials acting in secondary roles, oversees orienteering in the Army. Governance is delivered by the committee, which consists of: Chairman, Technical Director, Coaching Officer and Secretary. The AOA sponsor three annual Army level competitions: Inter Unit Championships (usually June); the Inter Corps, Reserve Unit and UOTC Championships (usually November); and the Army Individual Championships (usually February). In addition, it co-sponsors Inter Service and UK Armed Forces events on a rotational basis. AOA events are delivered in accordance with BO rules; events are recorded on the BAOC website; and insurance levies<sup>6</sup> are paid when non-entitled civilians participate.

(1) **Governance.** The AOA Governance structure can be seen at Annex A to

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<sup>1</sup> 5.014 – (Ref C).

<sup>2</sup> Direct benefit to MATT 5 (Land Navigation and Navigation), together with considerable benefits to MATT 2 (Fitness Training).

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Ref G.

<sup>4</sup> That policies are complied with or appropriate mitigation is in place to reduce the risk to as low as practicably possible.

<sup>5</sup> Version 2.3 Effective 1 May 2016 British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering.

<sup>6</sup> Third Party Liability Insurance is purchased annually by the AOA.

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(2) **Communications Strategy.** The AOA's developing communications strategy can be found at Annex A.

(3) **AOA Sponsored Competitions.** The responsibility for organising the AOA sponsored major Army orienteering competitions is allocated to regional leagues and Arms/Corps Orienteering secretaries in order to spread the burden and ensure a variety of competition areas.

(a) Annex B allocates the responsibilities;

(b) Annex C the authority for the Inter Unit Orienteering Championship;

(c) Annex D the authority for the Inter Corps Orienteering Championship and the Army Reserve and Officer Training Corps (OTCs) Inter Unit Orienteering Competition.

(d) Annex E the authority for the Army Individual Orienteering Championship.

(4) **AOA Executive Committee Meetings.** The AOA Executive Committee meetings will take place biannually as directed by the Chairman. Expected attendance is the AOA Committee and others by invitation.

(5) **AOA Annual General Meeting.** The AOA AGM should take place annually during the Inter Corps competition. Attendance (where available) at these meetings is to include the chairmen or secretaries from the Military Leagues, Reserve Forces and Arms/Corps Secs and those responsible for running AOA-sponsored teams or competitions. Meetings will be coordinated by the AOA Secretary.

(6) **DIO National Licence Arrangements for Non-Entitled Civilians.** Annex G outlines the agreement between the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and the AOA on the enduring national licensing arrangements for AOA sponsored Army orienteering events on the Defence Estate that include the participation of non-entitled persons (civilians).

c. **Military Leagues (ML).** There are four geographically focused Military Leagues (ML) in the UK and two abroad, which provide the basis for military (and civilian) competitors to participate in quality orienteering events close to their unit location. The ML leagues are governed by a chairman and league secretary and events are delivered in accordance with BO rules; are registered on the BAOC website; and levies<sup>7</sup> (UK only) paid when non-entitled civilians participate. The leagues have published rules on the BAOC website that complement the BO rules and cover additional military specific requirements. The Germany and Cyprus league arrangements are bespoke to country and the responsibility of the respective League Secretary.

d. **Military Training.** This DIN is the authority for Army service personnel

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

participating in AOA sponsored events and competitions to be classified as Individual Military Training (IMT). It is recognised that physical training is an integral part of service life and is essential for military effectiveness; technically difficult and physically demanding orienteering plays a key role in this military output.

e. **Military Training MATT 5 (Land Navigation).** Head Training (Army) sponsors the requirements for Military Annual Training Test (MATT), to deliver trained soldiers at readiness. Specifically MATT 5 policy foreword is signed off by Commander Royal Engineers (Geo) and ownership is with Joint Intelligence Training Group Royal School of Military Survey (RSMS). The activity is governed by the CO of the unit conducting the activity; it is common for units to participate in orienteering events to fulfil some of the requirements of MATT5.

f. **Civilian Orienteering.**

(1) **Benefit – Maps.** The AOA's relationship with civilian orienteering clubs is on a local individual basis and is primarily driven by the requirement to benefit from the use of areas off the training estate that provide high quality, technically demanding maps; where civilian clubs own the intellectual property rights to the orienteering maps; but not the right of access. Military events then take place on the civilian estate in accordance with Training on Private Land policy (TOPL)<sup>8</sup>.

(2) **Benefit – Officials & Events.** Civilian clubs also occasionally lay on military events in association with service personnel. It is also not unusual for civilians to act in an official BO technical capacity when no suitably qualified or experienced military personnel (SQEP) are available. It is also common practice for a few very large scale civilian events to agree that AOA sponsored competitions can be run simultaneously, thereby benefiting from the civilian events administration and orienteering map.

(3) **British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC).** The British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC) is a civilian club under BO governance whose membership is limited to serving and retired Army personnel and their dependants. It provides a non-geographically based civilian club structure of likeminded Army personnel which enables them to participate as an individual or team in civilian orienteering events. The club has a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and Mapping Coordinator. BAOC is the civilian arm of the AOA and its governance structure can be seen at Annex A.

3. **Risk Management.**

a. **Competitors Own Ability.** The responsibility for personal safety at the event lies with the competitor who is responsible for assessing their own physical and technical abilities to complete the selected course. However, organisers must have made reasonable risk management arrangements to mitigate the hazards that a competitor might reasonably not be aware of.

b. **Responsible Persons.** The organiser, planner and controller in accordance with BO Rules have responsibility for identifying and managing risks that the participant would not usually expect to encounter – such as: armoured vehicles, exercising troops, road crossings<sup>9</sup>, forestry operations, deep pits, mine shafts, missing

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<sup>8</sup> JSP 362 - Vol 2, Leaflet 6 (Training Over Private Land in the United Kingdom).

<sup>9</sup> Participants under the age of 16 years old, must not be allowed to compete in courses that include a busy road crossing.

manhole covers, deep water, high-tension power cables, military wire obstacles and debris, very high cliffs, etc. Courses appropriately planned aim to provide competitors with a physically and navigationally challenging course, whilst keeping the risk to life as-low-as-reasonably-practicable (ALARP). Competitors are informed that: *they should enter a course that is appropriate to their technical experience and physical ability.*

c. **Non-Entitled Participants below the age of 16 years.** A parent or guardian is not permitted to sign a disclaimer in order to allow a junior under the age of 16 to compete where the courses have any routes that require competitors to cross roads with significant traffic unless appropriate traffic management arrangements have been put in place.

4. **Liability Insurance.** Liability insurance for AOA sponsored orienteering events follows the guidance given in the Army Corporate Standard 10 (ACS 10) and 2014DIN07-028 Authority to Conduct Physical Development (PD) Activities and Duty Status Applicability.

a. **Civilians.** When civilians participate in military competitions, the AOA purchased insurance covers them for third party liability when participating in or acting in a position of responsibility. It does not cover personal accident insurance and civilian participants take part at their own risk in this regard, as they would whenever a civilian registered event is held. The event flyers should contain the following information:

For civilians participating in Army orienteering, Public Liability Insurance is provided by Towergate; individuals are advised to have their own private accident insurance. This event is conducted iaw British Orienteering (v2.3) 2016 Rules and land booked iaw JSP 907.

b. For Cyprus and Germany leagues, it is the individual League Secretaries' responsibility to ensure that when civilians participate, they have appropriate third party liability insurance.

c. **Service Personnel.** When service personnel are formally authorised by the chain of command to participate in recognised<sup>10</sup> orienteering activities, they do so 'On Duty'<sup>11</sup>. Under these circumstances, third party liability/public liability protection is provided by the MOD so long as the activity is conducted in accordance with the Safe Systems Approach to Training<sup>12</sup>. Duty status is not linked to the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS); compensation is paid when "*the claimant shows that the balance of probabilities is such that their injury is more likely than not to have been caused by service.*" Factors that may mean an injury was more likely to be caused by service include: "*participation in service-approved and recognised sport*".<sup>13</sup> Service personnel participating in AOA events are therefore covered by the provisions of the AFCS.

5. **Participation in Events and Competitions.** Army orienteering competitions are open to Regular, Reserve personnel and where possible non-entitled civilians (IN ACCORDANCE WITH event instructions). Whilst men and women do compete in separate

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<sup>10</sup> Events listed in this DIN, on the BAOC website under the events tab or authorised by the Commanding Officer.

<sup>11</sup> [2014DIN07-028](#) refers.

<sup>12</sup> [JSP 375 Part 2, Vol 1, Ch 40](#) - Military Training for Land Systems.

<sup>13</sup> [JSP 765](#) Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Statement of Policy, Ch 2, para 2.32 refers.

competitive classes, women are eligible to run in any team.

a. **Event Structure.** In accordance with British Orienteering Rules the event structure consists of 4 levels of event: A, B, C and D. All Army orienteering events and competitions are classed as Level D and events should comply with these requirements. In particular the risk assessment must be reviewed by a Controller, a licensed organiser or a licensed coach. Whilst First Aid provision must be appropriate to the needs of the event.

b. **Service Competition Formats.** Are on **FOOT ONLY** and may take the form of:

(1) Long (Classic) orienteering usually takes place in forest terrain. The emphasis is on route choice to test a competitor's ability to use a variety of navigational techniques. All controls on the course are to be visited in a set order.

(2) Middle distance orienteering usually takes place in forest terrain. The emphasis is on continuous map reading, there are a high number of controls and frequent changes in direction. All controls on the course are to be visited in a set order.

(3) Sprint distance orienteering usually takes place in runnable semi urban terrain, subject to suitable arrangements with regard to traffic. The high rate of decision-making speed of map reading, map interpretation and route choice make up the challenge.

(4) Ultra-long orienteering is over very long distances with few controls. Terrain is usually predominantly forest but may be a mixture of semi urban and forest. All controls on the course are to be visited in a set order.

(5) Urban orienteering usually takes place in urban terrain, predominantly towns or city centres, using public open spaces, pedestrian and trafficked streets as well as parks. All controls on the course are to be visited in a set order.

(6) Score orienteering may take place in any type of terrain. The challenge for a competitor is to gain the greatest score in a pre-defined running time. The controls may be visited in any order and need not all be visited.

(7) Relay orienteering event with a team of 3 or 4 individuals competing one after the other on shortened cross country courses as fast as possible. All controls on the course are to be visited in a set order.

(8) Harris Team is a team event which requires planning and coordination under time pressure, originating in Germany and introduced to the UK in the late 1980's by the then chairman of Army orienteering Lt Col Steve Harris. All team members receive identical maps and run simultaneously. It is a score event, with two sets of controls. 'Spine' controls must be visited by each and every team member. The other controls need be visited by only one team member. The team's time is that of the last member to reach the finish. Failure to collectively punch each control or individually punch each spine control will be penalised, by a hefty time penalty.

c. **Exercise TECHNICAL CHALLENGE (Ex TC).** The Inter-Services Orienteering

Match usually takes place in the autumn. 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 that none of the Military Leagues provide suitable technical challenges to justify selection for the Army Team in their own right. The Exercise author can include up to eight (8) national level competitions in the programme of events.

d. **Exercise RUNNING COMPASS.** This exercise adheres to the principles of sporting excellence, with the Army team participating in the higher levels of competition. Selected participants will be very active orienteers who could be expected to benefit and develop from training in terrain of a very high technical standard. Seven men and three women will be selected. Interested personnel should contact the AOA secretary for the contact details of the Army team captains.

e. **Exercise RUNNING DEER.** This exercise is an Army Development Squad exercise and comprises of a series of training exercises for younger (usually under 25 years old) soldiers and officers both male and female, normally based around the major civilian championships, with a final concentrated week of training hosted at a major championship in the UK or abroad. Participants will have demonstrated an aptitude and keenness for orienteering at regional league events.

f. **Exercise SMART RUNNER.** An AOA sponsored Army Inter Unit Orienteering Championship; see Annex C. Usually takes place in June. The competition is usually organised outwith civilian events.

g. **Exercise CUNNING RUNNER.** An AOA sponsored Army Inter Corps Orienteering Championship and the Army Reserve and Officer Training Corps (OTCs) Inter Unit Orienteering Competition. See Annex D. Usually takes place in November. The competition is usually organised within a major civilian night and day cross country events.

h. **Exercise ASTUTE RUNNER.** An AOA sponsored Army Individual Orienteering Championship; see Annex E. Usually takes place in February. Entry details are promulgated on a flyer, published on the BAOC website; with the competition taking place within a civilian event.

i. **Exercise DYNAMIC RUNNER.** An AOA sponsored authority to participate in the Scottish Six Days (S6Ds), Welsh 6 Days (Croeso) or Lakes 6 Days orienteering festival as individual military training and places participating soldiers 'on duty'; see Annex F.

j. **Civilian Competitions and Events.**

(1) **Co-hosting or 'Piggy-Back' Civilian Competitions.** Organisers or responsible service persons may wish to collaborate with civilian clubs to either co-host or entirely 'piggy-back' on the events organisation and orienteering competition. This is often the most cost effective method of training small groups or running/hosting unit competitions, especially in isolated areas. This is an authorised method of participating in civilian orienteering with the requirement that it must be conducted in accordance with British Orienteering (BO) Rules and,

either registered with BO or published on the BAOC website. It is the Commanding Officer's responsibility to ensure that this is the case before authorising permission and budget authority must be agreed prior to spending public money.

(2) **Non-British Orienteering Events and Competitions.** There are a growing number of multi-day type challenge pursuit competitions that take place outwith the remit of British Orienteering. Commanding Officers may deem that these events/competitions further contribute to the unit's individual or collective military training outputs; particularly navigation skills; when those planning to participate have suitable experience to safely take part when conducted as individual military training. Such events are the Original Mountain Marathon (OMM) and the Lowe Alpine Mountain Marathon (LAMM). It is the Commanding Officers' responsibility to ensure that an Exercise and Admin Instruction is written, the names published on Part 1 Orders and that a risk assessment has been made. This DIN has no authority should the activity take place abroad, when the organiser must seek additional advice from the chain of command. In addition, it excludes multi-discipline events.

6. **Training.** The AOA run orienteering skills (Basic, Intermediate & Advanced) and orienteering planners courses at the AOA Centre of Excellence at Longmoor Training Area. Course dates can be obtained from the courses clerk at ASPT and from the BAOC website at [www.baoc.info](http://www.baoc.info)

a. **Coaching Officer.** Anyone interested in attending the OCAD mapping course, a coaching course, instructing/helping on a skills/planners course, or with queries about the content/standard of any of the above courses, should contact the AOA Courses Officer:

Mr Phill Batts, AOA Coaching Officer  
[coaching@armyorienteeing.com](mailto:coaching@armyorienteeing.com)

b. **Course Aims.** The AOA courses for military personnel are as follows:

(1) **Basic Skills Course.** 'Ideal for novices up to Light Green course' – to develop the basic orienteering skills necessary to complete a regional league event successfully and accurately. Training is ideal for novices and those on competition courses up to Light Green standard.

(2) **Intermediate Skills Course.** 'Progress through the Green to the Brown course' – to enable individuals to improve their technical skills and progress through the Blue and Brown competition courses. Attendees will learn how to continually develop their personal orienteering skills and will receive guidance on training unit teams.

(3) **Advanced Skills Course.** 'Learn to be consistent and win' – to enable individuals to improve their technical skills and progress through the Blue and Brown competition courses. Attendees will learn how to continually develop their personal orienteering skills and will receive guidance on training unit teams.

(4) **Planners Course.** 'Plan physically challenging and technically appropriate courses in accordance with British Orienteering rules' – to provide students who are already proficient orienteers with the necessary knowledge to enable them to



plan courses for regional league events and to understand the role of a controller.

(5) **OCAD Users' Course.** 'How to get the most from OCAD' – the courses are designed to develop computer & basic mapping skills to turn a simple mapping survey into a specialised orienteering map using the OCAD programme. The course planning tool is also taught to enable<sup>14</sup> users to produce over printed courses. Qualified instructors will be used and the costs will be funded via the AOA Budget.

(6) **Coaching.** Due to the need for qualified instructors in this specialist area it has been agreed with British Orienteering that the AOA will host courses of all levels at the Army Centre of Orienteering Excellence at Longmoor and be granted vacancies on each course. This arrangement will allow the Army to train personnel to a high standard at minimal cost. The courses are the "1st 4 Sport" Level 1 to 3 courses which provide a NGB award. Full details will appear on the BAOC/AOA website.

c. **Course Dates.** Course dates are published on the Events page of the BAOC website.

d. **Course Booking.** The application process to attend AOA sponsored courses is available at a link beside the advertised courses on the Events page of the BAOC website.

7. **Allowances.** Properly authorised events are classified as individual military training (IMT) and participants are entitled to the normal duty allowances detailed in JSP 752. This includes the appropriate rates of LOA and subsistence allowance for those selected to represent the Army abroad. Service transport may be used subject to the normal rules for military training and charged to Purpose of Travel Code 13 (POT 13). All charges against Public Funds incurred by individuals, or units, are to be charged against the appropriate unit training budget with prior authority of the budget manager.

8. **Public and Non-Public Funds.** The AOA Secretary manages the Public budget used to fund the organisation of, but not unit participation in, AOA sponsored events and activities; and, as orienteering in the Army is classed as individual military training, essential training aids such as control equipment, map survey and printing, and skills and officials courses are eligible for public funding. Public funding cannot be used for prizes and as such organisers may charge an entry fee to cover these costs. Units or individuals are to ensure that such entry fees are paid from non-public sources. Both funds are presented annually to the AOA Executive Committee for audit and scrutiny.

9. **Branding.** The AOA badge can be found at Annex H.

#### **Annexes:**

- A. Army Orienteering Governance and Communications Strategy.
- B. Allocation of Major Competitions.
- C. Ex SMART RUNNER – Army Inter Unit Orienteering Championship.
- D. Ex CUNNING RUNNER – Army Inter Corps Orienteering Championship and the Army Reserve and Officer Training Corps (OTCs) Inter Unit Orienteering Competition.
- E. Ex ASTUTE RUNNER – Army Individual Orienteering Championship.

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<sup>14</sup> Individuals may participate in such events as a civilian but will be considered to be "off duty"

- F. Ex DYNAMIC RUNNER – Authority to participate in the Scottish Six Days (S6Ds) as individual military training.
- G. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) National Licence – Access Agreement for Non-entitled Persons.
- H. AOA Branding.

**ARMY ORIENTEERING – GOVERNANCE**

| <b>Ser</b>                                   | <b>Appointment</b>   | <b>Name</b>                             | <b>Experience &amp; Qualifications</b> |
|--|----------------------|---|--|
| (a)  | (b)                  | (c)                                     | (d)                                    |
| <b>Army Orienteering Association (AOA)</b>   |                      |   |  |
| 1.   | President            | Head Training (Army)                    |  |
| 2.   | Chairman             | Lt Col Chris Huthwaite                  | Grade B Controller                     |
| 3.   | Technical Advisor    | Maj (Retd) Allan Farrington             | Grade B Controller                     |
| 4.   | Men's Team Captain   | Maj Emmit Andrews                       |  |
| 5.   | Women's Team Captain | Lt Col Lucy Giles                       | Grade C Controller                     |
| 6.   | Development Manager  | Maj Ali Lea                             |  |
| 7.   | Coaching Officer     | WO2 Phil Batts                          | Level 4 Coach                          |
| 8.   | Non-Public Budget    | WO1 Derek Warren                        |  |
| 9.   | Public Budget        | Maj Bernie Fowler                       | Grade C Controller<br>Level 2 Coach    |
| 10.  | Secretary            |   |  |
| <b>Military Leagues (ML)</b>                 |                      |   |  |
| 11.  | ML North             | Chair – Lt Col Andy Duncan              |  |
| 12.  |                      | Secretary – Capt Tony Ryder             |  |
| 13.  | ML Centre            | Chair – Vacant                          |  |
| 14.  |                      | Secretary – Maj Andy Johnson            |  |
| 15.  | ML South             | Chair – Lt Col Al Oates                 |  |
| 16.  |                      | Secretary – SSgt Jamie Ranson           |  |
| 17.  | ML Northern Ireland  | Chair – Vacant                          |  |
| 18.  |                      | Secretary – WO2 Mark Philpott (38x CTT) |  |
| 19.  | ML Cyprus            | Chair – Vacant                          |  |
| 20.  |                      | Secretary – Vacant                      |  |
| 21.  | ML Germany           | Chair – Vacant                          |  |
| 22.  |                      | Secretary – WO2 Steve Mallinson         |  |
| <b>British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC)</b> |                      |   |  |
| 23.  | Chairman             | Lt Col Paul L'Estrange                  |  |
| 24.  | Secretary            | Lt Col Charles Bromley Gardner          | Grade B Controller                     |
| 25.  | Treasurer            | Mr Tom Murphy                           | Grade C Controller                     |
| 26.  | Webmaster            | Mr Tim Booth                            |  |
| 27.  | Mapping Coordinator  | Maj (Retd) Colin Dickson                | Grade B Controller                     |

## ARMY ORIENTEERING – COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

### 1. **Methods.**

- a. **Army Briefing Note (ABN).** Annually in January.
- b. **Soldier Magazine.** Annually in July.
- c. **Defence Information Note (DIN).** Annually in September.
- d. **Prize Giving.** At all Army level competitions, a 2\* officer should be invited to attend, present prizes and recognise the value of orienteering in the Army.

2. **Message.** The message regarding the benefits of orienteering as an individual military training activity is described below.

*At its most demanding, orienteering provides the challenge of navigating over complex and rough terrain whilst running at speed; combining navigational skill and aerobic fitness. To be competitive at this level, an orienteer must train regularly, not only to build up physical speed and stamina, but also to improve their 'mental' skill. The skills required of a good soldier are very similar to that of an orienteer: the use of a compass, the ability to estimate distance and interpret the ground, whilst continually making multiple decisions.*

*During an orienteering event a soldier must be confident in their ability, maintain concentration, make decisions under pressure, and sustain a single-minded determination to overcome any setbacks and mistakes. Soldiers taking part in orienteering benefit from:*

*An improved cardiovascular fitness and stamina;*

*An increased self-confidence and self-awareness;*

*An improved ability to make rapid decisions whilst under physical duress;*

*Superior map reading skill: learning to 'read' the terrain and 'feel' their movement through it;*

*And a further developed sense of team cohesion.*

*Orienteering can be used to develop many of the qualities that are essential in a good soldier.*

**ALLOCATION OF MAJOR COMPETITIONS**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Inter Unit Orienteering Championships</b> | <b>Inter Corps Orienteering Championships</b> |
|-------------|--|---|
| <b>2014</b> | ML(C) / REME                                 | RE  |
| <b>2015</b> | ML(S) / RAPTC / AAC                          | RLC   |
| <b>2016</b> | ML(N) / INF                                  | RA  |
| <b>2017</b> | ML(C) AGC                                    | R Sigs  |
| <b>2018</b> | ML(N) RE                                     | REME  |
| <b>2019</b> | ML(S) RAPTC / AAC                            | RLC   |
| <b>2020</b> |  |   |

## ARMY INTER UNIT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS – EX SMART RUNNER

1. **General.** Ex SMART RUNNER is the name given to the Army Inter Unit Team Orienteering Championships and is open to Regular Army and Army Reserve units. The outline for Ex SMART RUNNER is:

- a. **Day 1.** Cross-country orienteering race.
- b. **Day 2.** Harris Team orienteering race.

2. **Team Declaration.** Team Captains will declare for both days prior to the start of the competition in accordance with the event instructions. This is an open competition – units & HQs can enter whichever Class they deem appropriate to fit their team(s) abilities. All Class results standalone; and, teams are declared at the outset. This revised format is designed to be simple and accessible for all abilities.

3. **Attendance.** The Championships are open to Regular Army and Reserve Army units; there is no requirement to qualify through respective formation or regional championships. Civilians are invited to participate as guests; this is largely dependent upon land access restrictions; and, the decision lies with the organiser.

4. **Miss-Punching.** The day 1 and 2 event controller(s) will penalise miss-punching or missing control(s). It will result in a 15 min time penalty per control and not a disqualification.

### TRAINING PLAN

5. **Training.** Training will **only** be provided on Day 1; near to the Assembly Area.

6. **Demo Map.** A small demo map will be available with pre-placed training controls between 0900 and 1200 hrs.

7. **Coaching.** The AOA Coaching Officer will organise training for Day 1 between 0900 and 1200 hrs. Details will be included in the event instructions.

### DAY 1 – CLASSIC CROSS-COUNTRY

8. **Outline.** A classic long cross-country orienteering race run by individual competitors between controls in a preset order.

9. **Event Times for Day 1.** The start will not open before 1200 hrs; and, courses should not close before 1600 hrs.

10. **Event planning.** The map scale will be 1:10,000 for all four courses; exact course lengths will be dependent upon terrain and climb, but must be within the following margins:

- a. **Brown:** 7 to 10 km; technical difficulty (TD) 5.
- b. **Blue:** 5.5 to 7.5 km; TD 5.

- c. **Light Green:** 3 to 4 km; TD 4.
- d. **Long Orange:** 5 to 7 km; TD 3.

11. **Course Allocation.** Competitors will run courses in accordance with the Class their unit enters; Table 1 provides these details.

## DAY 2 – HARRIS TEAM

12. **Outline.** A Harris Team race is run by a team of four competitors who start together and run simultaneously. The team's result is based on the time of their last runner in.

13. **Event Times for Day 2.** The start should open no later than 1000 hrs; and, the course should close before 1300 hrs. Prize giving should be planned to take place no later than 1400 hrs.

14. **Event Planning.** The map scale will be 1:10,000 for the course; and, the exact course length will be dependent upon terrain and climb, but must be within the following margins

- a. **Spine Controls:** No more than 9 spine controls at TD3 or below; course length not to exceed 3 km.
- b. **Other Controls:** No more than 31 other controls at TD3 and TD4; control distribution dependent upon terrain and climb.

15. **Course Allocation.** All competitors will run the same Harris Team course; Table 1 provides these details. There will be start waves as detailed in the event instructions.

16. **What is a Harris Team?** This is a team event which requires planning and coordination under time pressure, originating in Germany and introduced to the UK in the late 1980's by the then chairman of Army orienteering Lt Col Steve Harris. All team members receive identical maps and run simultaneously. It is a score event, with two sets of controls. 'Spine' controls must be visited by each and every team member. The other controls need be visited by only one team member. The team's time is that of the last member to reach the finish. Failure to collectively punch each control or individually punch each spine control will be penalised, by a 15 min time penalty.

## ENTRIES

17. **Unit Entry Examples.** Eligible entry examples for this Open Competition, which are competitive and eligible for prizes are as follows:

- a. A Royal Artillery (*major unit*) could enter one team into the Short Class and two into the Under 25 Class.
- b. RMAS (*major unit*) could enter a team into the Long Class, a team into the Short Class, and two teams into the Under 25 Class.
- c. Army HQ (*major unit*) could enter a team into the Long Class, a team into the Short Class and a team into the Female Class.
- d. An Infantry Bn (*major unit*) could enter a team into the Master's Class and four

teams into the Under 25 Class.

- e. Upavon HQ (*minor unit*) could enter one team into the Master's Class.
- f. A Squadron / Company / Battery (*sub-unit*) could enter a team into any Class they wish to be competitive in.
- g. A guest team can enter whichever Class they deem appropriate to their runners' competence.

**18. Class Description and Results.** Teams are declared on Day 1 to be competitive.

| Day 1<br>Classic Cross Country race  | Day 2<br>Harris Team race  | Results   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Long Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of eight runners<br>Day 2 – Two teams of four runners   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brown x 2 runners</li> <li>▪ Blue Course x 4 runners</li> <li>▪ Light Green Course x 2 runners</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners</li> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners</li> </ul> | <b>Day 1:</b> All eight runners times count<br><b>Day 2:</b> The last runner's time from each team count<br><b>Winner is team with lowest cumulative time over two days</b> |
| <b>Short Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blue Course x 2 runners</li> <li>▪ Light Green Course x 2 runners</li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners</li> </ul>                                     | <b>Day 1:</b> All four runners times count<br><b>Day 2:</b> The last runner in time counts<br><b>Winner is team with lowest cumulative time over two days</b>               |
| <b>Master's Class (Over 35):</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blue Course x 2</li> <li>▪ Light Green Course x 2</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners</li> </ul>                                     | <b>Day 1:</b> All four runners times count<br><b>Day 2:</b> The last runner in time counts<br><b>Winner is team with lowest cumulative time over two days</b>               |
| <b>Female Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Light Green x 1</li> <li>▪ Long Orange Course x 3</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners (all Female)</li> </ul>                        | <b>Day 1:</b> All four runners times count<br><b>Day 2:</b> The last runner in time counts<br><b>Winner is team with lowest cumulative time over two days</b>               |
| <b>Under 25 Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners or more<br>Day 2 – One or more teams of four runners  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Long Orange Course x 4</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Harris Team of 4 runners (all U25)</li> </ul>                           | <b>Day 1:</b> All four runners times count<br><b>Day 2:</b> The last runner in time counts<br><b>Winner is team with lowest cumulative time over two days</b>               |

Table 1 – Day 1 and 2 Class Summary and Results

19. Team membership must be in accordance with Army Sports Control Board amalgamation rules.



## RESULTS AND PRIZE GIVING

20. **Prize Giving.** This will be in the Day 2 Assembly Area and no later than 1400 hrs. All teams should stay for the Championship prize giving.

21. **Cups/Trophies.** Those units holding annually awarded cups/trophies should make arrangements to return them, suitably cleaned and engraved. Prizes will be presented to:

| Class   | Prizes:  |
|---|--|
| <b>Long Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of eight runners<br>Day 2 – Two teams of four runners                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Team of 8 runners<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Military Team of 8 runners |
| <b>Short Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Team of 4 runners<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Military Team of 4 runners |
| <b>Master’s Class (Over 35):</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Team of 4 runners<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Military Team of 4runners  |
| <b>Female Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners<br>Day 2 – One team of four runners                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Team of 4 runners<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Military Team of 4 runners |
| <b>Under 25 Class:</b><br>Day 1 – Team of four runners or more<br>Day 2 – One or more teams of four runners | 1 <sup>st</sup> Military Team of 4 runners<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Military Team of 4 runners |
| <b>Guest Team</b>   | Highest Civilian Team in any class<br>(8 or 4 runners)                                   |
| <b>Harris Team</b>  | Fastest Harris Team  |

Table 2 – Class Results

## ACCOMMODATION, MESSING, TRAVEL AND ENTRY FEES

22. In accordance with the event instructions.

**ARMY INTER CORPS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE ARMY RESERVE AND OTCs INTER UNIT ORIENTEERING COMPETITION – Ex CUNNING RUNNER**

1. **General.** Ex CUNNING RUNNER is the name given to the Army Inter Corps Orienteering Championship, and the Army Reserve and Officer Training Corps (OTCs) Inter Unit Orienteering Competition. The event usually takes place in November. The competition is usually organised within a major civilian night and day cross country event. The outline for Ex CUNNING RUNNER is:

- a. **Day 1:** Night cross-country orienteering race.
- b. **Day 2:** Day cross-country orienteering race.

2. **Class and Course Details.** Competitors will compete on the following courses:

| Time  | Colour Coded Course | Teams           | Army Individual Night Classes  |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Inter Corps Senior Long</b><br>Teams of 6              |                     |                 |  |
| Night   | Blue                | Best 4 to count | M21L, M35L, M40L, M45L & M50+  |
| Day   | Brown               | Best 5 to count | n/a  |
| <b>Inter Corps Senior Short &amp; Women</b><br>Teams of 4 |                     |                 |  |
| Night   | Green               | Best 2 to count | W21L & W35+L<br>M21S, M35S, M40S, M45S & M50S  |
| Day   | Blue                | Best 3 to count | n/a  |
| <b>U25 Competition</b><br>Teams of 6                      |                     |                 |  |
| Night   | Long Orange*        | n/a             | W21S, W35+S, MU25 & WU25   |
| Day   | Long Orange         | Best 3 to count | MU25 & WU25  |
| <b>Reserve and OTCs Competition</b><br>Teams of 3         |                     |                 |  |
| Night   | Long Orange*        | Best 1 to count | Army Reserve 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> ;<br>OTCs 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> (men & women classes) |
| Day   | Light Green         | Best 2 to count | n/a  |

\*or equivalent TD3 course for night event

## Prizes

| Category  | Places                              | Remarks   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Inter Corps</b>  |                                     |   |
| Inter Corps Senior Team   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Combined night [best 4 runners on Blue] and day [best 5 runners on Brown] from team of 6.             |
| Inter Corps Women's Team  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Combined night [best 2 runners on Green] and day [best 3 runners on Blue] from team of 4.             |
| Inter Corps Senior Short Team   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Combined night [best 2 runners on Green] and day [best 3 runners on Blue] from team of 4.             |
| Inter Corps U25 Team  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Day only [best 3 runners on Long Orange] from a team of 6.  |
| <b>Army Night Individual</b>  |                                     |   |
| M21L, M35L, M40L & M45L   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Blue course only  |
| M50, W21L and W35+  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Green course only   |
| M21S, M35S, M40S & M45S,  | 1 <sup>st</sup> only                | Night Green course only   |
| W21S and W35+S  | 1 <sup>st</sup> only                | Night Long Orange course only   |
| Women U25   | 1 <sup>st</sup> only                | Night Long Orange course only   |
| Men U25   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Long Orange course only   |
| Reserve Men's Nights  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Long Orange course only   |
| Reserve Women's Nights  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Long Orange course only   |
| OTC Men's Nights  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Long Orange course only   |
| OTC Women's Nights  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Night Long Orange course only   |
| <b>Reserve and OTCs Team Competition</b>  |                                     |   |
| Reserve Inter Unit Champions  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Combined night [best 1 runner on Long Orange] and day [best 2 runners on Light Green] from team of 3. |
| OTC Inter Unit Champions  | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Combined night [best 1 runner on Long Orange] and day [best 2 runners on Light Green] from team of 3. |
| <b>Trophies</b>   |                                     |   |
| Inter Corps Senior Team Champions<br>Inter Corps Women's Team Champions<br>Army Individual Night Champions Men & Women<br>Army Reserve Team Champions<br>OTC Team Champions |                                     |   |

3. **Event Notes for Organiser:** In accordance with National Governing Body rules, British Orienteering revised the policy on night orienteering and the carriage of a whistle and back-up light:

4.10.2 Competitors should be reminded of their responsibility towards their personal safety. ***It should be mandatory for them to carry a whistle and back-up lighting.*** Checks should be made before they start. If the weather justifies it then wearing or carrying a waterproof hooded jacket needs to be mandatory.

## **EX ASTUTE RUNNER – THE ARMY INDIVIDUAL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. **Introduction.** Exercise ASTUTE RUNNER is an Army Orienteering Association (AOA) sponsored Army Individual orienteering championship and usually takes place in February. Entry details are promulgated on a flyer and published on the British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC) website; with the competition taking place within a weekend civilian event.

2. **Purpose of Ex ASTUTE RUNNER.** The purpose of Ex ASTUTE RUNNER is to:

- a. Annually establish the best male and female orienteer in the Army;
  - b. Expose competitors to:
    - (1) high quality orienteering maps and planning;
    - (2) technically demanding and physically challenging orienteering;
    - (3) large scale civilian orienteering competition organisation;
  - c. Expose the civilian orienteering community to the best of the Army competitors;
- IOT support community engagement, recruitment and develop orienteering as a military skill.

3. **Event Criteria.** The selected event should be a British Orienteering registered Level A or B competition. The event should move geographically round the UK; it will not take place overseas.

4. **Competition Format.** Level A and B competitions are structured using Age Groups and are not Colour Coded. Army competitors will compete in Age Groups as determined below:

| <b>Class</b>                     | <b>Age Group Course</b> | <b>Prizes</b>   | <b>Comments</b>   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Men's Army Individual Champion   | M21L                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Male competitors in age groups M35+ will be expected to run up; M21L is Brown / Black equivalent  |
| Women's Army Individual Champion | W35L                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Female competitors in age group W21 will be expected to run down; whilst competitors W40+ will be expected to run up; W35L is Blue / Short Brown equivalent |
| Men's Short Class                | M40S                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> place                   | Male competitors will mostly run out of age group; M40S is Blue equivalent  |
| Women's Short Class              | W45S                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | Female competitors will mostly run out of age group; W45S is Short Green equivalent   |

|                               |     |                                   |  |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--|
| Junior / Novice Men's Class   | M14 | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Juniors / Novices will all run out of age group; M14 & W14 courses' are Light Green (TD4) equivalent |
| Junior / Novice Women's Class | W14 | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> |  |

5. **Entries.** Competitors will be expected to enter the Army Individual orienteering championships [Exercise ASTUTE RUNNER] via the appropriate civilian competition website. Details of which will be clearly articulated in the event flyer.

6. **Prizes.** The Men's and Women's individual 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be presented with the appropriate cup / plate and for all classes less Junior / Novice will be medals or equivalent. Junior / Novices will be awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> place £50 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place £25 voucher for Ultrasport.

7. **Entry Fees.** Individual competitors should make a request to their unit budget manager to allocate public or non-public funds, such as PRI to pay for entry fees.

8. **Attendance.** Attendance is voluntary and there is no pre-entry requirement, but competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete the selected course.

9. **Communications Plan.** The event will be published on the BAOC website and the CoC informed by probably an Army Briefing Note (ABN).

10. **Authority.** The annually published DIN, Authority for Army Orienteering, is the authority for Army service personnel participating in AOA sponsored events and competitions to be classified as individual military training. It is recognised that physical training is an integral part of service life and is essential for military effectiveness; technically difficult and physically demanding orienteering plays a key role in this military output.

11. **Allowances and Service Transport.** This is an authorised exercise and participants are entitled to the normal duty allowances detailed in JSP 752. Service transport may be used subject to the normal rules for military training and charged to Purpose of Travel Code 13 (POT 13). All charges against Public Funds incurred by individuals, or units, are to be charged against their appropriate unit training budget with prior authority of the budget manager.

## **EX DYNAMIC RUNNER – AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-DAY ORIENTEERING FESTIVALS**

1. **Introduction.** In order to promote further participation in competitive orienteering, as individual military training, the Army Orienteering Association (AOA) is sponsoring Exercise DYNAMIC RUNNER. This is the AOA's authority to participate in the Scottish Six Days (S6Ds), the Welsh Orienteering Association CROESO 5 days and the Lakes 5 days as individual military training and places participating soldiers 'on duty'. The JK Festival is not endorsed under this DIN nor are other multi-day events, where authority must be sought from the chain of command.

2. **Purpose of Ex DYNAMIC RUNNER.** The purpose of Ex DYNAMIC RUNNER is to:

- a. Increase Army participation in multi-day orienteering events;
- b. Expose Army competitors to:
  - (1) high quality orienteering maps and planning;
  - (2) technically demanding and physically challenging orienteering;
  - (3) the organisation of a large scale orienteering competition;
- c. Expose the civilian orienteering community to Army competitors;

IOT maintain the Army in the public eye, support community engagement and recruitment, and develop orienteering as a military skill.

3. **Orienteering as Individual Military Training.** At its most demanding, orienteering provides the challenge of navigating over complex and rough terrain whilst running at speed; combining navigational skill and aerobic fitness. To be competitive at this level, an orienteer must train regularly, not only to build up physical speed and stamina, but also to improve their 'mental' skill. The skills required of a good soldier are very similar to that of an orienteer: the use of a compass, the ability to estimate distance and interpret the ground, whilst continually making multiple decisions. During an orienteering event a soldier must be confident in their ability, maintain concentration, make decisions under pressure, and sustain a single-minded determination to overcome any setbacks and mistakes. Soldiers taking part in orienteering benefit from:

- a. An improved cardiovascular fitness and stamina;
- b. An increased self-confidence and self-awareness;
- c. An improved ability to make rapid decisions whilst under physical duress;
- d. Superior map reading skill: learning to 'read' the terrain and 'feel' their movement through it; and,
- e. A further developed sense of team cohesion.

*Orienteering can be used to develop many of the qualities that are essential in a good soldier.*

4. **Unit Instructions.** The publication of this DIN does not remove the requirement for units to publish an exercise administration instruction with an accurate list of participants.
5. **Risk Management.** Competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete their selected course. Particularly in Scotland the terrain is often very steep, marshes can frequently be extremely wet and areas of thick forest can reduce running speed. In addition, controls tend to be 'very' technically difficult (TD5\*) and the challenge of competing at speed reduced. **As a result, novice competitors are recommended to take a critical and honest view of their ability and enter an appropriate course.**
6. **Event Officials.** Soldiers who volunteer to act as officials at either the S6Ds, CROESO or Lakes 5 days are considered 'on duty' when their appointment is listed with the appropriate organiser and their employment is beneficial to the further development of orienteering in the Army.
7. **Entries.** Competitors are expected to enter the S6Ds, CROESO or Lakes 5 Days via the appropriate civilian competition website. To comply with the requirement to participate under the authority of Ex DYNAMIC RUNNER, all entries should be made with soldiers listed as members of the British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC). Unit titles must not be used under any circumstances. Organisers should make a request to their unit budget manager to allocate non-public funds, such as PRI to pay for entry fees.
8. **Allowances and Service Transport.** This is an authorised exercise and participants are entitled to the normal duty allowances detailed in JSP 752. Service transport may be used subject to the normal rules for military training and charged to Purpose of Travel Code 13 (POT 13). All charges against Public Funds incurred by individuals, or units, are to be charged against their appropriate unit training budget with prior authority of the budget manager.
9. **Accommodation.** The use of hotels is not authorised for this exercise. Participants are encouraged to use the closest service accommodation or a suitable campsite.
10. **Authority.** The annually published DIN, Authority for Army Orienteering, is the authority for Army service personnel participating in AOA sponsored events and competitions to be classified as official individual military training. It is recognised that physical training is an integral part of service life and is essential for military effectiveness; technically difficult and physically demanding orienteering plays a key role in this military output.
11. **Point of Contact.** Further information relating to this authority should be sent to:

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## DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATION (DIO) NATIONAL LICENCE – ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR NON-ENTITLED PERSONS

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Annex is to outline the agreement between the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and the Army Orienteering Association (AOA) on the enduring national licensing arrangements for AOA sponsored Army orienteering events on the Defence Estate that include the participation of non-entitled persons (civilians).
2. **Agreement.** In order to allow non-entitled persons access to the MOD Estate the governance arrangements are described below to comply with the DIO National Licence:
  - a. **Governance.** The Licence Holder will be the Chairman of the Army Orienteering Association (AOA). The day-to-day management of the DIO National Licence will be delegated to the AOA Secretary, who will communicate with the four UK Military League (ML) Secretaries: ML North, ML Centre, ML South and ML Northern Ireland. The ML Secretaries in turn, will need to liaise with their Regional DIO offices to demonstrate compliance and ensure understanding.
  - b. **Compliance.** The AOA is responsible for ML Secretaries compliance with the National DIO Licence and the AOA will hold an Annual meeting with the ML Secretaries. The Licence will be published on the BAOC website at [www.baoc.info](http://www.baoc.info) under the event organisation tab. The revised Military League Rules will explain the event methodology and DIO National Licence requirements, in order that organisers, planners and controllers know their roles and responsibilities.
  - c. **Duration of Licence.** The licence issued by DIO LMS was signed in Mar 16 and is valid for 3 years.
  - d. **Levy.** The four UK ML Secretaries will be responsible for paying the £1.50 levy per civilian participant<sup>15</sup> to the AOA and the AOA in turn will then centrally pay DIO LMS<sup>16</sup>. This will reduce effort and provide an efficient and enduring solution.
  - e. **Booking Procedures.** The National DIO Licence requires that the booking of the MOD Estate be in accordance with JSP907 and that organisers fully comply with Range or Training Area Standing Orders.
  - f. **Number of Events/Competitions.** The National DIO Licence does not place a constraint on the number or duration of orienteering events/competitions.
  - g. **Senior Responsible Officer (SRO).** Generally, the Event Organiser will be a Service Person and will therefore be the SRO. Should all the responsible persons [organiser, planner & controller] delivering the event / competition be civilian, then the sponsoring unit must nominate a Service Person to act as the SRO. This service person is mandated to ensure that: the event is planned and conducted according to the rules and policies laid down for that activity; that an appropriate

<sup>15</sup> Cost to be recovered from civilian participants

<sup>16</sup> Regions – MLS includes DIO Regions SE and SW; MLC includes DIO Wales, DIO WM & DIO EM; MLN includes DIO NE, DIO NW and DIO Scot; ML NI includes DIO NI.



First Aid Action Plan is in place; that Range Standing Orders are adhered to; and is responsible for stopping the activity should it be identified prior to or during the event that unmanageable risk(s) have been identified or have occurred.

h. **Exercise Instructions.** The Organiser / SRO is responsible for ensuring that there is a written exercise instruction to include: Risk Assessment; First Aid Action Plan; Third Party Liability Insurance Certificate and any additional specific requirements articulated by Standing Orders.

i. **Retail Traders and Caterers.** This National DIO Licence for the AOA does not cover the attendance of bespoke orienteering retailer<sup>17</sup> and or caterer<sup>18</sup>. Under current rules DIO LMS require traders to establish their own Licence with their respective Regional DIO office.

3. **Summary.** The AOA Committee recognises the requirement to ensure that non-entitled civilians who conduct activities on the MOD Estate do so with the appropriate legal indemnities and insurance cover. It is with respect that this letter demonstrates that the governance of orienteering by the AOA follows the National Governing Body's requirements and that an enduring National DIO Licence, managed on a day-to-day basis by the ML Secretaries, therefore conforms with statutory requirements and DIO policy.

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<sup>17</sup> Purpose being to enable soldiers to equip themselves appropriately with technical orienteering equipment.

<sup>18</sup> Purpose to provide adequate feeding requirements

## **ARMY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION (AOA) – BRANDING**

1. The AOA has now formalised its branding and this has been endorsed by the AOA Executive Committee in Jul 14. The AOA badge has not been included in the Army Design Library as it is controlled by the AOA Executive Committee. The AOA badge is as follows:



Figure H-1: AOA  
badge

2. The badge is available in two formats upon request from the AOA Secretary:
- a. ArmyOrienteeringAssociation\_grad.png.
  - b. ArmyOrienteeringAssociation\_flat.png.