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11 May 15

All Army Orienteers

SELECTION OF THE ARMY TEAM FOR THE 2015 INTER-SERVICES ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

1. The 2015 Inter-Services Orienteering Championships are being organised by the Royal Navy in Nov 2015. The Army will compete against the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy in the main event, but it is hoped that there will also be the opportunity to run a Development Team against the Reserves and Police. The exact date and location has yet to be confirmed.

2. The aim of this instruction is to detail the policy used to select the Army Teams. The Army Team will comprise 10 men and 6 women. Notification of any Development Team match will be made later, if applicable. Anyone wishing to be considered must ensure that they have permission to attend the Championship.

Army Team

3. Personnel nominated to represent the Army at the Inter-Service Orienteering Championships will be announced on 2 Nov 15. Personnel who run for the Army team will be awarded Army colours in the form an Army Orienteering top. A certificate of recognition will also be sent to the Chain of Command.

Selection Policy

4. **Overarching Policy.** The Army Team will comprise the best 10 male and 6 female orienteers available.

5. **Eligibility.** Selection for the Army Team is open to all members of the Regular Army and Reserves subject to the rules laid out in 2013DIN01-197. Personnel committed to Operations will not be considered for selection. The competition will be held on an area appropriate for Inter-Service level of competition. To be considered for selection, personnel should make every effort to compete on areas outside of Military League events. Participation should be annotated on Annex A.

6. **Process.** Selection will be judged on several factors, participation, performance, ability and fitness, it will not be based on historical accolades . These factors will be viewed by a panel of key personnel with final approval being the Team Managers.

7. **Exercise Technical Challenge (Ex TC).** No formal selection races are planned. The team managers reserve the right to designate a final selection race to prove final places. The ability to perform on civilian M/W21L courses in difficult terrain must be demonstrated to the selectors' satisfaction. There are a number of events that are considered suitable for demonstrating all-round orienteering ability to an appropriate level. To assist individuals in getting support to travel, all of these have been wrapped up under an exercise name, Ex TECHNICAL CHALLENGE, further details of which are at Annex B. Please note that:

a. Ex TC only covers a number of events known to provide a suitable challenge as at the time of writing. It is likely that other events will be confirmed closer to the time, and the Exercise Instruction will be updated accordingly. Equally, if individuals wish to attend an event that they deem suitable, they may approach Team Managers to have it added to the list.

b. Individuals are **not** expected to attend all of the events designated in Ex TC.

8. **Training.** No formal training will be available to those selected, but local clubs run skills training throughout the country on weekday evenings and at weekends. Individuals are encouraged to make use of mid-week civilian and military events as training, rather than competition, opportunities. Selection will not be based on these events, so orienteers should use them to practice skills, rather than just run fast around the tracks. Team Managers can advise on particular weaknesses that need improving. Specific abilities that will be needed in the Inter-Services Match are:

- Terrain simplification.
- Contour recognition and use.
- Route choice.
- Fine compass skills.
- Rough compass.
- Strength in terrain.

9. **Overseas tour.** Authority has been granted to plan an overseas tour. There are several major events on the horizon. An option is to attend World Masters OC 2016 in Estonia; the Swiss Orienteering Week 2016 or the O'Ringin in 2017.

9. **Administration.** Full details of the administrative arrangements for the Championships will be given to those selected.

10. **Contact.** Individuals are asked to complete the proforma at Annex A and send it to their respective Team Manager no later than the **15 Oct 15**. Should personnel not be available for selection due to injury or work commitments, please notify the appropriate team manager.

Given the duty commitments, it is quite possible that reserves will have to be called up at short notice, so it is essential that the Team Managers can contact individuals quickly. Equally, the Team Managers would appreciate as early notice as possible from anyone who will have to withdraw, or who becomes available.

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Annexes:

- A. Army Orienteering Team Availability.
- B. Ex TECHNICAL CHALLENGE Instruction.

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ARMY ORIENTEERING TEAM AVAILABILITY

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I am available and would like to be considered for the Army Team for the 2015 Inter-Services Championship in Nov 15.

I would/would not* require local accommodation.

I have permission from the chain of command to compete.

CO's/Chain of Command's details (full name, address):

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Civilian events attended in 2015.

Date:	Location:	Course:
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EX TECHNICAL CHALLENGE EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

Reference:

A. 2014DIN07-138 – Authority for Army Orienteering 2014 – 15.

1. **Introduction.** The 2015 Inter-Services Orienteering Championship will take place in the Autumn 2015. The area will be 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 TECHNICAL CHALLENGE (TC) is being run from Spring 2015. 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.

2. **Status.** Ex TC is a formal military training exercise in accordance with Para 5b 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. There is, however, no central budget for Ex TC, and individuals must, therefore, clear any expenditure with their unit budget manager beforehand.

3. **Travel.** Individuals are responsible for their own travel arrangements to any of the events in Ex TC, but are entitled to use military transport. Any military transport or hire vehicles must be cleared, booked and used in accordance with the individual's unit procedures. Details of the activity should be placed on unit Part 1 orders.

4. **Accommodation.** Individuals are entitled to military accommodation if it would be impossible to return to their normal accommodation when attending an event. In the first instance, individuals must try to find military accommodation local to the event. If this is full, they must obtain a non-availability certificate to support any claim of Subsistence Allowance. Where no military accommodation exists within a reasonable distance of the event, individuals may use hotels, but these must be authorised and booked in advance in accordance with the individual's unit procedures. The tri-Service Accommodation Database will help individuals find local military accommodation and can be accessed on the following link:

<http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Admin/ArrangeTravel/BookAHotel/MessAccommodation.htm>

5. **Food.** Due to the timing of events, it will not normally be possible to eat at Service establishments. Individuals who have to purchase food are entitled to Daily Subsistence (DS) for any absence longer than 5 hours from their normal unit. Catering will be provided at the event. The event caterers will not normally provide a receipt, so individuals should clear self-certification procedures with their budget manager in advance.

6. **Individual Equipment.** The following will be required at each event:

- Compass
- Whistle (no whistle, no start policy in operation at many events)
- Control descriptions holder
- SI/EMIT card, if owned. Cards can normally be hired at events, but check the details
- Orienteering/lycra running bottoms

- Orienteering top
- Orienteering shoes
- Cagoule (carrying/wearing this on the course may be compulsory)
- A change of warm and weatherproof clothing, including footwear

7. **Entry Fees.** As military training, individuals should not pay 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 PRI or Corps/Regimental Fund. There are no central funds to cover entry fees for Ex TC.

8. **Event Entry.** 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.

9. **Ex TC Events.** Ex TC15 comprises the following events:

Date	Map	Location	Remarks
23 – 25 May 15	Various	SINS	
30 – 31 May 15	Various	Twin Peaks	
2 – 8 Aug 15	Various	Scottish 6 Days Ex DYNAMIC RUNNER	2015DIN07-020
24 – 25 Oct 15	Various	Original Mountain Marathon	
1 Nov 15	Burley West	New Forest	Final Selection event*

Other events may be added to this list as the details become available.

*Every effort should be made to enter the black course (for the men) and light brown for the ladies.