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References:

- A. 2016DIN07-124 (Authority for Army Orienteering 2016-2017).
- B. AGAI Vol 1 Chap 5 para 5.052a (Duty Status).

**AGC ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS HAWLEY - 25 OCT 17  
ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION**

**General**

1. **Introduction.** The 2017 AGC Orienteering Championships will take place on Wed 25 Oct 17 at Hawley. The Championships are open to all AGC Regular and Reserve individuals and units worldwide and is intended to be a fun competition suitable for all standards. The AGC Championships will be run in conjunction with a Military League South (MLS) orienteering event.
2. **Aim.** The aim of military orienteering is to enhance physical fitness and to contribute to operational effectiveness, fighting spirit, morale and personal development. In accordance with Reference A, orienteering in the Army is classified as individual military training, a distinct form of navigation training, normally taking place in rural areas (although many camps are now mapped) where it is possible to navigate freely between control points on foot. It can be used as a component of Military Annual Training Test (MATT) 5 - Land Navigation, a mandatory annual competence test for Army personnel.
3. **Duty status.** In accordance with References A and B, participants will be classed as being 'On Duty'. Personnel are to ensure an appropriate entry is placed on their Unit Part One Orders.

**Championship Details**

4. **Format and scoring.** In order to provide a viable competition for all abilities, aimed at increasing participation, the format will be a one-hour Score event. In this format the runner (as an individual) has to visit as many controls as possible within 60 minutes, recording which controls they have visited with their electronic timing card (EMIT). For each control visited 10 points will be awarded, with penalty points deducted<sup>1</sup> for exceeding the 60 minute time limit. The person with the highest score, after any penalties have been taken into consideration, is the winner. The same principle applies for the team competition with scores being added together; the team with the highest aggregate score is the winner (see para 6 for team composition).
5. **Event location.** The competition is being held at Hawley. The entry to the event site is at Grid Reference (GR) SU830574 (OS Explorer Map Sheet 175/186), with the nearest Post Code being GU17 9UD. The administration area is at GR SU843584. Team captains/individuals should

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<sup>1</sup> One point for every 6 seconds over 60 minutes.

confirm the final details for car parking etc, via the British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC) website at [www.baoc.info/](http://www.baoc.info/) (see the event flier under the 'Events' tab), prior to the event.

6. **Team composition.** Units may enter as many teams or individuals as they wish. Team composition<sup>2</sup> will be:

- a. Major Unit<sup>3</sup> Team Competition: Minimum 4 runners, male or female, 4 to count.
- b. Minor Unit Team Competition: Minimum 2 runners, male or female, 2 to count.
- c. Female Team Competition: Minimum 2 female runners, 2 to count. Female teams are eligible for entry into the major or minor unit competition.

7. **Mapping/EMIT.** The map of Hawley will be printed at a scale of 1:10,000 on A4 waterproof paper. Control Descriptions will be in plain English text on the map, no loose Control Descriptions will be available. Maps will be issued at the start and the EMIT electronic punching system will be used. A blank copy of the map will be available at registration on the day of the event. BAOC will provide a coach to explain the symbols and colour coding used on an orienteering map for those new to orienteering.

8. **Dress and equipment.** Competitors are to adhere to the strict dress and equipment codes<sup>4</sup>:

- a. Wear suitable clothing, with full leg and arm cover (ie no shorts or vests).
- b. Carry a compass.
- c. Carry an EMIT card (included in your Team registration pack).
- d. Carry a watch (remembering individuals should not exceed 60 mins out on the course).
- e. Wear a numbered bib, which is to be pinned front-centrally to runners top (bibs included in your Team registration pack, pins will be provided).

9. **Start times.** Starts will be available from 1115 hrs. Team captains must provide the Registration Officials with a completed Annex A detailing their final team composition when collecting their Team Registration Pack. Every effort should be made to finalise entries on MOSS prior to the closing date (see para 12 below). Start times will not be allocated; however, there is to be a 4 minute gap between runners from the same unit. All competitors are to have started their run by 1300 hrs at the latest.

10. **Programme of events.** A brief outline of events is as follows:

Serial	Timings	Detail
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	1000 - 1245 hrs	Registration
2	1030 - 1230 hrs	BAOC coaching available
3	1115 - 1300 hrs	Starts
4	1500 hrs	Prize giving

11. **Prize giving.** All competitors are requested to enter into the spirit of the competition and attend prize giving which will take place around 1500 hrs. All current trophy holders are requested

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<sup>2</sup> Units are only to register competitors who are on the actual assigned strength of their unit on the day of the competition. Units can enter as many runners as they wish; the runners with the highest score will count towards the team score.

<sup>3</sup> Units established for **18 or more** AGC personnel will be classed as a major unit.

<sup>4</sup> Competitors not observing the dress and equipment rules will not be permitted to start the event. Team Captains are to brief their team members accordingly.

to make arrangements to return trophies, suitably cleaned, to the AGC Orienteering equipment holder (WO1 J Leddy [Army Res-MASA-Tech-WO1@mod.uk](mailto:Army Res-MASA-Tech-WO1@mod.uk)) by Fri 06 Oct 17. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories (subject to final entries):

a. **Team prizes:**

Serial	Team Prizes	Detail
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Major Unit Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> teams
2	Minor Unit Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> teams
3	Female Team Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> teams

b. **Individual prizes:**

Serial	Individual Prizes	Detail
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Overall AGC Male Champion	Open to all male runners
2	Overall AGC Female Champion	Open to all female runners
3	M21 Class : Winner and Runner Up	Will include the M35 Class
4	W21 Class : Winner and Runner Up	Will include the W35 Class
5	Male Veteran Class : Winner and Runner Up	Must be aged 35 or above
6	Female Veteran Class : Winner and Runner Up	Must be aged 35 or above
7	Male Novice Class : Winner and Runner Up	Must be aged 25 or younger
8	Female Novice Class : Winner and Runner Up	Must be aged 25 or younger

A list of the full results will be placed on the BAOCC website at [www.baoc.info/](http://www.baoc.info/). Orienteering age classes are based on the runner's age as at 31 Dec of the relevant year i.e. 2017.

12. **Team entry.** Units/individuals wishing to take part should enter their nominations directly onto the MOSS list [here](#). The closing date for entries will be the 11 Oct 17. It is appreciated that units may not know exactly who is available until just before the competition and therefore may submit an initial entry by annotating 'Runner 1', 'Runner 2' etc. However, every effort should be made to finalise team entries on the MOSS list prior to the closing date (entries can be edited until COP 18 Oct 17). On production of a completed Annex A, a Team registration pack will be provided at the registration tent for each unit entered with the appropriate number of EMIT cards and Numbered Bibs included.

13. **Costs.** RHQ AGC will cover the costs for running this event, which includes EMIT hire and production of maps. Therefore there will be no charge to individuals/units providing they have registered (see para 12).

14. **Travel.** Reference A provides the authority to book Service transport using POT Code 13; however as travel costs will fall to unit budgets prior approval from Unit Budget Holders should be sought.

15. **Accommodation.** Team captains/individuals are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and any costs incurred fall against unit budgets.

16. **Feeding and refreshments.** There will be a private refreshment van (Tom's burger van) in attendance, and water/squash will be provided free of charge.

17. **Facilities.** Ian from [Ultrasport!](#) (orienteering sports equipment supplier) will be in attendance. Sufficient portable toilets will be at the registration/parking area.

18. **First aid.** Nearest hospital is Frimley Park Hospital (01276 604604).

19. **Publicity.** It is very much in our interest to promote and develop sport throughout the Corps and encourage maximum participation across all ranks and Branches. Directorates are requested to distribute this letter down their functional chain of command to maximize publicity for the event.

20. **Contact details.** If you have any questions regarding the AGC Orienteering Championships please contact the undersigned at:

- a. Work telephone number: 94391 2163 (Military) or 01264 382163 (Civilian).
- b. Email: [john.leddy154@mod.uk](mailto:john.leddy154@mod.uk)

*{Signed electronically}*

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Annex:

A. Team Captain's Declaration.

Distribution:

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DALs  
AGC Regtl Col  
Corps SM  
AGC Regtl Sec<sup>5</sup>  
AGC Orienteering Team

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<sup>5</sup> Please include this instruction on the RHQ website under latest news and add date to diary.

**Annex A to  
ArmyHQ/Res/MAS(A)/WO1Tech/Orienteering  
Dated 30 Aug 17**

**TEAM CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION**

**TEAM A – CATEGORY** \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Rank	Surname & Inits	Mobile Number	Unit	Gender	Age <sup>1</sup>

**TEAM B – CATEGORY** \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Rank	Surname & Inits	Mobile Number	Unit	Gender	Age <sup>1</sup>

**Safety Points:**

1. All competitors are fit to compete, or those graded below MFD have been authorised by their Commanding Officer.
2. All team members aware of the key points in JSP 539<sup>2</sup> and have completed MATT 6 – Health Living training within the last 12 months.
3. **Hydration<sup>3</sup>**. All team members have ensured they have been generally well-hydrated over the past 24 hrs and additionally:
  - a. Has drunk a minimum of 500ml water 2 hours before competing, *and*
  - b. Understand they should drink a further 300ml 15 mins prior to competing.
4. **EASP and Safety Brief**. I have fully read the EASP and Risk Assessment and have briefed the pertinent points to all team members. I have personally read the Safety Brief to all team members and they do understand the Significantly Lost procedure.
5. I understand that no team member is to leave the exercise area, *without the expressed permission of the Exercise Organiser permission*, until all team members have completed their course and have been accounted for.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> As at 31 Dec 17.

<sup>2</sup> Heat and Cold Injury – Prevention and Management.

<sup>3</sup> Adequate hydration is essential to enable maximal heat loss via efficient sweating. It is the duty of commanders to ensure that adequate safe water is drunk before, during and after exercise.