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EVENT INSTRUCTION (V2) - ARMY INTER CORPS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS Ex CUNNING RUNNER, 02 - 03 DECEMBER 2017

References:

- A. JSP 660 Sport in the UK Armed Forces.
- B. [2017DIN07-091](#) Authority for Army Orienteering 2017 – 18 dated Sept 17.
- C. [BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION RULES](#)
- D. Letter from AOA Chairman to Corps Secretaries dated 11 Apr 17.

GENERAL

1. Ex CUNNING RUNNER, the Army Inter-Corps Orienteering Championships, will be held on Sat 2 and Sun 3 Dec 17. In accordance with Reference B the competition will be a two part event held at Penn Wood and Common Wood between High Wycombe and Amersham. Part one is a night cross-country event; part two is a day cross-country event. Both events will be held in conjunction with civilian events being organised by Thames Valley Orienteering Club (TVOC).
2. The Army Orienteering Association (AOA) has decided that from this year the competition will revert back to its historical format, removing the Army Reserve (AR) and University Officer Training Corps (UOTCs). The AR competition is now a 'one-Army' event and resides within the Army Inter Unit Orienteering Championships, Ex SMART RUNNER. The UOTC Competition resides within the Queen's Challenge Cup (QCC). See Reference D.
3. Orienteering in the Army is classified as Individual Military Training, being a distinct form of navigation training as authorised by Reference B.
4. The Championship is being organised by the R Signals in conjunction with TVOC, on behalf of the Army Orienteering Association (AOA). The postal address for all Team and Army Night Individual entries is: Maj Hugo Evans, London District, Horse Guards, London, SW1A 2AX (see Annex A). The entry deadline is 27 Nov 17.
5. All personnel wishing to take part in the Championships must be pre-entered by their respective Corps Orienteering Secretary using Annex A. There will be no entry on the day to the Army championship events.

EVENT INFORMATION

6. Any questions regarding the organisation of this event should be addressed to the organiser, Maj Hugo Evans on e-mail: Hugo.Evans965@mod.gov.uk. Any final details relevant to the event will be placed on the BAOC website (www.baoc.info/) and emailed to Corps Orienteering Secretaries as soon as possible after the closing date for entries. The event is taking place in conjunction with the TVOC arranged Southern Night Championships and the SCOA League Colour Coded event. Details of those events are posted on the BOF website (<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/home>) and TVOC website.

SAFETY

7. Team Captains are to ensure that their team members understand the colour coded course grading and are entered and run their respective courses. Results will be taken direct from EMIT timings and anyone running on the wrong course will be ineligible.

8. In addition to the main head torch a backup lamp and whistle are compulsory and will be checked. Full leg cover is mandatory. Depending on conditions runners may be required to carry a hooded waterproof jacket.

9. All military personnel taking part in the Inter Corps Championships come under the safety and rules of the TVOC event. The R Signals Committee is responsible for ensuring risk assessments are compatible and countersigned. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that all team members are dressed for the weather conditions, hydrated, have a working head torch with spare batteries, whistle and a compass, and are adequately trained in their use. All competitors are to download through the download station, even if they retire from the course. Team captains are responsible for informing the R Signals committee that their competitors are all accounted for and downloaded before leaving each day. This is to ensure that the organisers can account for every single competitor and do not dispatch search parties unnecessarily.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

10. **Accommodation.** This year the responsibility for arranging accommodation lies with Corps Teams as the central location of the competition makes access to the wider Defence Estate around the M25 relatively easy. If no suitable Corps unit base is available then accommodation can be arranged either:

a. In the transit accommodation of a training establishment. Locations are listed in the twin drop down boxes at the very top of the Annex A Booking Form of JSP 907:

<http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/Organisations/Orgs/DIO/Organisations/DTE/Home/Pages/JSP907.aspx>

b. Or by booking into a local Mess. An xls spread sheet containing addresses and contact details for all military messes can be found at the 'Mess Accommodation' tab in 'Related Forms' to right hand side of this page:

<http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/Tools/Admin/UseDefenceTravel/Pages/BookaHotel.aspx>

11. **Transport.**

a. **By vehicle.** Parking is located close to the competition at commercial premises at SU923956, adjacent to the Hit or Miss Pub, Penn Street, HP7 0PX. There is limited space so team captains must minimise the number of vehicles being used by their teams and should, wherever possible, organise shared transport. For example teams should rendezvous off-site and complete the final leg of the journey in collective transport. Where appropriate, travel and subsistence allowances should be claimed for the competition under normal unit claims

procedures for individual military training (POT13). However the cost must be borne by the Corps or Unit budgets.

b. **Train.** High Wycombe or Amersham, then 20 minutes by Carousel Bus number 1 (broadly an hourly service), alighting at junction of Penn Street with the A404 (at SU924965), then 800m walk.

12. **Concentration Area.** The competition is based on an industrial estate, which can be viewed on any mapping application at HP7 0PX. Available buildings are the village hall on the west side of Penn St and, 200m distant, a small hangar on the estate. There are no shoes allowed in the village hall. The village hall will be used for the prize giving of the Southern Night Championships on Saturday night, leaving the hangar to serve as a covered base location for teams without tents. Space in the hangar will be cramped and any team tents will need to be placed on hard standing as there will be no grassed area available as there was in 2016. The Village Hall is not available on Sunday. In the event of rain the hangar will serve as the covered location for prize giving on the Sunday.

CLASS AND COURSE DETAILS

13. Due to anticipated constraints on starting slots for the Night Green course, the Night Inter Corps Senior Short will be run on a separate Short Green course. Classes will compete on the following courses:

Time	Colour Coded Course	Teams	Army Individual Night Classes	Distance
Inter Corps Senior Long Teams of 6				
Night	Blue	Best 4 to count	M21L, M35L, M40L, M45L & M50+L	6.2km
Day	Brown	Best 5 to count	n/a	9.7km
Inter Corps Senior Short Teams of 4				
Night	Short Green	Best 2 to count	M21S, M35S, M40S, M45S & M50+S	3.3km
Day	Blue	Best 3 to count	n/a	7.3km
Inter Corps Women Teams of 4				
Night	Green	Best 2 to count	W21L & W35+L	4.7km
Day	Blue	Best 3 to count	n/a	7.3km
U25 Competition				
Night	Long Orange	n/a	W21S, W35+S, MU25 & WU25	4.0km
Day	Long Orange	Under 25 (M or W) Up to 6 to run, best 3 count	n/a	4.0km

14. In keeping with the spirit of fair play, Corps Secretaries should endeavour to enter a Senior Long team. It is not appropriate to enter two teams on the Senior Short course, avoiding the commitment to the Senior Long.

15. Reference C - British Orienteering (BOF) rules dated Jan 16 apply with regard to individuals running out of class: those runners on the correct course will only be eligible for their actual age class unless they declare otherwise, so an M50 can only win the M50 prize unless he declares otherwise for M45, M40 or M35. Any male or female on the long course can win the Army Night Champion, whichever class they are. The decision of the Championship committee will be final in all respects. Any questions relating to the format of these Championships should be addressed to the AOA Secretary.

16. All competitors are encouraged to remain for the prize giving, which should take place no later than 1430 hrs on Sun 3 Dec 17. The following prizes will be awarded subject to confirmation by the AOA and taking into consideration the number of entries received by the closing date:

Category	Places	Remarks
Inter-Corps Championship		
Inter-Corps Senior Team	1st and 2nd	Combined night (best 4 on Blue) and day (best 5 on Brown) from a team of 6.
Inter-Corps Women's Team	1st and 2nd	Combined night (best 2 on Green) and day (best 3 on Blue) from a team of 4.
Inter-Corps Senior Short Team	1st and 2nd	Combined night (best 2 on Short Green) and day (best 3 on Blue) from a team of 4.
Inter-Corps U25 team	1st and 2nd	Day only (best 3 on Long Orange) from a team of 6.
Army Night Individual		
M21L, M35L, M40L, M45L, M50+L	1st and 2nd	Night - Blue Course only
W21L and W35+L	1st and 2nd	Night – Green Course only
M50+S,	1st and 2nd	Night – Short Green Course only
M21S, M35S, M40S, M45S	1st only	Night – Short Green Course only
W21S, WU25S, W35+S	1st only	Night – Long Orange Course only
MU25	1st and 2nd	Night – Long Orange Course only

17. The following trophies will be awarded, and are to be held for one year:

- a. Inter-Corps Senior Team Champions.
- b. Inter-Corps Women's Team Champions.
- c. Army Individual night Champions Male and Female.

18. Trophy holders from 2016 are to ensure that trophies, having been engraved and polished, are brought along to the prize giving so that, should the reigning champions not hold on to their places, the trophies may be awarded to the new champions.

ENTRIES

19. Do not enter the civilian event through Fabian4 online entry system. Military participants are to be entered using Annex A. Put down any names if known, otherwise just the numbers of places required. There will be no scope for entry on the day. Amendments (name changes, age class, etc) can be made on the day of the race directly to Allan Farrington until 45 minutes before the course opens but, given how busy this period can be, teams are requested to give as much notice as possible. Annex A is to be returned to Maj Hugo Evans either posted or using e-mail Hugo.Evans965@mod.gov.uk by 27 Nov 17.

20. Any individual wishing to enter must endeavour to contact their respective Corps Orienteering Secretary, and be annotated on Annex A.

21. **Payment.**

- a. Cheque: made payable to 'Central Bank HQ Aldershot Garrison' with reference: 'Orienteering' written on the back of the cheque.
- b. BACS: Sort Code 161926, Account No 10170850 and use the reference Orienteering.
- c. Entry fees are:
 - (1) Army Night Championships only £12.50 pp
 - (2) Inter-Corps day event only £12.50 pp
 - (3) Inter-Corps Championships £25.00 pp (entry to both events)
 - (4) EMIT hire Free

22. **Start times.** Generic (unnamed) team runner slots will be allocated for each team to ensure a fair spread across the start time window. Start and Finish are 300m from the car park.

- a. Night event (sunset 1554, nautical twilight ends 1717)

Registration: 1600 – 1800
Course Open: 1715 – 2100 (tbc)
First starts: 1715
Last starts: 1900

Planner Gary Walford, TVOC
Controller Mike Pemberton, BKO

- b. Day event (sunrise 0749, sunset 1554)

Registration: 0930 – 1130
Course Open: 1000 – 1345 (tbc)
First starts: 1000
Last starts: 1200

Planner Gary Walford, TVOC
Controller David Frampton, HH

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Entry Form: Inter-Corps Orienteering Championships – 2/3 Dec 17
 TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 27 NOV 17

ANNEX A TO
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 03 OCT 17

To: Maj Hugo Evans
 EX CUNNING RUNNER
 HQ London District
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From: Name:
 Address:

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hugo.evans965@mod.gov.uk, hgppevans@gmail.com

Fee enclosed (£25 per person or £12.50 for 1 event only): £ _____
 Enter the following Teams and Individuals for the Inter-Corps and Army Night Individual Orienteering Championships:

Ser	Number	Rank	Name	Corps/ Team or Individual	Night Course	Day Course	Civilian Event	Cost £ (25/12.50)	DOB	Age Class	BOF No. Where possible.
e.g	12345678	Capt	Quick	R Sigs	Blue	Brown	N	£25	06/06/66	M50	264235
Inter Corps Senior Long											
1					Blue	Brown					
2					Blue	Brown					
3					Blue	Brown					
4					Blue	Brown					
5					Blue	Brown					
6					Blue	Brown					
Inter Corps Senior Short											
1					S.Green	Blue					
2					S.Green	Blue					
3					S.Green	Blue					
4					S.Green	Blue					
Inter Corps Women											
1					Green	Blue					
2					Green	Blue					

3					Green	Blue						
4					Green	Blue						
U25 Competition												
1					L.Orange	L.Orange						
2					L.Orange	L.Orange						
3					L.Orange	L.Orange						
4					L.Orange	L.Orange						
5					L.Orange	L.Orange						
6					L.Orange	L.Orange						