

10 Oct 20

REME Chairman
REME Secretary
Unit Representatives

REME ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

References:

- A. [British Orienteering Club \(BAOC\) Online](#)
- B. [2018DIN07-103 Authority for Army Orienteering - dated Oct 18.](#)
- C. [JSP 752 - Tri service regulations for expenses and allowances](#)
- D. [20200904-ABN 105 2020 Resumption of Army Orienteering](#)
- E. [CGS H&S Environmental protection policy](#)
- F. [MLS Rules 19/20](#)

GENERAL

1. **Introduction.** The REME Championships 2020 will be held at Hankley Common on Wed 11 Nov 20 alongside the Military League South (MLS) event. The initial details can be found at Ref A.
2. **Aim.** The aim of this WngO is to provide Units with initial guidance to enable planning. The aim is to build on the success of previous years, broaden the participation base, identify future talent and enhance REME orienteering throughout the Army.

EXECUTION

3. **Authorisation.** Properly authorised events [such as this] are classified as individual Military Training (IMT), as detailed in Ref B.
4. **Event website.** Details of the event can be found from Ref A.
5. **Format.** The standard MLS courses will be used with results being based on League points system to ensure a fair advantage to all competitors. This will allow competitors to competing in a course suited to their ability and experience.
 - a. **Team Championships.** There is no limit to the number of entries per unit, with the top 4 (Major) and top 2 (Minor) competitors for each unit used to calculate the overall result. A unit who does not have the minimum number of competitors will still be eligible for the team competition.
 - b. **Individual competition.** Will be decided using league point system, thus there is the chance that an individual could win by running on a lower course.

6. **Entry cost and payment.** Units will need to pay the standard MLS entry fee cost of £4.50 pp (military). If E-Tag hire is required, then additional £1.50 pp (this fee is only if the unit does not hold a standard EMIT card). Entry is made via racesignup.co.uk

7. **Allowances.** Participants are entitled to the normal duty allowances detailed in Ref C. 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.

SERVICE SUPPORT

8. **Accommodation and feeding.** Single day events are encouraged in order to reduce the requirement for overnight accommodation to comply with Ref D. Units will be responsible for their accommodation and feeding on both days.

9. **Transport.** Units are responsible for providing own means of transport.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

10. **Prize Giving.** In order to comply with COVID-secure arrangements, there will be no prize giving ceremony. Results will be published on <https://www.baoc.info> and circulated via the chain of command.

11. **Responsible personnel.** The following are the responsible personnel:

a. MLS Event SRO: WO2 Glyn Buckley (HQRC)

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c. REME Championship SRO: Maj Rob Ashton (6 Armd CS Bn)

d. REME Championship Organiser: SSgt Des Dickinson (RETDU)

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Annexes:

A. Email from Chairman AOA regarding opportunities for junior leaders

10 Sep 20

ARMY ORIENTEERING – INDIVIDUAL MILITARY TRAINING (IMT) – OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIOR LEADERS

Brigadier Charlie, Colonel Giles, Colonel Craig and Colonel Gavin,

BLUF: Pers Pol as the TRA authorised Army Orienteering as a component of IMT under [ABN 105/2020](#) when delivered in a Covid Secure manner when taking place on the Defence Estate.

Introduction. I take this opportunity to bring to your attention that despite the constraints that Covid-19 is having on all sorts of activity, the Army Orienteering Association (AOA), of which I am Chair, has been and plans to continue to deliver Army Orienteering. I'm unaware of what your junior soldiers are doing on a Wednesday afternoon, but this is a great junior leadership opportunity. The British Army Orienteering Club (BAOC) website lists all AOA sponsored events and training that are delivered in accordance with the National Governing Bodies (NGB) rules on orienteering; and, I am content and comfortable that this being done exceptionally well; under an assured process. The Army is exceedingly well respected in the orienteering community for putting on well organised competitions. The point is that these weekly events provide great junior leadership opportunities. Requiring young leaders to get transport organised, plan the trip, organise young soldiers; and then let them off on courses that are suitable to their skill and experience.

The Message: [Orienteering can be used to develop many of the qualities that are essential in a good soldier. At its most demanding, orienteering provides the challenge of navigating at speed, testing navigational skill and aerobic fitness. The skills required of a good soldier are very similar to that of an orienteer: rapid map interpretation & confident compass work; continuous terrain analysis & option reassessment; all while under physical duress and mental stress.](#)

Where do I find out about Army Orienteering: All the details that a junior leader needs to know about the opportunities to go Army orienteering are at this website here: <http://baoc.info/>

A Junior Leadership Opportunity: Could I kindly ask that you pass the word, that junior leaders can take soldiers to an AOA sponsored orienteering activity and everything is provided at the event: online registration & entry; parking; socially distanced electronic tag collection; socially distanced start location; proper orienteering maps at 1:10,000 or 1:7,500; physically demanding and technically challenging courses; and online results – all in a Covid Secure manner and within the 'rule-of-six'; in line with Sport England guidance and in accordance with British Orienteering Federation rules. Soldiers simply need to attend to benefit. Please note that pre-entry is a mandatory requirement.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Cheers Chris.

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