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|  **Defence Instructions and Notices** (Not to be communicated beyond Crown Servants, and Government contractors, without authority) |
| **Title:**  | Army Inter-Unit Cricket Cup Competition 2021 |
| **Audience:**  | All Regular and Army Reserve Personnel |
| **Applies:**  | 1 February 2021 |
| **Expires:**  | 30 September 2021 |
| **Replaces:**  | 2019DIN10-014 |
| **Reference:**  | 2021DIN10-002 |
| **Status:**  | **Current**  |
| **Released:**  | **January 2021** |
| **Channel:**  | 10 Sports and Social Events |
| **Content:**  | Administrative Instruction and entry details for the Army Inter-Unit Cricket competition: Entries, Organisation and Rules, Match Administration, Entry Form |
| **Sponsor:**  | Army Cricket Association (ACA) |
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| **Keywords**  | Army Cricket; Sport; Inter-Unit; Competition |
| **Local Keywords**  | N/A |
| **Annexes** |  Annexe 1: Form attached to DIN |
| **Related Info:**  | ACA Website <https://cricket.armysportcontrolboard.com/> |
| **Classification:**  | OFFICIAL  |

**ARMY INTER-UNIT CRICKET CUP COMPETITION 2021**

References:

1. AGAI Vol 1, Chap 5.
2. The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code – 2nd Edn 2019).
3. JSP 660 – Sport in the UK Armed Forces.
4. 2019DIN10-025– Travel at Public Expense for Army Sport.
5. ACA Sport Safety Management Plan (SSMP) COVID-19 Update dated 9 Jul 20.

**GENERAL**

1. Entries are invited for 2021 Army Inter-Unit Cricket Cup. This year’s competition will consist of 2 events:
	1. A Main Competition.
	2. A Plate Competition for those teams that are knocked out in the first round.[[1]](#footnote-2)

**ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES**

1. **Entries**. Units that wish to enter the competition are to complete and return Annex A and their entry fee, to the Army Cricket Association (ACA) by **NLT 15 Apr 21**. Late entries will **not** be accepted. Unit Cricket Officers are encouraged to give due consideration to likely unit commitments before entering. Once entries are closed, details of the draw and an admin instruction will be distributed to all teams. Once entered, units will be expected to play matches by the stipulated dates once the draw has been published.
2. Corps cricket secretaries are requested to promulgate details of the competition and to actively encourage their respective units to enter.
3. **Entry Fees**. The entry fee is £50 per team which must be paid by **15 Apr 21** (in conjunction with the completion of the entry form at Annex A). Payment can either be made via cheque, which is to be made payable to ‘Central Bank ASCB’ (annotated with ‘Army Cricket Cup & Unit Name’ on the back of the cheque) or payment via BACS which is the preferred method. Pse note, for any teams that entered the 2020 Competition and did not request a refund will have their entry fee carried forward into 2021 – pse annotate this on the entry form. BACS Payment details are:
	1. Royal Bank of Scotland (Holts Branch)
	2. Bank Sort Code: 16 19 26
	3. Account Number. 10529980
	4. Reference: “ACA 4015” and **Unit Name** so that payments can be tracked.
4. **COVID-19**. Clearly there is a degree of uncertainty over how the COVID-19 situation will evolve over the coming year. ACA is planning a full season including this Inter-Unit Competition; however, all parties should be aware that circumstances may impact on the ability to compete this (and other) planned sporting activity.

**ORGANISATION AND MATCH RULES**

1. The format is a knock-out competition and in accordance with the rules highlighted in the 2017 Cricket Code and at Reference B. The draw for the first round and the timelines for all subsequent rounds will be promulgated by the AD Army Cricket Competitions (Maj Ryan Castro) and also agreed by the ACA Secretary (Lt Col (Retd) Mike Thornley) by 23 Apr 21. The finals of both competitions will be played at the Aldershot Cricket ground on Wed 15 Sep 21.
2. The rules of the competition will be included with confirmation of the draw for those participating units. The early rounds up until the semi-final stage will be 30 overs per innings with a tea interval of 20 minutes between each innings. The semi-finals and finals will be 40 over match formats. Units should note that there will be a ‘broad geographic regionalisation’ during the early stages of the draw, in order to reduce pressure on travel and subsistence. Transport for teams competing in the early rounds is to be booked against the Unit Sport Travel Budget. Unit’s that win through to the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals will be given authority to use the Representative Sports Travel Budget in accordance with References C and D. All matches should aim to start at 13.30 although any changes to the start time are to be agreed by both teams and the nominated match officials.
3. Organisers are to ensure they are familiar with and comply, with the ACA Sports Safety Management Plan (SSMP) highlighted at Reference E and, which is available at the ACA Website.[[2]](#footnote-3)

**MATCH ADMINISTRATION**

1. Units are responsible for organising their own administration including umpires, scorers, catering, accommodation and transport. The home team is responsible for providing match balls which are to be a high-quality match ball from a reputable manufacturer.[[3]](#footnote-4) Accommodation and messing in Aldershot can be booked through Central Accommodation Booking Service on 01252-352154. Match balls are to be provided by each team with the exception of the Finals where balls will be provided by ACA. Catering, officials and match balls for the Plate and Main competition Finals will be arranged by the ACA. A general administrative instruction for the competition will be included with the draw.
2. Assistance with sourcing umpires can be obtained from the UKAF Association of Cricket Officials (UKAF ACO). The POC for this is Flt Sgt Gary Eustace with further advice also available from WO2 Alex Rennie who is AD Safety and Officials within ACA (see para 10 for details).
3. Further information can be obtained from the following:

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| Assistant Secretary ACA | Mrs Wendy Tapp | wtapp@ascb.uk.com01252 787075 / 94222 7075 |
| AD Safety and ACO Rep | WO2 Alex Rennie | alexrennie1@hotmail.co.uk07921 383539 |
| UKAF Association of Cricket Officials (UKAF ACO) | FS Gary Eustace | gary.eustace262@mod.gov.uk07785 638168 |

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|  **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 15 APR 21** | **ANNEX A to****2021DIN10-002 DATED Jan 21** |

**ARMY INTER-UNIT CRICKET CUP 2021** **ENTRY FORM**

To: Secretary ACA, Army Sport Control Board

 Mackenzie Building, Fox Lines, Queens Avenue, Aldershot GU11 2LB

Or the **preferred option is to scan or sign electronically** the completed form and email to: mthornley@ascb.uk.com

1. Unit Details:

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| **Unit Details** |
| Unit |  |
| Address |  |
| **Unit Cricket Officer / POC** |
| Rank/Name: |  |
| Tel No: |  |
| Mobile Phone: |  |
| Contact E Mail: |  |

1. This Unit wishes to enter the 2021 Army Inter-Unit Cricket Competition.
2. Payment of £50 has been made by cheque (insert cheque number)/Bank Transfer\*.

Or: This unit paid £50 to enter the 2020 Competition and has not been refunded\*.

1. I confirm that I have read and understood the ACA SSMP.

Signed: Date:

Rank: Name:

\* Delete as applicable. For bank transfers use the details in para 4 of the instruction

1. Previously we have tried to run a major and minor unit competition but there have not been enough entries from minor units to make this viable. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. <https://cricket.armysportcontrolboard.com/governance-and-publications/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Dukes cricket balls are the preferred brand for UKAF and Army Cricket but other quality manufacturers are acceptable. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)