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**THE ARMY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

# Introduction

1. The 2019 Army Fencing Championships will take place at the Army School of Physical Training during the period Mon 1 Apr to Fri 5 Apr 2019.
2. **Aim**. The aim of this event is**:** 
   1. To introduce new fencers to the sport.
   2. Identify talent for the Army team.
3. **Events**. An event schedule is contained within Annex A and will include:
   1. Men’s and ladies’ individual foil, epee and sabre competitions.
   2. An Inter-Corps, Inter-Unit and Officers v other ranks team events
4. **Eligibility**. The eligibility criteria for Regular personnel is shown below and is contained within Annex B for all reserve personnel.
   1. **Men’s Events**.Open to all male Army personnel (Regular, Army Reserve and University Officers’ Training Corps) who will be serving on the day of competing.
   2. **Ladies Singles**. Open to all female Army personnel (Regular, Army Reserve and University Officers’ Training Corps) who will be serving on the day of competing
5. **Army Reserve fencer eligibility.** The regulations for the participation of members of the Army Reserve in the Army Fencing Championships can be found in a summary table within Annex C. Members of the Army Reserve must have qualified for their bounty in the previous year in order to participate in the Army Fencing Championships. Units are to confirm the award of the bounty using the pro forma at Annex C.

1. **Competition Format**. The competition format is as follows:
   1. Individual events will have one preliminary round to seed competitors prior to direct elimination without repechage. If time allows then two rounds of pools will take place. There will be a mixed plate competition for those knocked out in the first round of direct elimination. The competition will initially be seeded on last year’s results but to allow fair competition the AFU committee reserve the right to adjust seeding.
   2. The format for the team events will be briefed prior to the start of each competition. However, all fencers must be on held strength of the Unit/Corps to be considered eligible to fence.
2. **Refereeing course**. A refereeing course will be run throughout the Army Fencing Championships 2019 to qualify personnel in Level 1 or Level 2 foil, sabre, and epee refereeing qualifications. The course will consist of theory and practical training and assessments. All participants must attend the generic theory session on Tue 2 April at 0930 hrs as well as the weapon specific session for whichever weapon they wish to qualify in. Participants must then attend the practical session on the weapon competition days for the weapons they wish to qualify in. All personnel who wish to participate in this course must complete this section of the entry form at Annex D, indicating their weapon choices and accommodation requirements.
3. **Accommodation**. Accommodation will be split between St Omer Barracks and New Normandy Barracks. There are 50 bed spaces booked presently for the competition. Please fill in the accommodation requirements on the entry form. For SNCO’s and Officers please book a room with Wavell Garrison Mess to allow more spaces for OR’s.
4. **Feeding**. St Omer Barracks and New Normandy Barracks are PAYD facilities. There may be no dedicated break for lunch during the competition but there will be sufficient time throughout the competition to eat food brought with competitors. There is a small shop onsite, and there are further facilities within the local area to purchase food for packed lunches the evening before.
5. **Entry fees**. Individual entry fees are shown below and payment should be made to the AFU Treasurer at the event. Those paying by cheque should make cheques payable to ‘**The Army Fencing Union’**. Fees are used towards the cost of coaches, officials, and prizes. These fees entitle the individual to one year’s membership to the AFU, with full entitlements:
   1. The whole week of both training & entry into the competitions. (£30)
   2. Entry into the competitions only. (£20)
6. **Travel**. This letter authorises competitors to use the correct POT Codes for ‘Representation Sport’ as detailed at Ref B. Please note that the distance between the accommodation and the venue may require the use of a vehicle throughout the week.
7. **Equipment**. All competitors are responsible for ensuring that they are equipped to the correct British Fencing Association (BFA) standard. It is stressed that all fencers are to wear breeches and **long white socks**; breeches can be borrowed from the AFU store, via the Armourer. This should be done in advance of the competition.Foilists will need to have a lame strip added to the bib of their fencing mask, in line with FIE and BFA regulations.
8. **Trophies**. All trophy winners of the 2018 Army Fencing Championships are to return their trophies to the AFU Armourer prior to the commencement of the Championships (during the Pre Performance course). **Trophies should be appropriately engraved and cleaned prior to their return.**
9. **Annual General Meeting**. The AFU Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wed 3 Apr 19 at 1800 at a location to be announced, followed by a social event. Food will be at the expense of the individual. The agenda is at Annex E.
10. **Inter Services Championships**. The Inter Services Fencing Championships 2019 are to be hosted by the UK Armed Forces Fencing Committee, with a Gala competition in London 31 Aug 1 Sep followed by individual events 2-3 Sep. Results from the Army Championships will contribute to selection of both individual and team representatives.
11. **Entry Submissions**. The deadline for submitting an entry which is to be received by the undersigned is NLT 4 Mar 19. This deadline allows for accommodation requests to be submitted – requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. You **must** submit your Name, Rank, Number, gender and UIN with your accommodation booking or it will not be processed.
12. **Duty Holder Responsibilities**. Fencing has been assessed as a Non Risk to Life (RtL) sport. The event will be run iaw national governing body (British Fencing and FIE) regulations with medical cover provided by self-help (a first aid kit held at the registration desk), MATT 3 trained soldiers (as required at Ref A of a medium risk sport) and utilising any medical trained competitors (QARANC, RAMC) attending the event. In an emergency, blue light services will be utilised. The names of competitors are to be recorded on individual’s Unit Part 1 Orders to ensure that they are classed as ‘on duty’ and covered for insurance. The Risk Assessment and Assurance for this event is held with the Army Sports Control Board (ASCB).
13. **Novice fencers**. The Army Fencing Championships provides an opportunity for fencers who have never tried it before to experience this challenging and worthwhile sport. The Pre Performance Course will provide a high level of tuition to all competitors. Those new to the sport will be taught to a sufficient level which will allow them to compete across all 3 weapons for the remainder of the Championships.
14. **Fencing Shop**. There will be a small Allstar Uhlmann shop available through the Armourer at the event but to ensure availability of your desired items please inform the AFU Armourer of your requirements prior to the event. You can do this via the AFU Facebook page or email: [shaine.ryland-gasher511@mod.gov.uk](mailto:shaine.ryland-gasher511@mod.gov.uk).
15. **Dress.** Participants must wear long trousers for participating in the Pre-Performance Course, and sports trainers (not fashion trainers). Uniform is not required but participants must remember that they are on duty throughout this event and, as such, are expected to maintain normal military standards.
16. **Club kit**. Any fencers wishing to purchase Army Fencing club kit prior to the event can do so at this link: [www.britishfencingshop.com/armyfencing](http://www.britishfencingshop.com/armyfencing).
17. **GDPR (Privacy notice)**. The data collected by the AFU will be used by the AFU committee only as part of administering the 2019 Army Fencing Championships. The data will be stored in accordance with current regulations to enable future contact between the AFU and competitors to advertise future AFU events, and to maintain a record of results. The data will only be shared with third parties to enable the entry of competitors into further competitions such as the Inter Services Championships, and to advertise the final results**.** The subject as full rights under GDPR. Any questions about the use of their data should be directed to the AFU Secretary.
18. **Summary**. This event is the core event for fencing across the Army. It provides an opportunity to compete across a wide range of abilities and to further develop individual fencing ability to set conditions for success at the Inter-Service Fencing Competition and civilian Open events.

Annexes:

A. Event Schedule

B. Army Reserve Eligibility Chart

C. Army Reserve Eligibility Form

D. Entry Form

E. AGM Agenda

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**event schedule**

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| Serial | Date | Timings | Event |
| 1 | Mon  1 Apr 19 | 0900 - 1700 | Pre Performance Course |
| 2 | Tue  2 Apr 19 | 0900 - 1600  0930 - 1600  From 1600hrs | Pre Performance Course  Refereeing Course -Theory  Commence preparing the hall for competition |
| 3 | Wed  3 Apr 19 | 0830  0830 - 1700  1400  1530  1800 | Men’s and Ladies individual Sabre  Refereeing sabre practical assessments  Inter-Corps Championships  Inter-Unit Six Man Team Champs  AFU AGM (All fencers to attend)  Social |
| 4 | Thu  4 Apr 19 | 0830  0830 - 1700  1430  1530 | Men’s and Ladies Individual Epee  Refereeing epee practical assessments  Inter-Unit Three Man Team Champs  Officers vs ORs |
| 5 | Fri  5 Apr 19 | 0830  0830-1400  1430  ≈1500 | Men’s and Ladies Individual Foil  Refereeing foil practical assessments  Pack up gym (all fencers)  Dispersal |

Timings are the earliest that a competition will start. If competitors arrive for an afternoon events they need to be there for these times though events may not start immediately depending on the individual events.

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**army reserve personnel eligibility criteria’s**

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| **Category of Personnel** | **Single Service Events**  **(Unit, Corps & Regional)** | **Represent Single Service (Non-Inter Service Events)** | **Represent Single Service (Inter Service Events)** | **Combined Services** |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
| All personnel on a regular engagement | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Personnel Seconded to another Service | **Yes** | **Parent Service only** | **Parent Service only** | **Yes** |
| Reserves  a. FTRS and ADC  b. Maritime Reserve List 1  c. Army Reserve Gp A  d. RAuxAF (serving in RAux AF Sqns) | **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes** | **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes** | **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes** | **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes**  **Yes** |
| Ex-Regular Reserves | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| Sponsored Reserves | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| DTUS Cadets - All 3 Services | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| University Cadets at URNU, UOTC and UAS | **At discretion of the single Service** | **At discretion of the single Service** | **No** | **No** |
| Foreign and Commonwealth Personnel  a. Appointed for less than 6 months.  b. Appointed for over 6 months | **Yes**  **Yes** | **Yes**  **Yes** | **No**  **Yes** | **No**  **Yes** |
| Defence Sixth Form College (teams) | **As ‘hors concours’ participants.** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| Defence Sixth Form College (Individuals) | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| MOD Civilians | **Clearance for RAF only** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| Other civilians including contractors | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** |

Table 2 - JSP 660 Pt 1 v2.1 Annex A to Chapter 2

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**ReservIST PERSONNEL ENTRY FORM**

1. Rules for Army Reserve Participation in the Army Fencing Championships:

a. **Army Reserve**. Members of the Army Reserve must have been awarded their Bounty for the previous training year.

b. **FTRS**. FTRS are not eligible for a bounty and may therefore enter the competition without having been awarded a bounty in the previous year.

c. **OTC**. The OTC will need to provide proof that the individual has provided valuable input to their OTC over the last 12 months.

d. **Exceptions**. The only exceptions to this rule will be for members of the Army Reserve in their first year of service.

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| From: Unit Title |  |
| Unit Address: |  |
| UIN: |  |

It is confirmed that:

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| Number: | Rank: | Name: | |
| *Delete as applicable*:  Is a member of the Army Reserve and has been awarded his/ her Bounty for the previous training year.  Is onFTRS, is not eligible for a bounty and may therefore enter the competition without having been awarded a bounty in the previous year.  Has provided a valuable contribution to his/her UOTC in the past 12 months. | | | |
| Signed: | | | |
| Rank: | Name: | | Post: |
| Unit Stamp: | | | |

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**REFEREEING AND PRE-PERFORMANCE COURSE ENTRY FORM**

To: Maj JJ Wilson From: Name:

Email: Jennifer.wilson874@mod.gov.uk Unit and Capbadge:

Contact details:

UIN:

1. I would like to enter the following events:

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| **Number** | **Rank** | **Name** | **Cap Badge** | **Male/ Female** | **Event** | | |
| **Foil** | **Epee** | **Sabre** |
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2. My Unit/Corps would like to enter the following team events:

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| **Unit Title** | **Event** | | |
| **3-man Team** | **6-man Team** | **Inter Corps** |
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3. Accommodation requirements:

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| **Name** | **Male/Female** | **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** |
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|  |  | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
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|  |  | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
|  |  | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |
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|  |  | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N | Y / N |

4. I/ we will/ will not be attending the Pre Performance Course on 1 and 2 Apr 19.

5. I/ we will/ will not be attending the Refereeing Theory Course on 2 Apr 19 and subsequent competition day. Please indicate weapon. Foil/Epee/Sabre.

6. Payment will be taken at the event.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES BY MON 4 MAR 19**

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**ANNUAL AGENDA**

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Lead** |
| 1 | Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting | Hon Sec |
| 2 | Review of AFU constitution: | Hon Sec |
| 3 | Next Season’s Programme | Comp Sec |
| 4 | Hon Sec Report | Hon Sec |
| 5 | Treasurer’s Report | Treasurer |
| 6 | Captains Report (to include both Men and Ladies) | Team Capts |
| 7 | Competitions Sec Report | Comp Sec |
| 8 | Armourer’s Report | Armourer |
| 9 | Training/PR Representative Report | Trg Rep |
| 10 | Army Reserve Reps Report | Army Reserve Rep |
| 11 | Election of Officers: (if required) | Hon Sec |
| 12 | Any Other Business | Hon Sec |
| 13 | Chairman’s Summary and Closing Remarks | Chairman |
| 14 | DONM | Hon Sec |