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| **Related Info:** | [RedPoint Climbing Centre, Main Page (www)](https://www.redpointbristol.co.uk/)  [RedPoint Climbing Centre, Online Registration Form (www)](https://www.redpointbristol.co.uk/terms-and-conditions-2/) (Link is at the very bottom of the page) |
| **Classification:** | OFFICIAL |

**REGIONIAL COMMAND (UK SOUTH) SPORT CLIMBING COMPETITION 2019**

1. The Regional Command (RC) (UK South) Sport Climbing Competition 2019 will be held at Red Point Climbing Centre, Bristol on 3 April 19. The format of the competition will allow individual and teams to compete at the same time. The competition is open to all Army; Regular, Reserve personnel within the RC (UK South) region. Competitors from other regions as well as the Royal Navy and Air Force are welcome to enter but will be entered in a guest category and at the discretion of the organiser.

**Competition Format**

1. This competition will be run in accordance with the AMA 1-day competition format and rules, which are available from the organiser on request.
2. A qualifying round will be conducted on the morning of 3 Apr 19.
   1. Competitors will be required to attempt to climb five top rope routes in sequential order.
   2. Routes will be graded from between 4 up to 6c+ / 7a.
   3. Climbers will have a maximum of two minutes in which to complete the each route (This may be subject to change depending upon the number of competitors).
   4. Points will be awarded for each climb with the results being added together and used to position climbers for the finals.
   5. The scoring system will be explained in detail during the pre-competition brief on the day.
   6. All qualifying routes will be demonstrated by the route setter prior to the competition commencing.
3. Final round will be conducted in the afternoon of the event.
   1. All competitors who successful complete the climbs in the morning will be required to climb in the afternoon session.
   2. Final routes;
      1. Will be demonstrated by the route setter.
      2. Will be available for competitors to identify the route prior to climbing.
   3. There will be 3 final categories;
      1. Novice; climbed on top rope.
      2. Open; climbed on lead with the first 3 quick draws pre-clipped.
      3. Elite; climbed on lead with the first 3 quick draws pre-clipped.
4. The team event will constitute 3 climbers from the same unit. The team with the highest accumulative score from the qualifying routes will be crowned the winning team. This event will be concurrent with the individual competition and will be concluded before the afternoon climbing session.

**Prizes**

1. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories.
   1. Elite Male – 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
   2. Open Male – 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
   3. Novice Male – 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
   4. Masters – 1st.
   5. Female – 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
   6. Team – 1st.
2. A set of bouldering problems will be set throughout the climbing centre to encourage climbers to experience the full space of Red Point Climbing Centre. There will not be any prizes for the bouldering.

**Risk Management and Control**

1. The participation statement from the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) says that: “*The BMC recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.”*
2. This event falls within the scope of Duty Holding by virtue of being an “On Duty” Risk to Life (RtL) activity, it will therefore be conducted in accordance with the Army DH framework.
3. CO’s & OC’s as Duty Holders are responsible for their soldiers’ when participating in this event. It falls to the CO and OC’s to assure themselves, that this event is being conducted in accordance with Service, the BMC and the International Federation of Sports Climbing (IFSC) policy. All CO and OC’s are to ensure that they are content that the RtL is as low as reasonable practicable and at a tolerable level before authorising their personal to attend. All Risk Assessments relating to this event are available on request.
4. Authorisation for participation is to be via personnel names being entered onto unit Part One Regimental Orders prior to the event date (or service equivalent).
   1. All competitors **MUST** ensure theirCommanding Officers authorise their attendance and that the competitor’s names are published on their unit Part 1 Orders to ensure they have on-duty status for the duration of the competition. Competitors who fail to comply with this request will not be able to compete.
   2. RAF and RN personnel that attend the competition must comply with their sS RtL and DH instructions to ensure they have the requisite “on-duty” status.
5. The wearing of helmets will not be enforced during any part of the competition. Competitors are encouraged to read and understand the latest policy and BMC guidance regarding the use of helmets whilst climbing on a climbing wall.
6. All competitors may be required to assist with belaying other competitors and those selected personal who are sufficiently experienced may also be asked to judge other climbers. All personal will undergo a belay test by a current/competent Rock Climbing Instructor (RCI) to ensure they are competent and can;
   1. Tie in to a climbing harness with a re-threaded figure of 8 knot with a stopper knot.
   2. Belay a climber up a wall and lowering them in a controlled and safe manner. Using a recognised belay device (not an assisted breaking device i.e. Gri-Gri)
   3. Lead a climb at a minimum of French grade 6a, on an indoor route.
      1. All competitors must ensure that they do not “back-clip” when they are leading a climb. If this occurs they will be instructed by the route judge to stop, down climb and re-clip the rope properly before continuing their climb. The timer will not stop, if they fall of the route during this process their turn will be over, there will be no re-attempts.
7. At all times competitors must comply with the verbal and written instructions provided by Red Point Climbing Centre (RPCC) and the organising support staff.

**Competitor Entry**

1. Application forms are to be submitted to the organiser by NLT 20 Mar 19.
2. Entry fees are £15 per person, and team entry will be an additional £5 per team. Entry Fees can be paid on the day by cheque or cash. Cheques are to be made payable to “Army Mountaineering Association”. The entry fee also allows competitor’s access to all of the Red Point Climbing centre facilities less for the children’s “Crazy Climb” area and the yoga rooms.
3. All competitors are required to register with RPCC prior to the competition start date. Competitors who have registered for previous events will need to re-register with RPCC for this event. Access to the Red Point website is available via [this link](https://www.redpointbristol.co.uk/terms-and-conditions-2/) where competitors can complete an online registration form. Registration prior to **01 March 2019** will be removed from their website and invalid for the competition.

**Judging**

1. Judging for:
   1. The 5 qualifying rounds will be conducted by competitors who have a suitable level of experience and have competed previously in climbing competitions.
   2. The 3 final category rounds will be conducted by the head route setter and support staff.

**Messing**

1. RPCC can provide suitable messing facilities for the duration of the competition. **Competitors are reminded that they are not to consume alcohol during the competition and anyone found to have consumed alcohol whilst competing will be RTU’d from the competition and their CoC informed.**

**Timing and Equipment**

1. Applications are to be with the competition organiser by NLT 20 March 2019.
2. All competitors will be met at the foyer of RPCC climbing wall by the competition organisers and centre staff. Timings of the event are as follows;
   1. **0800** Registration opens and safety checks will be completed.
   2. **0845** Competitors Brief in the main climbing area and the qualifying routes will be demonstrated.

* 1. **0915** Qualifying round opens.
  2. **1200** Qualifying round closes.
  3. **1300** Final round begins.
     1. Novice Category Climbed on Top Rope.
     2. Open Category Climbed on Lead (first 3 quick draws clipped).
     3. Elite Category Climbed on Lead (first 3 quick draws clipped).
  4. **1630** Final round finishes.
  5. **1645** Prize giving.

1. All competitors are to wear suitable unrestrictive clothing and they should bring their own UIAA approved sit harness (1 or 2 piece) and climbing shoes.
   1. Harnesses and shoes are available from Red Point Climbing Centre at competitors own cost.
2. Belay devises and climbing ropes will be provided by the organiser. Personal belay devises are not to be used by competitors during the competition.

**Travel**

1. Travel at public expense is admissible for this championship and any travel costs are to be charged against the units own travel budget using their own UIN in accordance with JSP 752.
2. As the competition is being held at a civilian location only civilian (white fleet) transport is to be used and military (green fleet) vehicles are not to be used.

**Contact Details**

1. Red Point Climbing Centre address is as follows;

Red Point Climbing Centre

40 Winterstoke Road

Bristol

BS3 2NW

1. The competition is being organised on behalf of the Army Mountaineering Association by SSgt Stewart who can be contacted by the following:
   1. Email: [andrew.stewart361@mod.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.stewart361@mod.gov.uk)
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   3. Postal Address

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Annexes

## A. Individual Entry Form UK South Climbing Championships 2019

## B. Team Entry Form UK South Climbing Championships 2019

**ANNEX A**

**TO 2019DIN10-011**

**DATED FEB 19**

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM - UK SOUTH CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

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| NO | | RANK | | | SURNAME | | FIRST NAME | |
| AMA NO | | REGT/CORPS | | | UNIT | | | |
| UNIT ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |
| CONTACT TEL | | | | | FAX NO | | | |
| REGULAR\* | TA\* | | OTC\* | | | MALE\* | | FEMALE\* |
| AGE (As at 03 April 19) | | | | DOB | | | | |
| ***PLEASE GIVE AN INDICATION OF YOUR CURRENT CLIMBING ABILITY (SPORTS GRADES).*** | | | | | | | | |
| >4\* | | >5\* | | | >6a\* | | >7a\* | |
| I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE, MADE PAYABLE TO “Army Mountaineering Associaion”  FOR THE SUM OF: | | | | | £ | | | |

\* Tick in relevant box. **TO BE RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN 20 Mar 19**

Submit the application by post to:

SSgt Stewart (Regional Command (UK S) Climbing Competition 2019

81 Sig Sqn, 10 Sig Regt

Building 420

MOD Corsham,

Westwells Road,

Corsham,

SN13 9NR.

Or by Email to: [Andrew.Stewart361@MOD.GOV.UK](mailto:Andrew.Stewart361@MOD.GOV.UK)

**ANNEX B**

**TO 2019DIN10-XXX**

**DATED FEB 19**

**TEAM ENTRY FORM - UK SOUTH CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

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| **Ser** | **Number** | **Rank** | **Name** | **Unit** | **Team Name** |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3 |  |  |  |  |
| I have/have not enclosed payment for the team entry shown above within the payment made shown on Annex A | | | | | |

###### TO BE RETURNED WITH ANNEX A AND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 20 MARCH 19

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