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| **Defence Instructions and Notices**  (Not to be communicated beyond Crown Servants, and Government Contractors, without Authority) | |
| **Title:** | Armed Forces Parachute Championship 2019 (AFPC 19) |
| **Audience:** | All Regular and Army Reserve personnel, and MOD Civilians |
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| **Content:** | AFPC 19 will take place at Netheravon during 20-26 July 2019 Open to all Service personnel including Reservists. There is an Open category for civilians. |
| **Sponsor:** | Army Parachute Association |
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| **Local Keywords:** | Netheravon, AFPSA |
| **Annexes:** | N/A |
| **Related Info:** | Competition Instruction and entry forms are available via the APA office.  Event Rules can be found at: <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/nationals/> |
| **Classification:** | OFFICIAL |

**Armed Forces Parachute Championship 2019**

**Introduction**

1. The 20th Armed Forces Parachute Championship will take place at the Army Parachute Association (APA), Netheravon during the period Mon 22 Jul – Fri 26 Jul. The Championship is open to both serving and reserve personnel of all three services. Civilians are also welcome to compete in an open category.

**General Information**

1. **Training**. The APA will be open for training from Sat 20 Jul – Sun 21 Jul. Teams are to organise their own coaching during this period. Training jumps will finish by 2000 on Sun 21 Jul when the competitors brief and competition draw will take place.
2. **Registration**. Teams are encouraged to pre-register where possible and registration will remain open until 2000 on Sun 21 Jul.
3. **Competition**. The Championship will start at 0900 on Mon 22 Jul and will finish by 1200 Fri 26 Jul.
4. **Manifest**. Teams are responsible for manifesting themselves when they are ready to jump. The Meet Director will manage the programme and determine which element of the competition takes place. There will be no double manifesting permitted unless teams are 100% independent of pool camera and not at risk of jumping in another discipline.
5. **Closing ceremony**. This will take place at 1500 on Fri 26 Jul. Teams are encouraged to invite guests, including team presidents, military VIPs, sponsors etc. Teams should provide a list of any guests to the APA Secretary when registering.
6. **Programme of events**. The provisional programme of events is at Annex A to the Competition Instruction. The jump programme will remain flexible depending on the weather. Programme amendments will be given at the competitors brief and regularly posted on the competition notice board.

**Eligibility**

1. The championships are open to both serving and reserve personnel in the UK Armed Forces including Cadet Organisations. Civilians and international military teams are eligible to enter the open category in all events. British Army and Royal Navy competitors must be full members of the Army Parachute Association to benefit from the military subsidised prices.

**Categories**

1. The competition will involve the following categories:
   1. **Armed Forces**.
      1. **Individual events**. In order to compete in individual events, competitors must be a serving member of the UK Armed Forces including the reserve and cadets.
      2. **Team events**. In order to compete in team events, teams must be either a corps or unit team, consisting solely of competitors from that corps or unit. Reservist and cadet forces personnel may compete in accordance with corps or unit affiliations. The criteria does not apply to the team’s videographer.
   2. **Open**. All individuals or teams that do not meet the above criteria.

**Events**

1. Events being conducted during the competition are as follows:
   1. Accuracy.
      1. Individual events. Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
      2. Team events. Intermediate and senior.
   2. Canopy formation. 2-way rotations.
   3. 4-way Formation skydiving. Rookie, A, AA and AAA events.
   4. Artistic. Freestyle category B and free fly category A & B.
   5. Wingsuit Acrobatics (2 way).

**Rules**

1. All event rules will be run in accordance with the FAI IPC rules, less a number of minor amendments. Rules variations are listed at Annex B. IPC rules, as used at the BPA British National Championships, can be found at <http://www.bpa.org.uk/competition/nationals/>
2. No competitor may represent more than one team in any one event category. A competitor may compete in up to two 4-way FS teams but can only medal in one. Other placings will be recorded in the ‘Open’ results. All teams will manifest to ensure that progress is made fairly; careful consideration must be made if jumpers are in more than one team.
3. Up to two alternates may be nominated for each team.
4. Teams are not permitted to train at other DZs or in wind tunnels once the draw has been made on Sun 21 Jul.
5. Each discipline will be judged to the full number of rounds unless determined otherwise by the Meet Director. Teams not completing the full number of rounds (for any reason) within competition time will disadvantage themselves.
6. Jump number rules: Junior is up to 100 jumps, Intermediate up to 400 jumps and Senior is 400 jumps or more.

**Medal and Trophy Allocation**

1. **Medals and Trophies**. A breakdown of the trophies and medal allocation is available from the APA office.
2. **Open** **medals**. There are no trophies for the open events, but bronze, silver and gold medals will be awarded. Medal winners in the Armed Forces categories will not be awarded a separate open medal.

**Costs and payment**

1. **Registration fee**. A one off registration fee of £30per person is payable, regardless of the number of events entered. This is to cover the cost of the judges’ expenses, social functions, additional staff and administration to support the competition, including medals, trophies and a competitor T-Shirt.
2. **APA membership**. To qualify for the discounted military jump rate, all British Army and Royal Navy competitors must be full APA members.
3. **Event costs**. Jump prices are shown in the table below. In addition to the events costs, APA rigs are available for hire at the normal jump inclusive price of £30 for military and £40 for civilian personnel. This fee includes the hire of equipment and a repack by an APA authorised packer. This fee will automatically be charged to the competitor’s Burble account.

**Event Costs – Jump Prices**

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| Event | Cost per round | | Number of Rounds |
| Military | Civilian/Non Eligible |
| Sports accuracy | £11 | £16 | 4 |
| 2-way CF rotations | £33 | £48 | 4 |
| 4-way FS | £75 | £110 | 6 |
| Freestyle B | £30 | £44 | 4 |
| Free fly A & B | £45 | £66 | 4 |
| Wingsuit Acrobatics (Int) | £45 | £66 | 4 |
| Wingsuit Acrobatics (Rk) | £45 | £66 | 3 |