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# ARMY MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIPS 11-13 OCTOBER 2019

References:

1. National Sporting Code - Auto Cycle Union (ACU) 2019 Handbook.
2. [AGAI Vol 1, Chap 5](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/defnet/Corp/Army/Publications/AGAI_005.pdf)
3. [JSP 752](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/defnet/HOCS/Pages/Armed-Forces-Allowances-and-Expenses.aspx)

# INTRODUCTION

1. The first recorded Army Motorcycle Championship took place in 1938 at the Rushmoor Arena in Aldershot. Since that time the Championship has been run on an annual basis (with the exception of the War years) and despite the regular changes and challenges that we face today it still has a strong and dedicated following. In 2010 Army motorcycling ceased to be a training activity and moved to become a recognised sport. Although this was a major challenge, the sport has come through it with a revised competition format. This DIN outlines the details for the 2019 Championships and builds upon previous successful Championships.

1. The competition this year will be organised by the Welsh Guards Enduro Team and will be in the form of a three-stage trial held under the Sporting Code and Regulations of the Auto Cycle Union (ACU) at Reference A.

**AIM**

1. The aim of the event is to:
   1. To identify an Army Champion.
   2. To enhance and test the riding skills of individuals in a competitive environment.
   3. To select those personnel suitable to for the Inter-Service Competition.

1. **Foreign Armies**. The Dutch, German and Swedish Army Teams have again been invited to compete in this year’s event. The competition will follow the same format as the main championships and will see a British Army team of 4 riders (Army team Manager to select prior to the event) compete against 4 of their riders. All personnel are to positively engage with the foreign service personnel and make their event a memorable one.

1. **Duty Status**. This is an Army Sports Control Board (ASCB) authorised event and it therefore meets the criteria for public funding for travel to and from the event in accordance with JSP 752 and approved by individual unit budget managers and voted against Unit Travel Budgets. Participants will be classed as being on duty when travelling to, participating, officiating or part of the organising committee for Ex HARD RIDE. Personnel will not be classed as being on duty when participating in any activity not associated with this exercise. Service personnel are to ensure they gain permission from their unit CoC to attend the event and that their details are placed on Unit Part 1 Orders confirming their attendance on the exercise.

1. **Location**. The event is being held at Brunswick Training Camp, Pirbright Camp, and the nearest postcode for satnav is GU24 0QQ. Riding will take place on training areas D1 and D2.

1. **Accommodation**. Accommodation is available for the period 11-13 Oct in Brunswick transit camp. Personnel are to vacate the accommodation during the afternoon of 13th Oct (timings TBC). An inspection of the accommodation will be conducted to ensure it is returned in a clean state.

1. **Meals**.Brunswick Camp is a PAYD facility and all meals will be funded by individuals when eating in the facility.

1. **Eligibility**. The Championships are open to all service personnel. They are to provide an up to date BAMA membership card or an ACU Licence annotated ‘Army MCA’. Failure to provide the above documents may incur a surcharge for BAMA membership.
2. Members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marine and Royal Air Force may also ride however their entry will be subject to invitation. They are to be in possession of a current MOD 90 ID card, BAMA membership card or an ACU licence.
3. Retired members of the Army (Veterans), MoD civil servants and guests may ride on an invitation basis. In this case ACU competition licences are compulsory and will be checked prior to acceptance of their entry. Retired members of BAMA may obtain an ACU membership code through the event organiser in order to purchase an ACU trials licence in advance of the event (£12). Day licences will not be available for purchase through the organiser.
4. There will be a 100% check of documentation at registration before an individual is approved to ride in the event.

1. **Race Categories**. Exercise HARD RIDE is for the following rider categories and motorcycle classes:
   1. **Novice Riders**. Novice riders will be expected to negotiate easier less technical routes. Riders may not deviate from their chosen route.
   2. **Expert Riders**. Experts will be expected to negotiate harder and more technical route. Riders formally declared Experts may ride the easy route on a no award basis. This must be stated on the entry form (small note).
   3. **Motorcycle Classes**. The following classes will be used during the exercise; MX, Enduro, and Trial.

1. Motorcycles may belong to Regiment/Corps motorcycle clubs or an individual’s own machine. The Organisers are not subject to liability for any damage that an individual may incur to the motor cycle they enter, prior to or during the event.

1. **Teams**. Team entries must comply with the following criteria:
   1. Army teams are restricted to 2 riders on any class of machine.
   2. Riders must be on the posted strength of the unit they are competing for. (The team can be either expert, novice or a combination of both categories)
   3. Veterans or guest teams are to consist of 2 riders on any class of machine. Riders are not eligible for the main Army trophies although they can compete against each other on a non-award basis. Veterans and Guest (Navy & RAF) teams may provide their own trophy, and the organisers will manage that specific competition.
2. **Veterans Competition**. A veteran’s class will be included in the event. A veteran is defined as a person who is 40 years of age or older and who has previously served in the Army (Regular or Reserves). The competition format will be identical to the main competition and there will be a separate presentation for the winners. Those veterans previously graded Expert may elect to ride the easy route on a no award basis (annotate on entry form). All veterans must hold a current ACU licence.

1. **Guests**. The Army MCA has various affiliations with other motorcycle clubs, RAF MSA, CSMA, MCC and the Police. Riders from other recognised organisations may also ride as guest rider and there will be a separate presentation for the winner of their specific competition. They may ride any class of motorcycle on either the hard or easy route. All guests must hold a current ACU licence.

1. **Inter-Service Competition**. This year will see the commencement of an inaugural Inter-Service competition which if successful will continue to be run annually. The Army Team Manager is the POC and will he co-ordinate this element of the event.

1. **Officials**. The following officials have been appointed for Exercise HARD RIDE:
   1. Duty Holder – Maj B Case REME
   2. Event Director – WO2 D Hughes
   3. Secretary – Cpl R Penfold
   4. Clerk of the Course – WO2 D Hughes
   5. Assistant Clerk of the Course – WO2 A Cotty
   6. Technical Inspector – Pte S Churchill
   7. Assistant Technical Inspector – LCpl L Phillips
2. **Sequence of Events.** The sequence of events will be issued in the final instructions.
   1. **Technical Inspection**. All machines will be inspected prior to the start to ensure they comply with guidelines contained within Reference A. Technical examinations will commence from 1500 to 1700 on 11 Oct. After the technical examination, the machines will remain the responsibility of the owner during the event. The organisers retain the right to refuse a competitor to start if the machine is deemed to be poorly maintained, noisy or dangerous. Additional regulations apply:
      1. All machines must be presented in a clean condition, as per Reference A. Attention will be given to the brakes, throttle return and sprocket covers. (Lights, directional indicators and ancillaries may be removed as appropriate)
      2. Competition Number Boards and the competitor’s number is to be fitted to the front and sides of their machines.
      3. Numbers are to be in the following format:
         1. Experts are to have a white number on a green background.
         2. Novices are to have a black number on a yellow background.
         3. Veterans and /Guest riders are to have a white number on a blue or black background to reduce land degradation only Enduro, Trail and Trials tyres (road legal with E mark) may be fitted and used during the event. Used Motocross tyres will only be accepted for Novice riders. Tyres must not be changed during the event without the permission of the organisers.
      4. Crash helmets will be checked at the technical examination and must be ACU approved, gold or silver standard or the EU equivalent.
   2. The following documents will be checked at registration:
      1. MOD 90 ID Card, which must be in date.
      2. BAMA Membership Card/Army MCA annotated ACU Licence.
      3. ACU/SACU/MCUI Licence (Vets/Guests).
   3. Competitors Briefings will take place on 11 Oct at 1300 in Brunswick Camp. The briefing will cover camp administration, amendments and details of the competition and any areas appropriate to the delivery of the event. The specific timings of each race will be notified by the organisers on the day. There will be another briefing on 12 Oct to cover any final admin points for the races on 13 Oct, again the timing will be briefed by the organisers. All competitors are to attend.
   4. **Riders Dress**. Civilian pattern off road riding clothing is permitted for the duration of the exercise. Body armour or similar personal protection equipment is mandatory for Stage 3.
3. **Format of Competition**. The format of the competition will be as follows:
   1. **Stage 1**. 12 Oct AM - up to 10 Observed Sections with a generous time allowance giving plenty time for riders to “walk” the sections; trials penalties apply as defined in the ACU handbook (TSR22B). The trial will be non-stop - riders must not cross their lines. At some point during this stage a Graded hill may be ridden.
   2. **Stage 2**. 12 Oct PM. A 2-hour Hare and Hound will be completed using D1 and D2 training areas, riders will depart in classes from a start area with one-minute intervals between each class. Riders will complete as many laps of a designated course in a 3-hour period. Riders can pit to re fuel when required. The results of this event will determine the start order for the Time Card Enduro.
   3. **Stage 3**. 13 Oct AM. Will consist of a time card Enduro and riders will have to complete a set number of laps including an Enduro type special test. Riders will have allowed times for each lap with numerous laps which will include a special test. Each test will be individually timed.
4. **Penalties, Exclusions**. The event will be run in accordance with Reference A. The penalties are:
   1. **Starting Failure**. Failing to start the machine by the starting device fitted and ride over a line 20m forward of the start line within 1 min - 5 points.
   2. **Observed Sections**. Missed sections - 10 points, Failure - 5 points (ceasing forward motion, riding outside or breaking the tape, riding the wrong route, riding in a loop (crossing own line)), Footing once - 1 point, Footing twice - 2 points, Footing more than twice - 3 points.
   3. **Graded Hill**. 0 to 10 points based on distance.
   4. **Special Stage test**. 1 point per second.
   5. **Enduro**. Failing to finish within the time allowance - one point per minute up to a maximum of 60 points.
   6. **Special Cross Country Test.** The fastest rider will set the bogie time and record a score of zero. Thereafter 1 point per second will be awarded.
   7. **Hare and Hound Event**. As this is the first year that a Hare and Hound event has been run at the Army Championships, it will not be scored as part of the competition. It will however be used to qualify and set the start times for the Time Card Enduro on the following day. All riders must therefore take part. A separate award will be made for the most laps completed in both Expert and Novice Classes.
5. If a competitor is excluded from the competition, he/she may take no further part. The following exclusions will be in force:
   1. Refuelling outside of the nominated refuelling area or refuelling without an environmental mat.
   2. Speeding in the working area/camp area/within blue taped areas or when not riding the course.
   3. Riding against the direction of the circuit.
   4. Cheating and course cutting.
   5. Tyre changing in order to gain advantage.
   6. Riding without a crash helmet in the parking/pits area.
   7. Ineffective silencer – noisy machine.
   8. Any other rule infringement deemed serious by the organisers.
6. **Prize Giving**. The prize giving ceremony will take place at approximately 1500 hrs on 13 Oct 19. All competitors are requested to remain for the prize giving and support the winners of the events. Dress will be clean MTP for serving military personnel and smart civilian attire for all others.
7. **Awards**. The following will be contested for (subject to confirmation and the number of entries):
   1. Individual Awards.
      1. Norton Trophy – Best individual (Hard Route).
      2. Motorcycle Industries Trophy - 2nd Overall (hard route).
      3. Silver Cup - 3rd Overall (hard route).
      4. Motorcycle Industries Trophy - Best Novice Rider (easy route) 2nd and 3rd Novice riders (easy route).
      5. John Clover Cup - Best RLC Novice (easy route).
      6. Holden Trophy - Best Reserve Forces Rider.
      7. Soldier Magazine Shield - Best Army Private Soldier.
      8. Pascoe Trophy – Best Special Test time.
      9. Noy Trophy - Best Special test time by a Novice.
      10. RLC Cup - Best RLC Rider (hard route).
      11. REME Cup - Best REME Rider (hard route).
      12. Turner Trophy - Best RE Rider (hard route).
      13. Best RE Novice rider.
      14. Gwinnell Memorial Trophy Best AAC Rider (hard route, subject to entries).
      15. Mills Trophy (missing) - Best Trials Rider (hard route), 2nd and 3rd Trials riders allocated subject to entries.
      16. Three First Class Awards (hard route).
      17. Three Second Class Awards (hard route).
      18. Paul Grace Trophy - Spirit of Event Award.
      19. Best Female rider.
      20. Best Infantry rider – Expert & Novice.
      21. Jimmy James Shield- Best RAC Enduro Rider.

Note: No rider may win more than one major award. Trophies will be allocated to the next best placed rider.

* 1. **Team Awards**. Teams are to comprise two riders on the posted strength of the same Unit.
     1. Gort Trophy – Best team.
     2. Graham Walker Cup – Runner up team.
     3. Silver Cup – 3rd placed team.
     4. Illing Trophy - Best REME Team.
     5. Buckley Trophy - Best all Novice Team
  2. Veteran Class Awards.
     1. Skinner Trophy - Best Veteran.
     2. Second Veteran.
     3. Third Veteran.
  3. Guest Rider Awards.
     1. Best Guest.
     2. Second Guest.
     3. Third Guest.
  4. RAF Competition.
     1. Best RAF rider.
     2. Runner-up RAF rider.

1. Applications to attend this event must be submitted on the entry form which is available at Annex A. The form must be completed in full and forwarded to the Secretary of the meeting. Cheques are to be made payable to Central Bank ASCB and payment for entry fees on the day will be by cash only. The following entry fees apply:
   1. Serving members of the Army – all entries will be £30.
   2. Team Entry is a further £10 per team.
   3. Veterans and Guests, £30 per rider, see paras 9 and 10.
2. The Secretary of the meeting can be contacted at the following address for all postal applications and by email for any immediate queries:

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1. **Final Instructions**. Final instructions with confirmed riding numbers, start times, and other administration details will be issued by email prior to the commencement of the event. Competitors are to ensure their email address is included within their application.
2. **Video/Camera Devices**. As per Reference A, video recording/GoPro style devices are only allowed to be mounted on the bike. No devices can be mounted on the body or helmet. This ruling will be enforced by the event organisers.

**ANNEX A to**

**2019DIN10-034**

**DATED OCT 19**

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|  | **ARMY MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  **Ex HARD RIDE**  **12/13 OCT 2019** | amca_logo_NOSCROLL.jpg |

ACU Permit No: …… *This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.*

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| **DECLARATION:** I / we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof: -  I / we hereby declare that I / we have had the opportunity to read, and that I / we understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued, and agree to be bound by them.  I / we further declare that I am / we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am / we are competent to do so.  I / we confirm that I / we understand the nature and type of event we are entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same  notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.  I / we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I / we compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.  I/we confirm that I/we are eligible to compete on the machines for which I/we have entered.  I / we confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it / they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.  I / we agree that I am / we are required to register our arrival by “signing on” at the designated place prior to commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.  I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.  I / we enclose the entry fee of: £………………………..  **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:** I / we understand that by taking part in this event I / we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I / we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I / we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my / our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity. I / we have read the above and acknowledge that my / our participation in motorsport is entirely at my / our own risk.  Rider’s signature: …………………………………………... |

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| **RIDER DETAILS**:Surname: …………………………..First name(s): …………..…………………..  No……………………………Rank: ……………………..……Cap-badge: …………………………….  Unit:……………………………………………………………………………………..……………………  Unit Address: ……………………………………………………………………………..………..………  Postcode: …………………Tel: ………………. ……. Mobile ………………………………………….  Email address: …………………………….………………………………………………………………………………….  ACU Licence / Registration No: ………………………  Status: Regular/Reserve/Expert/Novice/Veteran/Guest\*  \* Delete as required |

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| **MACHINE DETAILS**: Make……………………Model ………………… Class: Trial/Trail/MX/Enduro\*  \*Delete as required |

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| **TEAM DETAILS - NAME**…………………………………………………………………………..………..……………..  **Other team members** …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. |

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| **REMITTANCE**:  Individual entry Regular/Reserve/Veteran BAMA member £30. Team entry an additional £10.  I enclose a cheque for £………………. made payable to Central Bank ASCB. |

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