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**EXERCISE ALPINE WHITE LION 2020**

**References:**

A. [2019DIN07-090 Army European Winter Activity Instruction 2019/20](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/r/sites/defnet/Corp/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B9FC9EC14-07D5-43EE-827B-BB087A2F1B91%7D&file=2019DIN07-090.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true&DefaultItemOpen=1)

B. [ASCB Authority to conduct Ex ALPINE WHITE LION 20](https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/teams/cui1-649/Ex%20White%20Lion/20190827-ASCB_AUTHORITY-Ex%20WHITE%20LION%2020-AGC%20Alpine%20Champs-Austria.doc)

1. Exercise ALPINE WHITE LION 2020 (EXWL20) is the AGC Alpine Skiing Championships which will be conducted in 2020. It will take place on the Stubai Glacier, Austria over the period 8-21 March 2020.
2. The championships will be run in two phases and culminating in a prize giving event on 20 Mar 20.
	1. Phase 1 – Training between 9-15 Mar 20.
	2. Phase 2 – The actual competition will be contested between 16-20 Mar 20.
	3. Prizegiving will take place on the evening of 20 Mar 20.
3. Competitors should arrive in Neustift, Austria on Sun 8 Mar 20 and by NLT 1600hrs. Dispersal will be on Sat 21 Mar 20.
4. A full and comprehensive EXWL20 Admin Instruction will be released on 1 Oct 19.

**EXERCISE STATUS**

1. Reference A states that participation in Corps level alpine competition is designated ‘Individual Military Training’. Participants in these formally authorised events are classed as being “On Duty” whilst undertaking activities that relate directly to the primary aims of the exercise. All competitors and officials must also ensure their participation details are published on their Unit Part One Orders.

**AUTHORITY AND CLEARANCE**

1. Reference B is the authority which has been issued by the Army Sports Control Board for the AGC to conduct this exercise. Diplomatic Clearance will be applied for centrally by the EXWL20 2IC. There is no longer a requirement for teams to apply for Staff Clearance through their RPoC PD Branches. Additionally, depending on travel route to Austria, transit clearance through Europe may be required. Details on Transit Clearance will be included in the EXWL20 Event Instruction.

**FINANCES**

1. Reference A directs those elements of team participation that attract public funding, subject to affordability within unit control totals. The EXWL20 Event Instruction will provide advice on all financial aspects for team entry.

**COMPETITION**

1. The AGC Alpine Championships will be split over three competitions based on three race hills.
	1. **Championship Hill**.The fastest and most capable competitors will compete for the overall Championship Team and Individual prizes.
	2. **Development Hill**. Those who have skied before but not made the numerical cut for the Championship Hill, will compete for Development Individual prizes only.
	3. **Novice Hill**. Novices will compete for Novice Individual prizes only.
2. Only Slalom and Giant Slalom disciplines will be raced. All competitors, fit to do so, will compete in all races.
3. **Competitors**.
	1. **Team Entry**. Unit teams are to consist of four personnel, with the top three scores to count. Composite teams may be entered from different units at the point of entry but are ineligible for the Unit competition. Depending on skier ability unit teams may be split between the Championship, Development and Novice competitions. If there is a minimum of three team members in the Championship competition they compete for team and for individual prizes, if less than three then they will compete for individual prizes only. It is acknowledged that the seeding across the three race hills will mean that some unit teams are split. To compensate this, formation, or similar, teams will be invited to form on a case by case basis once the seeding has been completed. Any newly formed teams must be approved by the Exercise Director prior to being allowed entry into a race.
	2. **Individual Entry**.Individual entries will be accepted on an exceptional basis only and must be cleared by the exercise 2IC prior to submission.
	3. **Entry Forms**.Entry forms and instructions will be included in the EXWL20 Event Instruction.

**NOVICE STATUS**

1. A competitor is deemed a NOVICE on EXWL20 if they have never attempted Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing or Telemarking skiing prior to Mon 9 Mar 20.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The AGC Alpine Championships is open to all AGC Regular and Reserve personnel. Numbers will be capped at 340 (competitors and staff). Non AGC competitors will be accepted in the following instances;
	1. **Joint Units**.Joint units may include one non AGC competitor in their team if it can be demonstrated that this individual works alongside AGC personnel and without whom the unit would not be able to muster a team of four.
	2. **UOTC**.UOTC entries are encouraged but they are ineligible for team or individual prizes.

**INSTRUCTORS**

1. There is a requirement for qualified ski instructors to execute EXWL20. The minimum qualification requirement is either: SL1 or BASI 2 Alpine or a suitable Alpine coaching qualification. Instructors are required to arrive in Neustift by 1600hrs on 7 Mar 20 and they will also be released on 21 Mar 20.
2. Instructors are to register their interest by adding their details to the [EXWL20 Intructor Database](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmodgovuk.sharepoint.com%2Fteams%2Fcui1-649%2FLists%2FEx%2520WL%2520%2520InstructorStaff%2520Database%2FAllItems.aspx&data=02%7C01%7CGordon.Fraser264%40mod.gov.uk%7C6e4450b912854cdb4f9008d72ad6fa09%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C0%7C637024975107794976&sdata=Juemk1ykpzBRHEi0t2R03OROzRXDnGfVQPdVdAcK2AY%3D&reserved=0) (when link opens click on NEW ITEM) by 31 Oct 19. All instructor enquiries are to be directed to: WO2 Graham, Training Captain, Southampton DTUS, telephone: 023 8059 6142 or email: ThunderSqnTrgCapt@soton.ac.uk.