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## Authority for Army Orienteering 2011 - 2012

### General

- Orienteering in the Army is classified as Individual Military Training. It is a distinct form of navigation training, normally taking place in rural areas where it is possible to navigate freely between control points i.e. not limited to tracks and paths. It can be used as a component of Military Annual Training Test (MATT) 5 – Land Navigation.
- The Army Orienteering Association (AOA), through an Executive Committee consisting of nominated officials, oversees orienteering in the Army. The AOA Secretary is:

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3. All Army orienteering is open to Regular and Territorial Army personnel. Whilst men and women may compete in separate classes where appropriate, women are eligible to run in any team.

4. Further information on all aspects of Army orienteering may be obtained from the AOA Technical Advisor:

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### Participation in Events and Competitions

5. All participation in the following AOA-sponsored events is classified as official military training:

a. Divisional, district, brigade and unit orienteering events, leagues and championships. With the technical (navigation) and physical difficulty adjusted to the level of competition, these, either by day or at night, may take the form of:

(i) **Cross country events:** as fast as possible, individuals navigate to all controls on the course in a prescribed order. Events may be designated as:

(a) **Long:** expected fastest time for the longest course of at least 2 hours.

(b) **Classic:** expected fastest time for the longest course of around one hour.

(c) **Middle:** expected fastest time for the longest course of 25-30 minutes. Usually used in the summer ('off-season') for informal events, but formally in technically complex terrain with an emphasis on detailed navigation.

(d) **Sprint:** usually using maps drawn at a scale of 1:5,000 of barrack or urban areas, the expected fastest time for the longest course will be 20-25 minutes.

(ii). **Score events:** within a designated time, usually 45 or 60 minutes, individuals navigate to some or all controls that they select themselves from those allocated to the course.

(iii) **Relay event:** a team of 3-4 individuals running one after the other on shortened cross country courses as fast as possible. Every team navigates between the same controls, albeit each in a different running order designated by the planner.

(iv) **'Harris' event:** a team event in which the 3-4 members of the team decide themselves who navigates to which control in order to visit them all, including a 'spine' of compulsory controls, which each member must visit.

b. **Exercise RUNNING DEER.** This exercise is to provide a series of technical training exercises for younger (approximately under 25 years old) soldiers and officers, both male and female, normally based around a major civilian event, with a final concentrated week of training hosted at a major event in the UK or abroad. Participants will have demonstrated an aptitude and keenness for orienteering at division/district league events. Nominations from Unit, Corps, or Divisional orienteering secretaries for the 20 places in the squad should be to the AOA Secretary. Army orienteers are advised to participate in Corps orienteering trips where possible. Interested personnel should contact the AOA Secretary for the contact details of the male and female development squad captains.

c. **Exercise RUNNING COMPASS.** This exercise adheres to the principles of sporting excellence, with the Army team participating in the higher levels of competition. Selected participants will be very active orienteers, who could be expected to benefit and develop from training in terrain of a very high technical standard. 7 men and 3 women will be selected. Interested personnel should contact the AOA Secretary for the contact details of the male and female Army team captains.

6. To reduce the commitment of military manpower and resources, civilian events utilising civilian personnel and resources may be used to host some of the competitions listed in Paragraph 7. Organisers should ensure the event instructions make this clear and where appropriate also ensure that the event is registered correctly with the British Orienteering, the National Governing Body (NGB), which then provides insurance cover for civilian organisers.

7. Civilian events may be selected by unit commanding officers to be training events and may be used to host other military competitions, provided that unit/formation budget managers are prepared to meet the costs. This includes endurance navigation events (mountain marathons) such as the OMM, LAMM, Highlander, Saunders and Polaris, which are excellent training opportunities. This is often the most cost effective method of training small groups, or running/hosting unit competitions, especially in isolated areas. All participation must be published on Unit Part One Orders.

## **Allowances**

8. Properly authorised events are classified as individual military training and participants are entitled to the normal duty allowances detailed in JSP 752. This includes the appropriate rates of LOA and subsistence allowance for those selected to represent the AOA abroad. Service transport may be used subject to the normal rules for military training and charged to Purpose of Travel Code 13 (POT 13). All charges against Public Funds incurred by individuals, or units, are to be charged against the appropriate unit training budget with prior authority of the budget manager. The AOA Technical Advisor (see Para 4) controls the central budget used to fund the organisation of, but not unit participation in, AOA-sponsored events/activities. Organisers of such events are to liaise with him in advance to determine permissible charges to that budget such as portaloos, central catering and transport costs.

## **Funding**

9. As orienteering in the Army is classed as military training, essential training aids, such as control equipment, map survey and printing, and skills and officials' courses, are eligible for Public funding. Public funding cannot be used for prizes and as such

organisers may charge an entry fee to cover these costs. Units or individuals are to ensure such entry fees are paid from non-public sources.

## Training Courses

10. The AOA runs Orienteering Skills (Basic, Intermediate & Advanced) and Orienteering Planners courses at the AOA Centre of Excellence at Longmoor Trg Area. Exact dates can be obtained from the BAOC/AOA website at [www.baoc.org.uk](http://www.baoc.org.uk). Current course dates for 2011/12 are:

18 – 21 Jul 11:	ASPT skills course
16 – 20 Sep 11:	Basic and Intermediate skills & planners
23 – 27 Jan 12:	Basic and Intermediate skills & planners

11. Units or individuals are to bid for places through the Army School of Physical Training (ASPT) for the Skills and Planners courses using the standard application form. The training clerk can be contacted on: Tel: 94222 2103 or via Email: [aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk](mailto:aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk). For other courses, applications should be made to the AOA Courses Officer (see Para 15) on the forms from the BAOC/AOA website at [www.baoc.org.uk](http://www.baoc.org.uk), under events. To give continuity of teaching and to maintain standards, qualified ex-military and civilian instructors are used, with costs covered by the AOA.

12. The aims of these courses are:

- a. **Basic Skills.** To develop the orienteering skills necessary to complete a Division/District League event successfully and skilfully. Training is ideal for novices.
- b. **Intermediate & Advanced Skills.** To allow individuals to progress through more advanced courses in order to improve their personal orienteering skills and provide guidance for training unit teams.
- c. **Planners.** To provide students who are already proficient orienteers with the necessary knowledge to enable them to plan challenging and fair courses for Division/District League events and to develop as Controllers.

13. **OCAD Users Course.** OCAD Users' courses are advertised on the BAOC/AOA website at [www.baoc.org.uk](http://www.baoc.org.uk). The courses are designed to develop computer & basic mapping skills to turn a simple mapping survey into a specialised orienteering map using the OCAD programme. The course planning tool is also taught to enable users to produce overprinted courses. Qualified instructors will be used and the costs will be funded via the AOA Budget. Those interested in attending should forward their name to the AOA Courses Officer (see Para 15).

14. **Coaching Courses.** Due to the need for qualified instructors in this specialist area, it has been agreed with British Orienteering that the AOA will host courses of all levels at the Army Centre of Orienteering Excellence at Longmoor and be granted vacancies on each course. This arrangement will allow the Army to train personnel to a high standard at minimal cost. The courses are the "1st 4 Sport" Level 1 to 3 courses, which provide an NGB award. Full details will appear on the BAOC/AOA website.

15. **Courses Officer.** Anyone interested in attending the OCAD mapping course, a coaching course, instructing or helping on a skills/planners course, or with queries about

the content/standard of any of the above courses should contact the AOA Courses Officer:

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### **AOA Executive Committee**

16. AOA Executive Committee meetings will take place quarterly and generally on the Wed during each skills and planners course. The location will be notified by the Secretary. Attendance at these meetings is to include the chairmen or secretaries from the Military Leagues, Divisions, Northern Ireland, BF Cyprus, BF Germany, TA and Arms & Corps and those responsible for running AOA-sponsored teams or competitions. Meetings will be coordinated by the AOA Secretary (see Para 2).

### **Major Army Competitions**

17. The responsibility for organising the major Army orienteering competitions is divided up among regions and Arms/Corps to spread the burden and ensure variety, as detailed in the table below. For the Army Inter Unit competition this list does not yet take in to account any future regional boundary changes. As and when regional boundary changes are decided, the AOA Executive Committee will review the list and issue direction as required:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Army Inter Unit Competition</b>	<b>Inter Corps Competition</b>
2011	5 Div	RLC
2012	4 Div	RA
2013	2 Div	R SIGNALS