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INTER CORPS TWENTY20 CRICKET COMPETITION 2017: COMPETITION INSTRUCTION

References:

A. Army Cricket Handbook 2017.

B. AGAI Volume 1 Chapter 5. Sport.

1. **Background**. Reference A confirmed the dates and outline details for the Inter-Corps Twenty20 tournament from Tue 5 to 7 Sept 17. This is the tenth year that the competition has been held, and once again due to popular demand it is to be held end of season.

2. **Aim**. The aim of the competition is to bring together all Arms and Services in a festival of cricket in order to develop Corps level cricket and to enable the ACA to talent spot potential representative players.

3. **Financial support**. Continued sponsorship has made it possible for the competition this year to be played using white balls with black sightscreens.

COMPETITON FORMAT

4. **Participation**. Twelve teams will compete in the competition, with the top 4 teams from the 2016 competition being seeded.



ТЕАМ	COLOURS
Infantry CC *	Black/Red
RLC CC *	Yellow/Navy
RA CC *	Royal/Red
AGC CC *	Blue/Red
R Signals CC	Navy/Sky
REME CC	Navy/Yellow
RE CC	Red/Royal
AAC CC	Sky/Navy
RAC CC	Red/Yellow
AMS CC	Maroon/Sky
Int Corps CC	Green/Yellow
CAMUS/RAPTC	TBC

The detailed playing schedule is attached at Annex A.

5. **Eligibility.** The eligibility criteria for Regular and Reserve personnel are contained in Reference B. Team squads are to consist of no more than 15.

6. **Format**. The competition format remains similar to previous years with Larkhill, Tidworth , and the 2 Aldershot grounds being used on Day 1 and 2. Aldershot cricket grounds (ACG) will be used on Days 1 and 2 and will host the main and plate final on Day 3. The order of play for Day 2 will be decided on completion of games on Day 1. Hosting Corps' (RA and Infantry) are to ensure that on day 2, a representative is present to provide a access and to host; irrespective of whether their team ending up playing there.

7. **Rules.** The Rules and playing Regulations are attached. Team Captains are to ensure they are fully understood and briefed to their teams. The ACA Code of Conduct remains extant and should be noted by all competing teams.

8. **Coloured Clothing**. The following should be noted:

a. All teams <u>must</u> participate wearing coloured clothing; this will enable black sightscreens and white balls to be used.

b. Skins may be worn and ideally should be the base colour of the playing shirt. White skins are only to be worn if they do <u>not</u> protrude below the shirt sleeves. No visible logos are permitted.

c. Coloured pads (batsman's and wicket-keeper's) will be provided at each location along with coloured stumps, players are permitted to wear white batting gloves. However Corps' are strongly encouraged to provide their own coloured pads.

OFFICIALS & SCORERS

9. The UKAFCOA, sponsored by Avon Protection will support the Tournament Referee and will allocate Umpires and Scorers to the four grounds. All Corps are reminded of their responsibility to support the UKAFCOA appointed Scorers and provide their Corps score book. Umpires are to wear the coloured attire, issued tops and hats whilst officiating.

10. The tournament officials are as follows:

a. Tournament Director. Lt Col (Retd) Mike Thornley - Tel 94222 7074 or 07702-040288.



b. **Tournament Referee and Umpire Allocation.** Capt C Nicholson - Tel: 94229 4728 or 07901 228768

- c. Director of Corps Cricket. Maj M Haslett Tel 07584-322159.
- d. **Stats Coordinator**. Ms Caroline Green Tel 07810-307618.

e. **League Coordinators**. League co-ordinators/lead umpires at each location will be nominated by Sgt M Miller.

f. **Tournament First Aid Adviser.** Capt M Collins – Tel 07968-336261.

11. **Payment**. Civilian officials will be paid by the Secretary ACA.

WET WEATHER PROGRAMME

12. Detailed rules in the event of wet weather and the rules regarding Net Run Rate are included in the Inter Corps Twenty 20 Playing Regulations at Annex B, however the overarching intent is to complete the tournament by playing cricket as far as is practicably possible.

PRESENTATIONS

13. The winning team of the Main competition and the Plate, the runners up and key tournament officials will be presented with momentos at the conclusion of play on Day 3 by a representative from ACA.

ADMINISTRATION

14. **Administrative Support.** 4 Med Regt RAMC (Capt C Nicholson) are being asked to provide Administrative Support for the 2017 tournament at the ACG – to include tentage, PA system, car parking and security cover.

15. **Accommodation**. It is the responsibility of each team to organise accommodation in the local area. Accommodation can be booked through Central Accommodation Booking Service on 01252 352154.

16. **Feeding**. Feeding is the responsibility of individual Corps. Tournament officials will be provided with a packed lunch or meal token. On all 3 days a burger van will be available in the mornings.

17. **Travel**. This letter is the authority for military officials listed at Paragraph 10 and named Individuals selected for their Corps to travel at public expense to this approved competition in accordance with 2017 DIN 10 - 023.

18. **Entrance fee**. The entrance fee for the tournament is £75. All Corps are requested to forward a cheque made payable to Central Bank ASCB or BACS payment Account No: 10529980 Sort Code: 16-19-26 and forward this with the return proforma at Annex C.

19. **Match day reporting**. All team captains <u>MUST</u> report to the pavilion at their respective ground at 0915 daily for a brief. This is especially critical on the first day when they will receive a mandatory Health & Safety brief and competition rules brief from the location Tournament Referee. This briefing will also be used to promulgate information on schedules of play should the competition become disrupted by inclement weather.

20. **Flags**. All Corps are to bring their respective Corps flag to fly whilst playing.



21. **Medical emergency**. In the case of a medical emergency, civilian agencies (999) are to be used, the Tournament Director is to be made aware of any such incident. Other medical cases should be taken to either the Aldershot Health Centre or Frimley Park Hospital.

22. **Security**. All participants and officials are reminded that security is the responsibility of every individual particularly as all grounds being used are 'outside the wire'. A security update will be given at the daily captains briefing as necessary.

23. **Locations**. The following should be noted:

a. The ACG is located by the Potters International Hotel and Conference Centre off the A325, for Sat Nav purposes the postcode for the ACG is GU11 2ET.

b. Larkhill Cricket Ground can be found The Royal School of Artilery, Larkhill, SP4 8QT.

c. Tidworth Cricket Ground is located Salisbury Road, Tidworth, Wiltshire, SP9 7TE.

25. **ACG parking**. Parking at the ACG will be opposite the entrance to the ACG and adjacent to the football pitches, less those personnel allocated car passes and authorised to park within the ACG car park. Note: The ACA is not responsible for any damage to vehicles during this event.

SUMMARY

26. There have been some excellent Twenty20 competitions in the past and it is hoped that 2017 will produce 3 days of competitive and fun cricket. It is up to Corps to fully support the event to the best of their abilities and embrace the spirit of the occasion.

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Annexes:

- A. Inter-Corps Twenty20 Cricket Competition 2017 leagues, fixtures and playing schedule.
- B. Inter-Corps T20 Rules and Regulations
- C. Inter-Corps Twenty20 Return Proforma.

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