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CHAPTER I – ARMY CRICKET STRATEGIC VISION

1. **Purpose.** The Army Cricket Association (ACA) serves as the governing body for cricket within the Army and has two principal, equally-important, purposes. First, to provide the Army's best cricketers with the opportunity to achieve success at the highest level of the domestic game, stretching their individual and collective ability and raising the Army's profile. Second, to encourage the broadest participation in cricket at all levels, promoting cricket from the grassroots up and enabling community engagement.
2. **Success.** At representative level, success is about winning matches against high quality and high profile opposition in the UK in a manner that earns domestic recognition and which precipitates the degree of positive publicity that encourages sponsors to support it, thus allowing development activity to flourish. Representing the Army (or, at lower levels, one's Corps) must continue to be regarded as an honour and a special distinction, and the Army aims to win each of the inter-Services competitions every year. At the lower levels, success is measured by the broadest possible participation in the game, the quality of provision in terms of cricketing infrastructure and equipment and by the number and quality of entries to the various inter-Corps and Army Cup competitions.
3. **Priorities.** In line with Army sports policy, the most senior form of the game takes precedence. Thus, representative cricket (UKAF and then Army) takes priority over Corps and Regimental cricket commitments, but the ACA must work with the Corps and Regiments to maximise the part played by each player and administrator and minimise competing demands upon them. The formats for the inter-Corps competitions are designed with this in mind. In case of doubt, the inter-Service competitions are the most important events in the Army Cricket calendar.

CONTEXT

4. Enshrined within Reference A is a statement on the significant contribution that sport makes to operational effectiveness, fighting spirit and personal development. It plays an important part in Service life, has a positive impact on recruiting and retention and provides a positive image of the military in the wider public eye. It contributes to fitness, teamwork, leadership, self-discipline, determination, coordination, courage, competitive spirit, individual/collective resilience and, in consequence, military ethos. Authorised sport is a Condition of Service with duty status; it is a core and not a discretionary activity. It provides a balance in the lives of Service personnel from the pressures of military commitments and an invaluable opportunity for decompression. The principles underlying sports policy in Defence are to:
 - a. Create an environment which encourages Service personnel, both regular and reserve, to participate in a full range of sporting activity;
 - b. Provide all Service personnel with time for sport and access to a clearly defined standard of sports facilities and equipment, in order to achieve and maintain fitness, health and well-being;
 - c. Encourage sporting success at individual, unit and representative level and provide a framework for Service, inter-Service and Armed Forces sports competitions and representational sporting opportunities.
5. Reference B gives the aim of Sport in the Army as being to *promote fitness and health through the conduct of competitive sport thereby assisting in the development and maintenance of the Army's core values, personal development, team building and leadership and support the recruiting and retention necessary to enhance the operational effectiveness of all military personnel.* Within the Army, sport is governed through the Army Sports Control Board (ASCB), under the direction of Commander Home Command. The ACA has been established to govern cricket within the Army, and is established with a Secretary and Assistant Secretary (both of whom also provide secretarial support to the Army Squash Racquets Association). Its other officers serve on either a paid or voluntary basis.
6. Although the ACA is answerable to the Director of ASCB, its Chairman sits on the United Kingdom Armed Forces Cricket Association (UKAFCA) executive committee, a grouping to which the Secretary of ACA serves permanently as Secretary. The chairmanship of the UKAFCA executive committee rotates between Service chairmen every two years and incorporates a requirement to organise the inter-Service men's T/20 competition at Lord's. The Army assumes the lead in December 2016. UKAFCA's remit extends only to the organisation of

UKAF level cricket and direction on the conduct of inter-Services competitions. It has no authority to delve into Service cricket association matters, but can provide advice if it is requested to do so.

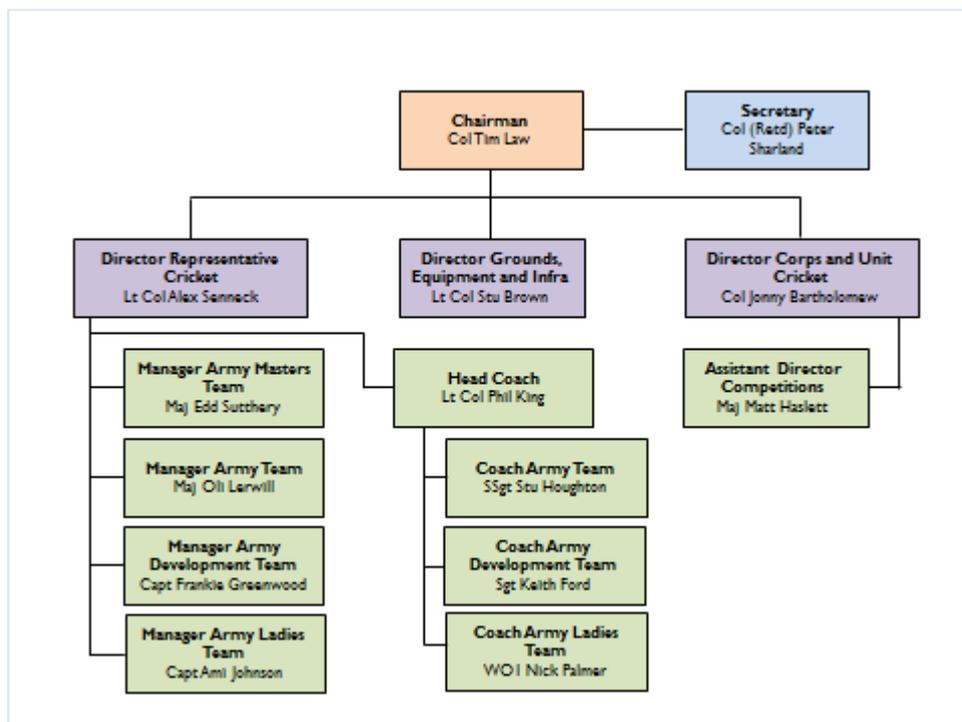
CHAPTER 2 – GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR ARMY CRICKET

1. Cricket within the Army, regardless of the level at which it is played, is governed by the ACA. The ACA derives its authority from the ASCB and has an established system of governance to assist in its guardianship of the ethos of the game within the Army. Cricket in the Army is played at representative level, at Corps level, at unit level and below unit level (e.g. sub-unit competitions and Mess fixtures). There is no formal Garrison or formation cricketering governance structure, although some personnel responsible for sports and physical training in such headquarters maintain a watching brief on the game and are free to organise cricketering activity, seeking advice from ACA as required.

2. Despite being responsible for the oversight of all cricket within the Army and for representing the interests of all levels of Army cricket at the UKAFCA and at the ECB, ACA’s principal focus is on the representative level. Beneath it, Corps establish cricket committees for the promotion and advancement of representative sport at that level, and foster the interests of their subordinate units. At a lower level, major and minor units appoint cricket secretaries, thereby ensuring that, at all levels, officers and soldiers wishing to participate in the game are afforded every opportunity to do so. Initial training institutions (including RMA) have a specific role to identify potential talent for representative level sport, a role shared by Corps chairmen and secretaries.

3. The regulations for the conduct of Sport in the Army are contained in Reference B, which provides guidance on the conduct and organisation of sport within the Army. In general terms, the policy it contains applies to Army cricket precisely to the letter. It does not cover Army personnel receiving financial reward for participating in professional sport; this is covered in AGAI Vol 3 Ch 111. References C to E also provide useful guidance.

4. The ACA’s governance structure is founded on two principal bodies: the Executive Committee and the General Committee, the latter of which incorporates the Corps Cricket Associations. The core structure of ACA’s governance looks as follows:



5. **Executive committee.** The ACA Executive Committee is currently formed as follows:

Chairman	Col Tim Law
Director Corps and Unit Cricket (and Vice Chairman)	Col Jonny Bartholomew
Director Representative Cricket	Lt Col Alex Senneck
Director Grounds, Equipment and Infrastructure	Lt Col Stuart Brown
Assistant Director Competitions	Maj Matt Haslett

Secretary
Head Coach
Army Team Manager
Army Development Team/Lions Manager
Army Ladies' Team Manager

Col (Retd) Peter Sharland
Lt Col Phil King
Maj Oli Lerwill
Capt Frank Greenwood
Capt Ami Johnson

6. **General committee.** The ACA General Committee consists of:

President
Chairman
Director Corps and Unit Cricket (and Vice Chairman)
Director Representative Cricket
Director Grounds, Equipment and Infrastructure
Assistant Director Competitions
Army Representative, UKAFACO
Secretary
Head Coach
Club Captain 2017
Army Team Manager
Army Development Team/Lions Manager
Army Masters' Manager
Ladies' Cricket Manager
Ladies' Cricket Captain 2017
Corps Secretaries:
- RAC
- RA
- RE
- R SIGNALS
- Inf
- RLC
- REME
- AGC
- AMS
- AAC
- INT CORPS
- RAPTC
- CAMUS
SO2 PD RMAS
OIC Guards CC
OIC General Staff Cricket
XO HAC

Lt Gen James Bashall
Col Tim Law
Col Jonny Bartholomew
Lt Col Alex Senneck
Lt Col Stuart Brown
Maj Matt Haslett
Capt Christian Nicholson
Col (Retd) Peter Sharland
Lt Col Phil King
Maj Storm Green
Maj Oli Lerwill
Capt Frank Greenwood
Maj Edd Suthery
Capt Ami Johnson
Cpl Katie Fryer

Maj Dom Davey
Maj Tom Palmer
Maj Ryan Castro
Capt Danny Wall
Maj Edd Suthery
Lt Jo Carlin
Maj Simon Holmes
Maj Matt Haslett
Capt Michael Collins
Capt Iain Kiy
SSgt Charles Lamb
SSgt Roger Harnden
LSgt Owen Duffield
Maj Bob Whitaker
Lt Col Richard Green
Maj Tom Jefford
Maj Mike Rigby

MEETINGS

7. Meetings of the Executive Committee, usually three per year, are convened at the request of the Chairman, and publicised by the Secretary. Normally, a pre-season meeting is held in February to allow team managers to brief the Chair on their plans for the forthcoming season. Occasionally, meetings of a more restricted body may take place to discuss specific business. In such instances, decisions should only be taken with a view to their endorsement at the next full meeting of the Executive Committee.

8. An ACA AGM is to be held annually, normally in December or January. All those on the General Committee are expected to attend or to send a representative. Secretary ACA is to send the calling notice and agenda at least one month in advance.

CHAPTER 3 – OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

OBJECTIVES

- I. The objectives of the ACA are to:
 - a. Foster all aspects of the game of cricket, including the Spirit of Cricket, in the Army.
 - b. Strengthen, build and develop representative squads that will achieve success against the other Services and in playing against foreign armies.
 - c. Identify, develop and encourage young cricketers throughout the Army, creating a structure that allows them to play, develop and compete at the highest level possible.
 - d. Improve the standard and skills at grass roots level by ensuring that sufficient coaches are trained, fostered and developed across the Army.
 - e. Improve the standard and availability of Officials by ensuring that a trained pool of uniformed Umpires and Scorers is developed and retained, and supporting UKAFACO in its development.
 - f. Organise and sponsor an overseas representative tour once every 5 years that will contribute positively to Defence Engagement activity.
 - g. Develop and broaden the profile of ladies' cricket across the Army, aiming to establish the conditions for representative touring every 5 years.
 - h. Specify standards, and develop and improve the facilities and playing surface at Aldershot and elsewhere within the Defence Estate.
 - i. Promote, champion and professionally advise on the development of cricketing infrastructure, including indoor facilities, wherever officers and soldiers wish to play.
 - j. Develop and implement a coordinated development strategy and financial plan.
 - k. Assist in building attendance at the Lord's ISTwenty/20 competition to capacity by 2025.

DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2. In order to achieve its objectives, ACA has established the following development goals. Each is to be funded in accordance with priorities set by the Executive Committee, the basis of which will be set out in the annual Financial Plan.

Goal I: Funding and Sponsorship (Lead: Chairman).

Goal I.1. Generate sufficient annual income to permit the effective conduct of representative cricket.

Goal I.2. Implement a taut budget to make best use of scarce resources.

Goal I.3. Establish opportunities to generate commercial sponsorship from a broad range of sources

Goal I.4. Maintain sufficient reserves to be able to run Army Cricket for a full season in the absence of commercial sponsorship.

Goal I.5. Increase income from sponsorship by 10% every 3 years, with a stretch target of 15%.

Goal 2: Development of Grounds and Infrastructure (Lead: Director Grounds, Equipment and Infra).

Goal 2.1. Develop 2 cricket grounds (Aldershot Upper and Larkhill) to ECB premier standard by the end of the 2018 season.

Goal 2.2. Develop a further 10 cricket grounds (Aldershot Lower, Tidworth, Worthy Down, Catterick, Blandford Forum, Chicksands, Sandhurst, Lyneham, Middle Wallop and Chatham) to ECB club standard by the end of the 2018 season.

Goal 2.3. Develop Aldershot as the UKAFCA cricketing centre of excellence by 2025, developing supporting infrastructure and fixtures/fittings accordingly and, potentially with a commercial partner, developing an indoor school.

Goal 2.4. Develop sufficient additional cricket grounds at ECB basic standard (both grass and artificial) to ensure that each Garrison and Station has capacity to deliver the potential for the safe conduct of cricket.

Goal 2.5. Develop commercial relationships to drive down the cost of cricket infrastructure (e.g. boundary ropes/markers, covers, scoreboxes, pavilions) and equipment, both to ACA, to Corps and Units, and to individuals.

Goal 3: Standard of Cricket (Leads: Director Representative Cricket and Director Corps and Unit Cricket).

Goal 3.1. Win the full complement of inter-Services competitions, incrementally increase the standard of opposition and increase the number of Army players in UKAF teams and at first-class level.

Goal 3.2. Identify, recruit and nurture cricketing talent at the earliest possible stage, and provide opportunities for talented cricketers to play the game.

Goal 3.3. Develop, through provision of coaching and a demanding standard of fixtures, the standard of cricket played at every level in the Army.

Goal 3.4. Advocate for the chain of command to release cricketers from primary duties, when commitments allow.

Goal 3.5. Develop a sustainable network of professionally qualified Army coaches at UKCC Levels 1, 2 and 3 in order to assist and sustain the development of cricket across the Army.

Goal 3.6. Maintain and harness links established with ECB as the National Governing Body.

Goal 3.7. Encourage officers to engage in the administration and management of the game at unit, Corps and Army level, and advocate within the Army for sufficient reward for such investment.

Goal 3.8. Develop plans and build financial reserves to enable senior men's and ladies' teams to tour overseas every 4 years, synchronised to avoid Corps and UKAF tours.¹

Goal 3.9. Run self-funding annual competitions to encourage competition at inter-Corps and inter-unit levels.

Goal 4: Officials (Leads: UKAFACO Representative and Secretary).

Goal 4.1. Develop a network of professionally qualified officials in order to improve availability and decrease reliance on civilian assistance.

¹ ACA tours are to act as a spur to improvement and to support the development of individuals.
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Goal 4.2. Establish and maintain positive links with the UKAF and ECB Associations of Cricket Officials.

Goal 4.3. Promote the participation of Army officials in the first-class game.

Goal 4.4. Promote the safe conduct of cricket across the Army, and enforce appropriate levels of discipline to support the sport being played firmly in the spirit of the game.

Goal 5: Image, Communications and Engagement (Lead: Vice Chairman).

Goal 5.1. Seek commitment from senior members of the Army to support administrators and players, including the identification of sponsorship opportunities, attendance at key matches and for release of cricketers by the chain of command.

Goal 5.2. Raise the profile of ACA cricket by publicising events, results and people, expanding use of social media in this regard.

Goal 5.3. Assist Home Command in developing initiatives for community engagement through cricketing activity across the Army.

Goal 5.4. Promote an ethos that is consistent with the spirit of cricket, and which marks Army sportsmen from their peers in their approach to the decisions made by officials and to the way the game is played.

Goal 5.5. Assist UKAFCA to build attendance at the ISTwenty/20 competition at Lord's, to capacity by 2025.

CHAPTER 4 – GOAL 1: FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

Goal I	Funding and Sponsorship (Lead: Chairman)
Goal I.1.	Generate sufficient annual income to permit the effective conduct of representative cricket.
Goal I.2	Implement a taut budget to make best use of scarce resources.
Goal I.3	Establish opportunities to generate commercial sponsorship from a broad range of sources.
Goal I.4	Maintain sufficient reserves to be able to run Army Cricket for a full season in the absence of commercial sponsorship.
Goal I.5	Increase income from sponsorship by 10% every 3 years, with a stretch target of 15%.

1. **General.** The Executive Committee and the ACA General Committee will oversee the development of Army Cricket. This will allow continuity of direction and establish long term plans to enable prudent financial expenditure. All the points listed below are pertinent for the Masters', Senior Men's, Development, Lions and Ladies' teams. It is ACA policy that no player should be financially disadvantaged through their participation in Army cricket and that no match fees will be charged (less for overseas tours, where a personal contribution will be required). Players, however, must appreciate this situation and pay due regard to economy in their travel and subsistence.

2. **Expenditure.** The cost of running Army Cricket has increased considerably over the last few years. This has been principally due to the introduction of Ladies Cricket, a Twenty20 competition, increased dependence on civilian officials, and rising catering and accommodation costs. Fortuitously, this increase has been matched by ongoing sponsorship and an increase in the ASCB grant. However, if the Goals outlined in the ACA Objectives are to be achieved in the context of challenges to income generation through commercial partnerships, ACA needs to husband its resources effectively. The Secretary is to adopt a 3 year rolling plan to more objectively predict expenditure and to articulate the essential requirement for ongoing and increased sponsorship. This 3 year plan will be developed by the new Secretary before the 2018 season and presented to the Executive Committee for agreement at an appropriate juncture.

3. **Income.** Income is derived from a number of sources, including grants, sponsorship and entry fees for ACA-run competitions.

a. **Direct Grants.** The ACA currently receives an annual grant from the ASCB and an allocation from the UKAFCA to offset the costs of hosting an Inter Services (IS) festival (which, in 2017, is the ladies' 40 over competition at Larkhill and the Development Twenty20 competition at Aldershot). The UKAFCA grant averages between £1500 and £3000 dependent on which IS festival is to be hosted. Expenditure from the ASCB grant (c. £18000) goes towards the costs of:

- i. Professional coaching costs – Army Men, Ladies and Development/Lions.
- ii. Hire of indoor facilities for trials and coaching.
- iii. Upkeep of the Aldershot pavilion and outside areas.
- iv. Tours, which are ideally programmed every 5 years.
- v. Match fees for civilian officials – umpires and scorers.
- vi. Match catering provision Home and Away.
- vii. Team accommodation for Away Matches.
- viii. Maintenance of the ACA website, funding of the webmaster and a gratuity for the statistician.
- ix. Miscellaneous administrative costs to support the Secretariat.

b. **Sports Equipment Grant.** In addition, the ACA also receives an Annual Sports Equipment Public Funding Grant (SEPF) towards the purchase of cricket clothing and equipment. This is to be spent in accordance with the Army Kit Policy, which is attached as an annex to this section.

c. **Commercial Sponsorship.** There is an annual requirement for commercial sponsorship to augment non-public funds to the sum of £20K. Currently, it is ACA policy not to partner with Team Army. Whilst the Chairman (and President) are in the lead for developing commercial opportunities, efforts are to be made by all involved in Army cricket to identify potential sponsors to the Committee. Thus, a proactive approach to securing and maintaining sponsorship is required. This includes the development of additional projects with current sponsors and the seeking of additional sponsorship, in order to:

- i. Hire professional coaches for training sessions throughout the year.
- ii. Hire facilities, such as the Dummer Indoor Centre, for training throughout the year.
- iii. Refurbish and purchase equipment and facilities.
- iv. Assist with individual costs on overseas tours.
- v. Improve the corporate image of the team and turn out of individual players by the purchase of clothing and equipment.

4. **Funding of Cricket at Lower Levels.** Corps must operate within a taut financial envelope but have the freedom to develop their own financial plans, there being no overarching ACA policy guidance. ACA would not wish, however, the grass roots game to suffer through lack of resources at Corps Association level and welcomes requests for assistance through ASCB funds as needed. It cannot guarantee, though, success in gaining assistance. In accordance with Reference B, Sports Equipment Public Funding (SEPF) is allocated through formation HQs to individual units. Para 5.134 refers. In 2018, the Secretary is to liaise with Corps Associations to determine whether there is any potential to incorporate financial provision for all cricket played in the Army under a single ACA banner.

5. **Other Sources of Funds.** Reference B contains detail on the range of funds to which ACA and Corps can apply for assistance, particularly with tours (both overseas and within the UK). These include: SEPF, Enhanced COPF, Gainshare Funds, CILOR, Nuffield Trust, the Army Central Fund, the Berlin Infantry Brigade Memorial Trust Fund, the Army Sports Lottery, and formation/unit welfare funds. For the funding of infrastructure projects, the initiation of which Corps should report to the ACA to see whether any advice or assistance can be given, Garrison arrangements for funding are most appropriate. In most such cases, Garrisons will refer to the ASCB (and ACA) for professional advice.

6. **Claiming for Travel and Subsistence.** Reference D contains details of how to claim for travel costs associated with representative sport, using public funds. Only non-public funds can be used for subsistence (accommodation and feeding), and costs sustained by players at any level can only be met under ACA or Corps Associations' arrangements.

Annex:

A. Army Cricket Kit Policy.

CRICKET CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTIVE FOR THE ARMY TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

1. **Introduction.** Raising awareness of Army Cricket and promoting a recognisable corporate image at matches is essential for the Army Cricket teams. Players and officials need to look the part, hence the decision to allocate funding to ensure they are properly turned out at representative matches. Professionally manufactured kit also enables the main sponsors to raise their profile through having their branding on the Army clothing. To achieve this objective Chairman of Army Cricket has instructed that the representative Army Cricket XIs are to be kitted out uniformly.

2. **Clothing.** The breakdown of clothing for all forms of cricket is as follows:

a. **Training Kit.** This will not be personalised and will consist of:

- (1) Tracksuit with Army badge on left breast and left thigh.
- (2) Pair Black Training Shorts with Army badge on left thigh.
- (3) Red Training Top with Army badge left breast.

b. **White Ball Kit.** This kit is to be used for all white ball matches (including the IS Development Competition), less Lord's which has its own specific top as the sponsors and Charities are different. The T20 kit consists of:

- (1) **Lord's.** To have its own specific top to meet sponsor requirements. For players in the 14 man squad for Lord's, the shirts will have their names and selected numbers on the rear of the shirt.
- (2) **Red Shirt.** Sublimated shirt (preferably with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves) with Army badge left breast and appropriate Sponsor's logos. There will no names or numbers on the back of their shirt as the shirt is generic to all teams.
- (3) **Black Trousers.** Non-personalised with the Army badge right thigh.
- (4) **Slip Over.** Red sublimated slip over with Army Badge left breast. No sponsors logo's these will be generic to all teams.
- (5) **Red Cap.** Non-personalised and worn for all white ball games and for players playing red ball games that have not been capped.

c. **Red Ball Kit.** This kit is to be used for all 40/50 over matches:

- (1) **White Shirt.** $\frac{3}{4}$ length Sleeve with Army badge left breast and sponsor's logo on chest. No names or numbers on the back.
- (2) **White Trousers.** Individuals wear their own plain white trousers.
- (3) **Sweater.** White short sleeve woollen sweater with Army badge in centre. Issued to capped players only.
- (4) **Slip Over.** White Slip over with Army badge left breast no sponsor logos generic to all sides.
- (5) **Caps.** There are two types of Cap:

(a) **Capped Players.** Players are issued a blue traditional cap with a white Army badge when they play in their first Inter Service (IS) 50 over match. Capped players can wear their traditional cap in all representative red ball games.

(b) **Uncapped Players.** All non-capped players are to wear a baseball style red cap with Army cross sword badge.

d. **Coaches Kit.** Coaches and physios will be issued with the following kit:

(1) Black Hoodie with Army Badge left breast.

(2) **Training Kit.** See Para 2a.

(3) **Red Cap.** See Para 2b(5)(b).

3. **Arrangements for the Issue of Kit.** Secretary Army cricket will maintain the master register for all clothing and will hold a working surplus of all forms of clothing. The Secretary will issue items to Managers/Coaches as required. Teams will be issued kit as follows:

a. **Full Side Men's.** The Manager Full Side will maintain a kit register for all Full Army players issued with clothing. Kit will be issued as follows:

(1) **White Ball Cricket.**²

(a) **Training Kit.** See para 2a.

(b) **White Ball Kit.** See para 2b.

(2) **Red Ball Cricket.**

(a) **Training Kit.** See para 2a.

(b) **Red Ball Kit.** See para 2c.

b. **Development Men's.** The Manager Development is responsible for the issue and return of all clothing. The Development Team will only play T20 games and will be issued kit on a temp loan basis³ as follows:

(1) **Training Kit.** Will consist of:

(a) One pair black Sweat pants with Army badge left thigh.

(b) 1 x Red Training Top with Army badge

(2) **White Ball Kit.** See para 2b.

(3) **Cap.** See para 2b(5)(b).

(4) **Development Cap.** Players selected for the IS Development XI will be awarded a Development Cap. See para 4.

² Players playing just white ball or red ball cricket will only be issued kit applicable to that form of the game.

³ The kit will be handed in at the end of the Development IS Competition.

c. **Army Lions.** The Manager Army Lions is responsible for the issue and return of all clothing. The Lions play a combination of White and Red Ball cricket and will be issued kit on a temp loan (game by game) basis as follows:

- (1) **Training Kit.** See para 2b(1).
- (2) **White Ball Kit.** See para 2b.
- (3) **Red Ball Kit.** See para 2c.

d. **Army Ladies.**

- (1) **White Ball Cricket.**
 - (a) **Training Kit.** See para 2a.
 - (b) **White Ball Kit.** See para 2b.
- (2) **40 Over Cricket.**
 - (a) **Training Kit.** See para 2a.
 - (b) **Red Ball Kit.** See para 2c.

4. **Capping Policy.** The policy on capping is as follows:

a. **Army XI Cap.** An Army XI player is awarded a cap if he plays in one 50 over Inter Service (IS) match and this involves a presentation of a traditional blue cap with the Army logo on the front (white embossed badge). Playing at Lord's in the T20 format of the game does not constitute a 'cap'; it is an honour to be selected to play at Lord's.

b. **Army Ladies Cap.** An Army Ladies XI player is awarded a cap if she plays in one 40 over IS match and this involves a presentation of the same design of cap as the Mens Army XI. Playing in the Ladies T20 IS tournament does not constitute a cap.

c. **Development XI Cap.** A Dev XI player is awarded a cap if he plays in one Twenty20 IS match and this involves a presentation of the Army red cap with the word 'Dev XI' under the Army logo. Players who have been awarded a Development cap may wear it in the IS T20 Development matches and all other non IS matches.

d. **Red Baseball-Style Cap.** Unless players have been capped (in accordance with para 3a-c) they are to wear the red baseball style cap for all representative games. Red caps are not to be worn at IS games, less for the 12th man, as by definition all players will have been 'capped'.

5. **Personal Player Responsibility.** It is the role of the Managers and Coaches to ensure that the players are aware of their clothing responsibilities. Players are to be accountable for issued kit and are to maintain it in a clean and serviceable condition and it will only be replaced if it is damaged in the course of an Army game or practice session. Players may be charged for unserviceable kit, if it is deemed not to have been cared for properly. Army kit should not be worn for anything other than Army games to increase its longevity.

6. **Coaching Equipment.** The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that all representative teams have access to warm up and technical training equipment. Team coaching bags (Full Men's, Development/Lions, Women's) will be issued to each team coach who will be responsible for accounting for and the maintenance of the kit. The issue will consist of:

- a. One Gray Nicolls Duffle Bag with padlock.
- b. Cones.

- c. 6 x Fusion Stumps.
- d. 4 x Sidearm throwers (Men to have 2 x pink & 2 x white).
- e. 2 x Katchit ramps.
- f. 2 x catching mits.
- g. Therabands.
- h. 2 x fielding bats.
- i. 2 x fielding nets.
- j. 12th man Loomey Vest.
- k. **Balls.** Each coaching bag will contain 1 bag of fielding (well used) balls and bag of net balls with new and nearly new balls.

7. **Bowling & Fielding Machines.** There is one bowling and one fielding machine held centrally in the Aldershot pavilion. These are only for use by representative teams and a suitably qualified coach or player must be in attendance when the equipment is being used.

8. **Match Balls.** The Army XIs will play with Dukes White and Dukes Red which have been endorsed by the UKAFCA Committee as the approved tournament balls for IS competitions.

GOAL 2: DEVELOPMENT OF PITCHES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal 2	Development of Grounds and Infrastructure (Lead: Director Infra)
Goal 2.1	Develop 2 cricket grounds (Aldershot Upper and Larkhill to ECB premier standard by the end of the 2018 season.
Goal 2.2	Develop a further 10 cricket grounds (Aldershot Lower, Tidworth, Blandford Forum, Worthy Down, Catterick, Chicksands, Sandhurst, Lyneham, Middle Wallop and Chatham) to ECB club standard (grass) by the end of the 2018 season.
Goal 2.3	Develop Aldershot as the UKAFCA cricketing centre of excellence by 2025, developing supporting infrastructure and fixtures/fittings accordingly and, with a commercial partner, developing an indoor school.
Goal 2.4	Develop sufficient additional cricket grounds at ECB basic standard (both grass and artificial) to ensure that each Garrison and Station has capacity to deliver the potential for the safe conduct of cricket.
Goal 2.5	Develop commercial relationships to drive down the cost of cricket infrastructure (e.g. boundary ropes/markers, covers, scoreboxes, pavilions) and equipment, both to ACA, to Corps and Units, and to individuals.

1. Provision of cricketing infrastructure is under the remit of DIO and the various contractual arrangements it makes with commercial enterprises across the various sites at which cricket is played. It is governed by JSP 315, Scale 48. Articulation of standards and advocacy in support of achieving the Army's aspiration is the responsibility of the ACA. This chapter deals with the standards expected for playing surfaces, and the expectations participants should have regarding the provision of associated cricketing infrastructure. It is drawn from ECB performance quality standards.

2. **Standard of Grounds.** References G and H provide guidelines on all aspects of construction, management, maintenance and pitch preparation of cricket grounds. They also list the equipment and facilities required for each level of ground. There are 3 levels of ground:

- First and Non-First Class.
- Premier Leagues.
- Clubs and Schools.

3. **ACA Requirement.** The ACA requires a total of two pitches (Aldershot Upper and Larkhill) to be at Premier Level, and expects all other pitches on which Corps routinely play to be at Club Level (grass) and the remainder of pitches within the Defence footprint to be maintained at Club and School (synthetic). Recognising that this leaves a number of Garrisons without the facility of a grass wicket, Garrisons may wish to make provision to fund the use of an outground (the commercial hire of a suitable level club cricket facility) for up to 12 matches per season. Where artificial synthetic wickets are provided, pressure must be exerted on DIO or local contractors to maintain the facility to a suitable standard and to use appropriate materials in construction. Thus, of the principal pitches within the Army footprint, the following will be required:

- a. **Premier.** Aldershot Upper (Army) and Larkhill (Army/RA).
- b. **Club.** Aldershot Lower (Army/APTC), Worthy Down (AGC/RLC), Catterick (RAC), Tidworth (Inf), Blandford Forum (R SIGNALS), Chicksands (INT CORPS), Sandhurst (RMAS/AMS/CAMUS), Lyneham (REME), Middle Wallop (AAC), Chatham (RE),
- c. **Outgrounds.** Cottesmore (Cottesmore Garrison), Colchester (Colchester Garrison), Stafford (Stafford Garrison), Warminster (Salisbury Plain Garrison).

4. **Upgrading of Facilities.** Director Grounds, Infrastructure and Equipment is responsible to the Committee for the planning of major and minor infrastructure projects and for the provision of advice on the management of contracts for all cricket pitches used within the Army. S/He is also responsible for ensuring that the appropriately scaled provision of cricketing infrastructure is provided at each unit. Corps associations are to report major projects to him/her, in order to ensure that ACA lobbies for improvements with a single voice and is aware of any issues across the estate. Commonly, pitch maintenance contracts are poorly worded, and every

effort must be made to hold contractors to account for the provision of a quality service. It is an ACA aspiration that when ECB pitch reports grade playing surfaces below the level of provision, the contractor will be financially penalised and required to make good (providing suitable alternative facilities at own expense when needed).

5. **ACA Projects.** Within the Aldershot pitch complex, there are existing requirements:

a. In the short term, to:

- Improve the playing standard of the upper pitch⁴;
- Deliver security enhancements to the main Pavilion;
- Provide cosmetic enhancements to the main Pavilion;
- Replace covers (including full square covering) on the Upper Ground;
- Provide white screens behind the bowlers' run up in the outdoor nets;
- Supply an electronic scoreboard on the Lower Ground;
- Fence the area adjacent to the Aldershot/Church Crookham road to a height sufficient to avoid the potential for accidents;
- Improve car parking provision;
- Improve the pavilion on the Lower Ground.

b. In the longer term, to build an Indoor School on the space formerly occupied by the hockey pitch. This could be a possible candidate for a council or commercial partnership.

6. **Performance Quality Standards.** Performance Quality Standards (PQS) provides a means of determining the quality of a cricket square or pitch at any given time. They are best described as a tool in the management process and can be used to provide 'benchmarks' against which judgments can be made following the assessment/measurement of the pitch. PQS do not indicate how to do the job, which machinery or fertiliser to use, but are pre-determined levels of quality to which the finished product should conform. Each PQS has stated method of test of which the majority recommended are British Standards. When a club receives an advisory/assessment visit by their ECB Pitch Inspector, PQS are used as part of the assessment process to provide a written record of the condition of the square on the date of visit. Within the PQS are three categories of measurement that relate to the overall quality of a facility. These are:

a. **Structural Quality:** *This is the physical make up or structure of the square or pitch, which includes vegetation, soil and organisms. This category determines playing quality and impacts on presentational quality. This is the largest quality component category.*

b. **Presentational Quality:** *This is the visual aspect. Players and spectators often perceive the pitch to be good if it is well presented, often without too much consideration being given to many of the underlying structural factors.*

c. **Playing Quality:** *This represents 'playability' - how the pitch will play during the match.*

Quality	Detail
Basic	An acceptable level suitable for recreational cricket and where the surface is designed and maintained within tight financial limitations such as Local Authorities
Club (Standard)	A Club pitch suitable for league, school and junior cricket
Premier (High)	Where the surface is intended for Premier League play, with those within the top quartile capable of holding minor county and 1st class one day matches. May include some of the better schools and university pitches
Unsuitable	This is where the surface is deemed unfit or unsafe for play

⁴ D Grounds/Infra is to establish a contingency plan in the event that the Upper Pitch is not fit for representative level cricket in 2017.

7. Minimum Standards for Premier Level Pitches.

- a. **Locations, Governance and Responsibilities.** Premier level pitches are those at Aldershot (Upper) and Larkhill. Contractors are responsible under arrangements negotiated by DIO from requirements set by each Garrison for the quality and maintenance of all facilities in each location. The holding of contractors to account for their performance to a common standard is under the remit of Sec ACA (Aldershot) and Sec RACC (Larkhill).
- b. **Wicket.** In order for soil to bind effectively, premier pitches should have a minimum of 28 to 35% clay content, with sand and silt accounting for 25 to 50%. The level of acidity should be above 5.5, with 6.5 being ideal. Organic matter should be between 3 and 8%. The playing surface should be flat and free of safety hazards and be cut to a suitable height with grass clippings removed in entirety.
- c. **Provision of Grounds Equipment.** Reference G lists provides a recommended list of grounds maintenance equipment.
- d. **Associated Infrastructure & Equipment.** Each premier level ground should have the following:
- **Site Screens.** The structure and non-reflective paintwork of the sight screens should be in good condition. They should be of an adequate and appropriate size for the ground and should be completely outside the playing area whenever possible. Screens are to be provided at both ends. Screens must be able to be adapted for both red ball (white screen) and white ball (black screen) cricket.
 - **Boundary Rope.** The boundary should be clearly marked by rope or a white line with markers approximately 20 yards apart. Alternatively, where a gutter is used the edge shall be cleanly cut; if a picket fence or advertising boards form part of the boundary they shall be secure and in good condition.
 - **Scoreboard.** This should be visible from the middle of the playing area and needs to display the following as a minimum requirement:
 - Main Total
 - Number of Overs Bowled
 - In play batsman (x2) scores
 - Duckworth Lewis target score
 - **Covers.** Covers must be available to protect the pitch and the bowler's run-ups from rain both during the match and in the preceding days as appropriate. Wheeled covers are recommended, although plastic sheets/tarpaulins can be used provided that they are well maintained and are laid over a hessian underlay or coconut matting which covers the pitch area. The covers must protect an area of at least 80 feet by 12 feet and Inter service Tournament rules require a larger area to be protected including the bowler's run-ups.
 - **Drying Equipment.** An adequate supply of sawdust and cloths should be available to minimise lost playing time due to wet ground conditions. Additional covering for areas likely to cause a delay in play (eg the ends of previously used pitches) should be provided whenever possible. Coconut matting can be used to protect pitches under preparation. Drying equipment including brushes, forks, squeegee, absorbent rollers are required to aid in the mopping up process in the event of rain before or during a game.

8. Minimum Standards for Club Level Pitches.

- a. **Governance and Responsibilities.** Club pitches are those at Aldershot (Lower) (Army/APTC), Worthy Down (AGC/RLC), Catterick (RAC), Tidworth (Inf), Stafford (R SIGNALS), Chicksands (INT CORPS), Sandhurst (RMAS/AMS/CAMUS), Lyneham (REME), Middle Wallop (AAC), Chatham (RE),
- b. **Wicket.** Club standard: Minimum of 25-30% of clay with sand and silt accounting for 25 to 50%. The level of acidity should be above 5.5, with 6.5 being ideal. Organic matter should be between 3 and 8%. The playing surface should be flat and free of safety hazards and be cut to a suitable height with grass clippings removed in entirety.
- c. **Provision of Grounds Equipment.** As per Premier Standard.
- d. **Associated Infrastructure.** Each Club Level premier level ground should have the following:
 - **Site Screens.** The structure and non-reflective paintwork of the sight screens should be in good condition. They should be of an adequate and appropriate size for the ground and should be completely outside the playing area whenever possible. Screens are to be provided at both ends.
 - **Boundary Rope.** The boundary should be clearly marked by rope or a white line with markers approximately 20 yards apart.
 - **Scoreboard.** This should be visible from the middle of the playing area and needs to display the following as a minimum requirement:
 - Main Total
 - Number of Overs Bowled
 - Duckworth Lewis target score
 - **Covers.** It is recommended covers are available to protect the pitch and the bowler's run-ups from rain both during the match and in the preceding days as appropriate. Wheeled covers are recommended, although plastic sheets/tarpaulins can be used provided that they are well maintained.
 - **Drying Equipment.** An adequate supply of sawdust and cloths should be available to minimise lost playing time due to wet ground conditions. Additional covering for areas likely to cause a delay in play (eg the ends of previously used pitches) should be provided whenever possible. Coconut matting can be used to protect pitches under preparation. Drying equipment including brushes, forks, squeegee, absorbent rollers are recommended to aid in the mopping up process in the event of rain before or during a game.

9. Holding DIO, Garrison Staff and Contractors to Account.

- a. Premier level pitches will be funded by ACA for ECB pitch inspections every 3 years, with club level pitches inspected every 6 years, the funding of which will be met by ACA.
- b. Contracts for all cricketing surfaces will be gathered centrally by the ACA, in order to assist the holding of contractors to account for delivery against the requirement. Corps Secretaries are expected to assist in this process, which will be conducted through Garrison Estates staff.
- c. D Grounds, Infra and Eqpt is to develop a full understanding of official scales for cricket pitches and associated infrastructure, such that ACA can influence future policy and to ensure that current provision is appropriate to the requirement. He is to advocate the requirements of cricket to the ASCB lead for infrastructure.

10. **Assessment of Pitches.** After each representative and Corps match, the umpires are to assess the quality of the pitch and report the score to the D Grounds, Infra and Eqpt at ACA. The scoring matrix is based on the following:

Criteria:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These criteria are to be used by captains for marking pitches. Always take into consideration the quality and ability of the bowlers, newness of the ball, and prevailing atmospheric conditions that may influence the amount of movement. • Any variation in performance should be as a result of the quality of the pitch only. 					
Grading Criteria	Grade	Unevenness of bounce	Seam Movement	Carry and/or Bounce	Turn
Very Good	5	No unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, limited seam movement at all stages of the match	Good carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Little or no turn from the protected area
Good	4	Little unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	Limited seam movement at all stages of the match	Average carry and/or bounce throughout the match	A little turn from the protected area
Above Average	3	At most, occasional unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, occasional seam movement at all stage of the match	Lacking in carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Moderate turn from the protected area
Below Average	2	At most, more than occasional unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, more than occasional seam movement at all stage of the match	Minimal carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Considerable turn from the protected area
Poor	1	Excessive unevenness of bounce for any bowler at any stage throughout the match	Excessive seam movement at all stage of the match	Very minimal carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Excessive assistance to spin bowlers from the protected area
Unsuitable	0	<p align="center">A pitch is only rated unsuitable if:</p> <p>The pitch is excessively wet and slippery whereby players cannot gain a safe foothold. Wet areas may be localised to bowlers' run-ups and/or areas on the pitch where the ball is likely to land, or in patches on the outfield.</p> <p>The pitch surface may be or become so dry or loose that the ball "explodes" through the surface and may fly unpredictably and dangerously.</p> <p>Bowlers footholds have not been properly and safely repaired.</p> <p>The Pitch/outfield has been vandalised in any way and is unfit for use.</p>			

CHAPTER 6 – GOAL 3: STANDARD OF CRICKET

Goal 3	Standard of Cricket (Leads: Director Representative Cricket and Director Corps and Unit Cricket)
Goal 3.1	Win the full complement of inter-Services competitions, incrementally increase the standard of opposition and increase the number of Army players in UKAF teams and at first-class level.
Goal 3.2	Identify, recruit and nurture cricketing talent at the earliest possible stage, and provide opportunities for talented cricketers to play the game.
Goal 3.3	Develop, through provision of coaching and a demanding standard of fixtures, the standard of cricket played at every level in the Army.
Goal 3.4	Advocate for the chain of command to release cricketers from primary duties, when commitments allow.
Goal 3.5	Develop a sustainable network of professionally qualified Army coaches at UKCC Levels 1, 2 and 3 in order to assist and sustain the development of cricket across the Army.
Goal 3.6	Maintain and harness links established with ECB as the National Governing Body.
Goal 3.7	Encourage officers to engage in the administration and management of the game at unit, Corps and Army level, and advocate within the Army for sufficient reward for such investment.
Goal 3.8	Develop plans and build financial reserves to enable senior men's and ladies' teams to tour overseas every 4 years, synchronised to avoid Corps and UKAF tours. ⁵
Goal 3.9	Run self-funding annual competitions to encourage competition at inter-Corps and inter-unit levels.

1. **Internal recruitment.** The single best method for recruiting and promoting individuals within Army circles is through the Corps cricket structure, although early identification of individuals with talent is feasible at Phase 1 and 2 officer and soldier training establishments. It is incumbent, though, upon Corps Secretaries and Captains to keep the ACA Head Coach and Development Manager informed of individuals who are worthy of promotion to Army honours and an Army scouting organisation exists to exploit such information. Selection for the Army team will always be based on merit (although current form will also be taken into account). The responsibility to generate interest and to identify and track talented cricketers within recruit training establishments lies with ACA, who will liaise directly with nominated cricket officers.
2. **External recruitment.** Efforts must be made by all those involved with Army Cricket to recruit players from opposing teams as well as through the standard schemes. An individual who does not make the grade at County cricket may be interested in a career in the Army. An effort must be made to target individuals who appear in local papers within the sports sections. An approach highlighting the advantages of Army life and the opportunities to play representative sport may well assist in recruitment.
3. **Handling of highest quality players.** Capacity exists for the funding of full-time sports placements for cricketers with the potential to function at 1st class level, as outlined in AGAI Vol 3 Ch III.
4. **Tours.** A Senior men's overseas tour should be planned every 4 years. Tours should be planned to take place in even years so as not to coincide with Combined Services Tours. Occasionally, mini tours in the UK may be organised. Tours for the Development and Ladies' XIs will be permitted as and when funding permits. Tours for Corps teams are to be encouraged but these must be deconflicted through Secretary ACA to avoid difficulties in releasing players who also play representative cricket.
5. **Availability.**
 - a. **Matches.** The season is designed to be sequential to enable a progression from the U25/Development programme, to Twenty 20 fixtures, and then the Army fixtures leading up to the Inter Services in August. The inter-Corps 'Power Cup' is designed such that matches are directed and not organised on the same day as Army matches; a similar policy should be adopted for other Corps matches.

⁵ ACA tours are to act as a spur to improvement and to support the development of individuals.
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If this proves impossible then priority will be Combined Services followed by Army and then Corps in accordance with the Priority Claim on Service Players laid down in Para 5.092 of Reference B.

b. **Individuals.** Availability remains a challenge, especially given ongoing commitments and a smaller Army. The ACA must be prepared to bring back players from Germany, NI and further afield where achievable. Furthermore, consideration should be given to short term attachments in Aldershot, managed by the ACA, to avoid constant travelling and develop potential talent. Where possible, Sec ACA continues to organise training days and matches in 'clusters' and consecutive days. This will enable personnel to fly back for a few days and play several matches. With the decline of cricket within Germany it will also allow good players the chance to play to a higher standard. Sec ACA must ensure that Senior and U25 matches are not organised on the same day as availability might make the fielding of 2 sides impossible. When soldiers selected for representative fixtures are medically downgraded but assessed by doctors as fit to play cricket, ACA will negotiate on a case-by-case basis with the soldier's chain of command as regards release, noting that it may not always be in the interest of wider unit cohesion for Commanding Officers to release such players.

c. **Captains.** Captains will only be appointed on condition that they are made available for the entire season – coaching, matches, committee meetings and other events. Parent units will be required to agree to this condition prior to appointments being confirmed.

6. **Facilitating release.** At the end of each season, the Chairman should write to the Corps chairmen⁶ and Commanding Officers of all those who have been capped at Ladies, Development or senior level. The President or Chairman will also write to the CO of all those likely to play representative cricket for the Army prior to the start of the following season in order to secure their commitment to the release of Army players under their command. Noting that the principal block on the release of players exists at lower levels of command, the Secretary is to develop a strategy to engage with such individuals, possibly through the CO's Designate Course, RSMs' Convention, and Arms and Service Directorate initiatives.

7. **Postings and 'exchanges'.** Several players travel considerable distances and those in Germany have limited opportunity to regularly represent the ACA. In conjunction with flying individuals back, the attachment of key individuals to local Units or arrangements made for them to be sponsored to play for County Teams or booked into Cricket Academies should be considered.

8. **Winter activities.** Although not yet arranged, there is considerable scope to develop cricketing activities during the winter. Indoor nets and coaching will all be pursued in future, when availability of public funds exists. Some minimal funding, from within ACA, might be allocated for this purpose. The advantages of activity in the close season are:

- a. Maintain contact with Army cricketers.
- b. Identify new players.
- c. Keep the database of players and former players up-to-date.
- d. Keep individuals practised and focused on cricket out of season.
- e. Keep the army in the public eye and establishing contact with clubs and individuals in the Hampshire area.

9. **Disabled cricket.** The ACA is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and as such fully supports the ECB initiatives to encourage and raise the profile of Disability sport. Whilst there are no opportunities currently available for disabled cricket within the Services, the Army does partake in an annual fixture against the England Disability XI. Capability will be developed should the requirement arise.

10. **Junior cricket.** People join the Army as adults, with the exception of the Army Foundation College and ATR Bassingbourn, where the entry age is 16. It is possible in a unit where a cricket coach is well motivated that

⁶ Including Chairman BA(G) cricket.
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junior cricket is coached during school holidays and/or summer evenings. Such coaching sessions would be very much at the individual coach's discretion.

SENIOR MEN'S XI

11. **General.** The Senior Men's Team first priority must be to establish a team that can fulfil its potential and continue to win the Inter Services Championship. The balance between youth and experience must be kept under constant review.

12. **Potential players.** Younger players must be nurtured and prepared for the pressures of competing at senior level, particularly at the inter-Services fixtures. Stars of the future must be identified to ensure that they receive help through sponsorship, as well as be nominated for a sports scholarship. At the very least these players must be given assistance to play in high level civilian competition.

LADIES' XI

13. **Army Ladies' XI.** Army Ladies' cricket has made considerable progress and is now a fully recognised Army sport. The team is now competing with, and regularly beating recognised opposition including MCC, County and strong University sides, and is highly competitive at Inter Service level. There is now a large squad of players and competition for places is strong.

14. **Coaching.** Ladies cricketers are encouraged to attend ECB Coaching courses as run by UKAFCCA.

15. **Ladies' Inter-Corps tournament.** In order to continue to develop ladies' cricket within the Army and to identify new representative playing talent, ACA should aspire to inaugurate a limited overs 7-a-side inter-Corps tournament by the 2019 season.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD/THE ARMY LIONS

16. **General.** The success of the last few years is to be maintained. The first priority must be to field a team that can fully develop the undoubted potential of the Development Squad and win the inter-Services Development T20 Championship. The benefit must then be passed on to the Senior Team, with maximum use made of opportunities to expose younger players to senior level cricket and build for the future. Army Lions cricket will run in July/Aug to support the Army XI in its preparation for inter-Services 50 over competition and to allow new young talent to play at the next level from Corps cricket to support Army cricket for the future.

17. **Potential players.** We need to identify better the younger players at RMAS, recruit training establishments, unit and Corps level and encourage their participation in Development Squad coaching activities and matches. The Development/Lions Squads offers a good means of promoting cricket across the Army and should identify and develop the stars of the future. Efforts must be made to reduce wastage of players and maintain interest in the game beyond their time in the squad. It is the responsibility of all Corps secretaries to promote new young talent and liaise accordingly with the Head Coach and the Development Manager. In 2017, ACA aspires to conduct winter coaching sessions within each of the main garrisons, open to all. This will allow known players to be monitored and will encourage new unearthed talent to demonstrate their skills in their own garrison area. Pending resourcing of this, the Garrisons to be targeted are as follows: **Tidworth, Bulford, Warminster, Catterick, Aldershot, Colchester and Stafford.** The Head Coach will send instructions for this out as soon as practicable.

COACHING

18. **General.** The coaching plan for Army Cricket is to be updated annually, by the Director of Representative Cricket and the Head Coach.

19. **Coaches.** In order to save costs and enable Army cricketers to develop their coaching skills, the ACA must make use of serving ECB Coaches for all elements of management and coaching within the ACA. This ongoing preparation process will enable Army coaches to take on the key roles of:

- a. Director of Representative Cricket (although a qualified coach is not explicitly required for this appointment).
- b. Head Coach
- c. Army Coach.
- d. Army Assistant Coach.
- e. Development/Lions Coach.
- f. Development/Lions Assistant Coach.
- g. Ladies' Coach.
- h. Ladies' Assistant Coach.

20. **Elite Coaching.** Where it is deemed necessary Army coaches will be reinforced by using external professional coaches to enable players to have expert coaching specific to their abilities (i.e. spinners receive coaching on spin bowling). The plan is to have specific external coaching to improve skills pre-season and out of season and on occasions during the season, but not on match days.

21. **Facilities.** The Garrison Sports Centre in Aldershot has been developed to provide an indoor training facility for Army Cricket but the ACA must be prepared to hire indoor facilities such as Dummer Cricket Centre or the Ageas Bowl. Other training requirements can be met at Aldershot at the outdoor nets.

22. **Equipment.** The following equipment has been purchased and is held centrally by the ACA at Aldershot:

- a. Computer laptop and video camera including software to aid analysis.
- b. Cones, stumps, training balls and coaching aids.

23. **Participation.** All known players must be given the opportunity to attend out of season coaching. Structured elite player programmes should be run throughout the winter, culminating in a pre-season training camp which brings together the full and development squads for technical, tactical, physical and lifestyle training. Corps Secretaries must be approached throughout the year to offer up potential individuals who have recently joined or not previously been identified. There is benefit for all who attend coaching as they will improve from the experience and be able to pass on their knowledge at Corps level, even if they are not subsequently selected for a representative team.

24. **Talent identification and development.** Under the overall control of ACA, and when funding makes it possible, Qualified Army Coaches (led by the Head Coach) should attend Corps fixtures to identify talent or follow up recommendations made by Corps.

25. **Coaching requirement.** The ACA Financial Plan is to allocate funding to achieve in whole or part, the following requirement on an annual basis:

- a. **Army Cricket Pre-season Camp.** Where practical, a pre-season camp will facilitate individual technical and tactical coaching, as well as developing understanding of roles and responsibilities with the teams and approaches to 50 over and T/20 Cricket. These camps should be the model used for both Ladies and Men's cricket. In 2017, though, Army coaches will travel to Garrisons (see Para 51).
- b. **Specialist coaching.** The use of Academy Staff or professional coaches, to undertake specialist coaching.
- c. **Training.** Ideally, pre-match training should occur before each batch of fixtures. All three squads (Development, Ladies, Senior) must get together for pre-inter Services training.

26. **Coach Education.** The ACA needs to encourage qualified, serving, Level 2/UKCC2 and Level 3/UKCC3 coaches to become involved at Army level. This should include further coach education. The ACA, through its Coaching Rep, will continue to advertise and encourage attendance on coaching courses at all levels, including assistance with individual costs. This will improve the availability and expertise at all levels of Army Cricket and improves the standard of players. The Head Coach is to maintain continual liaison with the UKAF Cricket Coaching Association to ensure courses are run frequently and at times when the maximum number of people can attend. He/she is also to liaise regularly with Corps Secretaries to encourage the growth in number of qualified coaches across the Army.

- a. **The aspiration.** Coaches should be qualified for each level of cricket within the Army as follows:
 - **Representative Level.** Head Coach, Army Assistant Coach, Coach Development & Lions – ECB Level 3, Assistant Coach Development & Lions – Level 2+ (working towards Level 3).
 - **Corps.** Each Corps Coach should be Level 2 Young People and Adult (L2YPA) trained.
 - **Unit.** Where possible, unit cricket officers should attend a L2YPA Course.
- b. **Organisation of UKAFCCA.** The UKAFCA is affiliated to the ECB Coaches Association and is an approved Centre to deliver coach education up to Level 2+ with Level 3 being delivered at the National Level. Chairman UKAFCA is a member of the UKAF Cricket Committee and has two remits: to promote cricket development within the Armed Forces and the military community and to deliver coach education. Each single service has a coaching rep who nominates candidates for coach education and works with the Chairman UKAFCA on cricket development.
- c. **Courses in 2017 and Qualifying Criteria.** The Courses in 2017 will be:
 - L2 YPA: 6 to 10 Feb 17 – HMS Temeraire.
 - L2+: 20-21 Mar 17 – HMS Temeraire.
 - L2 YPA: Nov 17 date and Location TBC.

Annex:

- A. ECB Coaching Categories.

ECB COACHING CATEGORIES

1. **UKCC Level 4.** The ECB's Elite Coach Development Programme consists of the Master Coach Award (UKCC Level 4), which incorporates a Post Graduate Diploma in Personal and Professional Development, a range of Continuous Personal and Professional Development programmes and targeted individual support. Graduates from the Master Coach Programme are able to access a specialist 'Elite Coach Hub' which provides regular updates and multimedia coaching information.
2. **UKCC Level 3.** The Performance Coach Course has been designed to meet the needs of coaches working with the most talented young players in ECB performance pathway, aiming to develop and equip coaches with the knowledge, skills and thinking to work effectively in performance environments. Coaches interested in attending the ECB Performance Coach Course will be required to hold an existing Level 2 qualification or equivalent, have acquired some experience of working with the most talented young players, and demonstrate a willingness and open-mindedness to learn.
3. **UKCC2 Young People and Adult Course.** This course is designed to help to develop confidence and equip coaches with the knowledge, understanding and applied skills to lead coaching sessions for young people and adults and create safe, enjoyable, stimulating player-centered coaching environments. Pre-requisites for certification are as follows:
 - 18 years of age (learning programme and assessment can be completed at 17).
 - Emergency first aid certificate.
 - Safeguarding young cricketers certificate.
 - Disclosure and barring service check - through the ECB.

CHAPTER 7 – GOAL 4: OFFICIALS

Goal 4	Officials (Leads: UKAFACO Representative and Secretary)
Goal 4.1	Develop a network of professionally qualified officials in order to improve availability and decrease reliance on civilian assistance.
Goal 4.2	Establish and maintain positive links with the UKAF and ECB Associations of Cricket Officials.
Goal 4.3	Promote the participation of Army officials in the first-class game.
Goal 4.4	Promote the safe conduct of cricket across the Army, and enforce appropriate levels of discipline to support the sport being played firmly in the spirit of the game.

1. The purpose of this chapter is to outline the organisation of the UKAF Association of Cricket Officials, to explain how cricket officers and managers secure the services of umpires, scorers and physiotherapists, and provide detail on the responsibilities of team captains to report on officials' performance in order to aid their development. It also outlines the availability of ECB-accredited training for officials in 2017.

2. ACA seeks consistently to encourage serving soldiers to officiate at matches conducted within the Army, and to develop its officials to the highest standards within the game. In the past, Army-qualified officials have been elected to international and first-class panels, a situation we are keen to promote.

3. **General.** Oversight and promotion of umpiring and scoring within the Army is the responsibility of the Army representative on the executive committee of the UKAF Association of Cricket Officials (UKAFACO). The Association trains and provides suitably qualified officials for representative, inter-Corps and where possible inter-Unit Competitions. There remains a lack of serving, suitable and qualified officials across the Army, particularly at Army and UKAF representative level. Under UKAFACO, it is now possible for Umpires and Scorers from all three Services to be appointed to Army Cricket fixtures.

4. **Training.** The Training and Performance functions are combined in a central coordinating officer in UKAFACO. This means that whilst the Army may take on the responsibility to deliver training and performance improvement sessions, the planning of that training will be carried out at UKAF level.
 - a. **ECB ACO Level 1 Training.** The Level One qualification is key in training Officials to stand/score at Inter Corps level. On UKAFACO's behalf, the Army is likely to run two L1 Umpire Courses in 2017. Scorer training (due to the limited numbers of personnel needing scorer training) will be delivered online through the UKAFACO.

 - b. **ECB ACO Level 1A Development.** Officials are to gain one season's worth of experience before undergoing some mentored L1A development; the UKAFACO Performance Officer will take on the responsibility for managing this development activity in 2017.

 - c. **ECB ACO Level 2 Training.** The Army will not run its own Level 2 Courses, preferring instead to take it in turn with the RAF and RN to host a UKAFACO L2 course.

 - d. **ECB ACO Level 3 Qualification.** Although UKAFACO will not offer this qualification, Army Officials seeking Level 3 will be managed by the appropriate ECB Region for training and assessment.

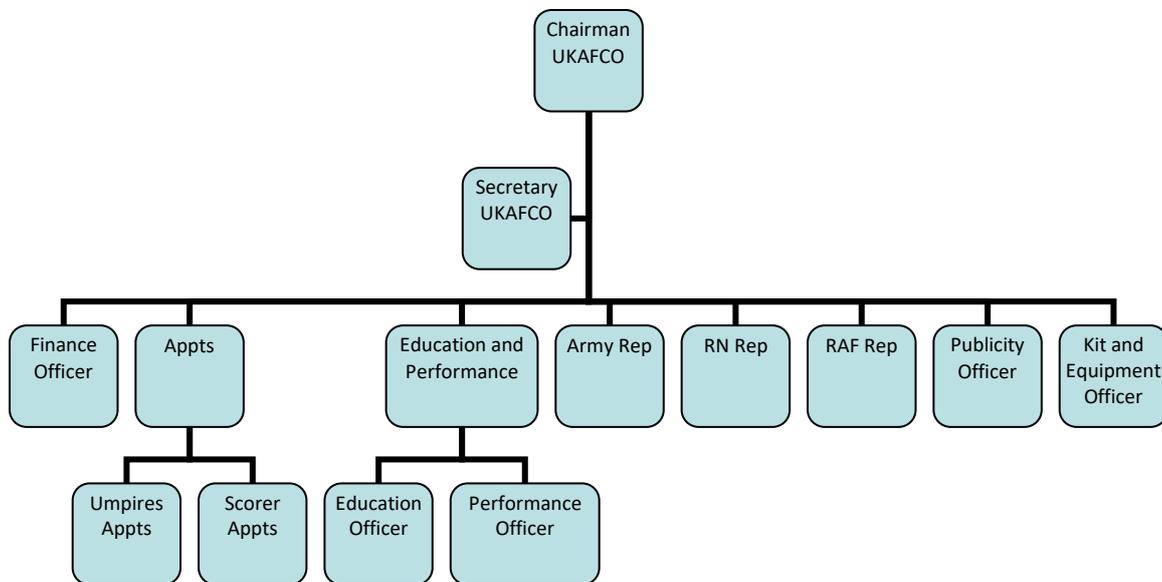
5. **Training Shortfall.** The following shortfalls in training have been identified:
 - a. **Scorers.** The persistent shortage of Scorers is being addressed by the UKAF ACO. It is imperative for ACA and the Corps to fully support this initiative and trawl for recruits. All Corps are to train at least one Scorer to support their teams for the start of the 2018 Season.

 - b. **Tutors.** The ACOA has been 100% reliant on retired personnel for the delivery of Official training. The Army, as part of a UKAFACO initiative, will train two serving personnel to Level 1 Tutor standard and develop one of those to be a Level 2 Tutor.

- c. **Assessors.** In support of the development of UKAF Cricket Officials, at least 2 ECB-Qualified assessors need to be generated from the Army's serving UKAFACO members to support the UKAF plan.

Organisation of UKAFACO

6. The Chairmanship of UKAFACO will be provided by the most appropriate serving Officer or Soldier on a 3-yearly basis. The Chairman, like all UKAFACO Committee Members, will be elected at the UKAFACO Annual General Meeting. UKAFACO is to be organised as follows:



7. UKAFACO Officials will be organised into the following 'Panels':
- a. Inter-Service and UKAFCA (Combined Services).
 - b. Single Service.
 - c. All Others.

Securing Officials for Matches

8. On receipt of the ACA Fixture List, the UKAFACO Appointments Officer will add the fixtures to the UKAFACO 'Who's the Umpire' Database and then invite UKAFACO members to bid to stand/score at that match/tournament. Team Captains and Managers will have access to Who's The Umpire (WTU) in order to track who is being appointed in order to better facilitate travel and administration. Only Officials who are current members of the ECB ACO will be appointed.

9. The following priorities for appointing Cricket Officials will be applied:
- a. Serving Officials (Regular and Reserve).
 - b. Former Serving Officials.
 - c. Civilian Officials.

10. Details of how to secure umpires for matches at a lower level are available from Corps Secretaries and the ACA.

Performance Reporting

11. Captains or Managers are responsible for completing an ECB Captain's Feedback Form and submitting it within 5 working days of a match. Failure to submit the report in time will incur a points-based penalty.

12. UKAFACO will collate the ECB Captain's Feedback Forms and, in conjunction with assessments made for civilian matches, provide feedback to Officials on their performance and where to focus further development and training, as well as make recommendations to Chairman UKAFACO on promotions and demotions from Officials Panels.

Officials Development in 2017

13. Course details for 2017 will be promulgated at a later date by UKAFACO.

Annex:

A. ECB ACO.

THE ECB ACO

1. The ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ACO) represents scorers and umpires for and on behalf of the national governing body, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). ECB ACO is the membership organisation responsible for the recruitment, training and development of all cricket officials. It has a separate board that works with the executive to run the association, and works at national, regional and local county level to have a direct link with its individual members.

2. As well as providing a fun, rewarding way to engage with the sport, training as an official is a great way to support the health of the game. You don't need any previous experience or qualifications – just a willingness to learn. Whatever level you aspire to, whatever pace you wish to learn at, our Education Programme has a pathway for you.

History of ECB ACO

3. The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (commonly known as the ACU&S) was set up in 1953 by the umpire Tom Smith as the Association of Cricket Umpires (the scorers were included in the title several years later). The first chairman was Tom Smith and the first president was Douglas Jardine. It had a membership exceeding 8,000 in countries all over the world before it was merged with the ECB Officials Association in 2007 to form the ECB Association of Cricket Officials.

Merger

4. In December 2007 the membership of the ACU&S voted to merge with the England and Wales Cricket Board Officials Association (ECB OA). This new organisation eventually became the ECB Association of Cricket Officials. Integration with the ECB has raised the profile of umpiring and scoring, provided much needed funds and improved training. ECB ACO currently stands as the largest group of cricket officials in the world with a near 8,500 strong membership.

Level of Courses

5. **Introductory Course (2-4 hours).** This short standalone course will give any cricket enthusiast curious about becoming an umpire a taste for what the role entails, and outline what lies ahead if you'd like to pursue your interest.

6. **ECB ACO - The Club Umpire.** This is designed to give you an overview of the basic Laws of the game and how to apply them and introduce the principles of field craft and match management. It will give you the tools to enable you to umpire matches at the basic recreational level where there are no independent umpires appointed.

7. **ECB ACO - The League Panel Umpire.** This course is designed to give you further knowledge and skills to enable you to become a member of a league panel and is available if you are a member and have attended the Club Umpire. It will complement that course by looking beyond the basic laws, build on field craft and match management techniques and introduce the concept of working, as a team, with a colleague.

8. **ECB ACO - Premier League Umpire.** This course is designed for experienced umpires who aspire to stand at the highest level of league cricket and is available to all members who have attended the Club Umpire and League Panel Umpire courses. As well as the interpretation and application of Law it also covers the management of the match, the field and the players on it. Man management and other practical aspects are also covered. This course is also suitable for you if you are not aspiring to Premier league cricket, but still want to develop your skills and be the best umpire you can be.

9. **ECB ACO - Elite Recreational Umpire.** This is the course for you if you wish to stand at the highest levels of recreational cricket and is available if you are a member and have attended the earlier three courses. It puts together all the knowledge and skills needed to become a confident well-rounded umpire.

Scorers

10. There are a number of skills required to become a scorer in cricket and we're here to help you get to grips with all of them from the very basics, to advanced techniques. Here's an overview of the courses available and how they all fit together.

11. **Introductory course.** The aim of this course is to provide you with the basic skills and knowledge to record a cricket match. It won't teach you everything you need to know, but it will give you the tools and confidence to get started. Topics covered include completing a scoring record, recognising umpire's signals and standard scoring symbols

12. **Club Scorer – How to record a cricket match.** Club Scorer is the course for anyone wanting scoring on a regular basis and is the only one to comprehensively teach you how to score. This course is suitable for complete beginners and existing scorers who want to improve their skills. On completion of the course you'll receive an ECB ACO club scorer certificate.

CHAPTER 8 – GOAL 5: IMAGE, COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Goal 5	Image, Communications and Engagement (Lead: Vice Chairman)
Goal 5.1	Seek commitment from senior members of the Army to support administrators and players, including the identification of sponsorship opportunities, attendance at key matches and for release of cricketers by the chain of command.
Goal 5.2	Raise the profile of ACA cricket by publicising events, results and people, expanding use of social media in this regard.
Goal 5.3	Assist Home Command in developing initiatives for community engagement through cricketing activity across the Army.
Goal 5.4	Promote an ethos that is consistent with the spirit of cricket, and which marks Army sportsmen from their peers in their approach to the decisions made by officials and to the way the game is played.
Goal 5.5	Assist UKAFCA to build attendance at the ISTwenty/20 competition at Lord's, to capacity by 2025.

1. The brand and image of Army cricket requires protecting. As highlighted previously, at representative level, success is about winning matches against high quality and high profile opposition in the UK in a manner that earns domestic recognition and which *precipitates the degree of positive publicity* that encourages sponsors to support it, thus allowing development activity to flourish. The ACA intends to create an environment which encourages Service personnel, both regular and reserve, to participate in a full range of cricketing activity at all levels. Competition is key; sporting success will be achieved through participating in and striving to win at all levels. The 'Spirit of Cricket' should prevail throughout; by playing the game within that spirit and in line with the British Army's code of conduct (on and off the field), the reputation of the Army will be enhanced as a result.
2. **Corporate image.** The corporate image of players selected for representative teams remains important. An ACA crest, for use on blazers, has been commissioned by Sec ACA. Training and playing clothing will only be issued within the guidelines laid down by the Chairman ACA. ACA Ties and other ACA/Sponsor logo clothing are only to be presented to players after three representative matches. Caps are to be presented by the President or Chairman on selection for an Inter-Services fixture, in accordance with the policy laid down in Chapter 3.
3. **Pavilion.** Honours boards have recently been placed in the home dressing room, listing all those Centurions and Five Wicket takers at Aldershot – post National Service. Further work is required with team photos and development of the downstairs bar area, in order to promote and enhance the image of the ACA.
4. **Advertising/PR.** A web site, www.armycricket.com, has been established and is to be updated regularly by the webmaster (Patsy Josling) under the guidance of the Secretary, advertising matches and recording results. Sponsors' logos will also be linked into the site. Soldier Magazine and Corps/ Regimental magazines must be encouraged to produce articles on Army Cricket and also individuals. These can subsequently be placed on the website or forwarded to reporters within an individual's home area. National cricket magazines and national newspapers should also be targeted to cover key matches in the sporting calendar.
5. **Media & Comms.** Opportunities for raising the profile of cricket within the Army to an internal and external audience are widespread. Each season an Army Communications Plan will be developed in order to target the various audiences. Advice and guidance should be sought through Army Media and Communications. Point of Contact is: Major (Rich) Wade (SO2 Comms Plans, Army Media and Communications - 94393 7730 (mil) and 01264 887730 (civ)).
6. **Engagement.** Within Defence Engagement there are two strands, home and away. Cricket has the ability to 'open doors' within UK communities and also worldwide. Army cricket teams at all levels have played and are planning to play cricket against a plethora of communities and countries and there are real opportunities to recognise those engagements formally and to enable other engagement activities broader than just the playing of a good game of cricket. Organisers of cricket at all levels should ensure that they use the following points of contact to assist them in this regard:
 - a. **Army International Branch.** Army ACGS-IntlEng-XO-SO2 (Phillips, Alex Maj).

b. **Home and Regional Command.** HC-Eng-SOI (Arthurton, Sally Lt Col) and RC-OpsEngt-CE-Sport-SOI (Gaudoin, John Lt Col).

7. **Annual UKAF Cricket Brochure responsibilities.** Each year, the Army contributes to the production of the annual UKAFCA cricket brochure, distributed in time for the pre-season reception in early April. The deadline for copy is by the end of January. Within ACA, the vice-chairman takes the lead for collation of the Army's contribution, with the following in the lead for various elements:

a. **Chairman.** Chair's opening remarks.

b. **Team Managers (Senior Men's, Development and Ladies')**. A summary report from the previous season and comments in anticipation of the forthcoming year.

c. **Vice-Chairman.** Notes on grassroots cricket within the Army, and any additional items that warrant inclusion.

CHAPTER 9 – THE 2017 SEASON

1. **UKAF Cricket in 2017.** The fixture list for UKAFCA fixtures will be added to the ACA fixture list, sent out by Sec ACA prior to the start of the season. It is still being refined, but promises to include four matches for the senior men's team (Cambridge University, Duke of Norfolk's XI, MCC and a Hampshire Invitation XI) and a similar number for ladies. The latter will include the annual Vauxhall Cup between UKAFCA, MCC and the Club Cricket Conference, to be held this year between 8 and 10 Aug at Portsmouth.
2. **The Inter-Services Competitions.** Inter-Services competitions in 2017 are as follows:
 - a. **Senior Men's.** The IST/20 competition will be held at Lord's on 8 Jun 17, with the fifty over competition at Vine Lane from 1 to 3 Aug 17.
 - b. **Development.** The T/20 competition is due to be held at Aldershot on 22 Jun 17. There is no longer a fifty over competition.
 - c. **Ladies.** The fifty over competition will be held at Portsmouth from 27 to 29 Jun 17, with the T/20 competition due to be competed at Aldershot or Larkhill on 27 Jul 17.
3. **Representative Army Level Cricket.**
 - a. **Governance and Responsibilities.** Representative Army level cricket falls under the remit of Director Representative Cricket, supported by the Head Coach and the various managerial and coaching staff, as well as the captains. Responsibilities of each of these are contained elsewhere in this document.
 - b. **Trials/Pre-Season Training.** In 2017, there will be no formal trials. Coaching sessions will, however, take place in various Garrisons (see Para 51) in the period leading up to the start of the season, and will be communicated by the ACA coaching staff. These will offer an opportunity for new talent to emerge, as well as for established players to net. There will be an additional period (24-25 Apr 17) at Dummer, on invitation only. For ladies, a pre-season period of coaching will be established at Aldershot at some stage in late April, details of which will be promulgated by Manager Ladies' Cricket and the Secretary.
 - c. **Matches.** The fixture list is being constructed and will be promulgated by the Secretary in hard copy and online, once complete. In line with policy, the aspiration is to have 6 T/20 matches and 6 limited overs matches per team.
 - d. **Post-Season.** A post-season function is planned at Robertson House the day following the last day of the inter-Corps T/20 competition (8 Sep 17). It is anticipated that there will be a sponsors' competition that day, invitations to which will be promulgated by the Sec ACA.
4. **The Inter-Corps Competitions.**
 - a. **The Power Cup.** Ten Corps have entered the Power Cup in 2017, and they will be formed into two groups. Group 1 consists of the AGC, R SIGNALS, Inf, RA and AAC. Group 2 has the RLC, RE, RAC, AMS and REME. In future years, consideration will be given to combining the Corps unable to compete regularly at this level. Playing regulations will follow, but are expected to be the same as the inter-Services 50 over competition. In 2017, penalties will apply for failure to submit reports on officials. The schedule for fixtures is as follows:

Group 1							Group 2		
Tues 9 May 17	AGC CC	v	RA CC				RLC CC	v	AMS CC
	R Sigs CC	v	Inf CC				RE CC	v	RAC CC
	AAC CC - no game						REME CC - no game		
Tues 16 May 17	Inf CC	v	AGC CC				RAC CC	v	RLC CC
	RA CC	v	AAC CC				AMS CC	v	REME CC
	R Sigs CC - no game						RE CC - no game		
Tues 23 May 17	AAC CC	v	Inf CC				REME CC	v	RAC CC
	AGC CC	v	R Sigs CC				RLC CC	v	RE CC
	RA CC - no game						AMS CC - no game		
Tues 13 Jun 17	R Sigs CC	v	AAC CC				RE CC	v	REME CC
	Inf CC	v	RA CC				RAC CC	v	AMS CC
	AGC CC - no game						RLC CC - no game		
Thurs 29 Jun 17	RA CC	v	R Sigs CC				AMS CC	v	RE CC
	AAC CC	v	AGC CC				REME CC	v	RLC CC
	Inf CC - no game						RAC CC - no game		

b. **The Inter-Corps T/20 Tournament.** The inter-Corps T/20 competition will take place from 5 to 7 Sep 17. Corps are to engage with the Secretary and Assistant Director Competitions to establish their willingness to participate. The draw will take place at some stage during the season.

5. **Inter-Unit Cricket.** The ACA is responsible, through its Assistant Director Competitions and Director of Corps and Unit Cricket, for the annual running of the major and minor units cup competitions. The details of these will be published annually in the form of a DIN, and the rules published in this handbook (see Annex B). Units are encouraged to play as much cricket as possible, both internally (inter-sub unit and inter-Mess), against external military opponents (other units within the same Garrison or Corps) and against civilian competition. In the latter category, unit cricket officers should investigate the potential offered by mid-week after-hours Twenty20 leagues, ensuring that arrangements are in place to ensure that matches can be delayed if unit commitments do not allow cricket to take place routinely each week.

6. **Other Cricket.** In future years, this place will provide details of cricket conducted elsewhere in the Army (i.e. General Staff, RMAS, Guards CC and HAC CC).

Annexes:

- A. Rules and Regulations of the MUJV Inter-Corps Cricket Competition 2017 (The Power Cup).
- B. Rules and Regulations of the Inter-Unit Cricket Competitions 2017.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MUJV INTER-CORPS CRICKET COMPETITION 2017 (THE POWER CUP)

General

1. The Inter Corps Cricket Competition is administered by the Army Cricket Association (ACA). In 2017 the competition will be sponsored by MUJV, and continue to be known as the 'Power Cup'.
2. The competition template has been refined so that the initial stages have two leagues, each of 5 teams, with 5 dates allocated to enable each team to play each other in their league. This will then lead into a 'knock out phase' with the two top teams from each of the two leagues going forward into 'main competition' semi-finals. The teams placed 3rd and 4th in each league will compete in the 'plate' semi-finals. The winners of each semi-final will then compete in the main and plate final in Aldershot on Wed 12 Jul 17.

Playing Conditions

3. Except as otherwise stated in these rules, matches shall be conducted in accordance with the MCC Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 6th Edition – Oct 2016) together with any subsequent amendments.
4. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Directives for junior players regarding helmets, fielding and fast bowling will apply in all matches (further details can be obtained from the ECB website). The Captains of each side shall inform the umpires prior to the toss of any player under the age of 19.
5. Team Captains/Managers shall ensure completed team sheets are handed to the Umpires prior to the toss, after which no changes will be allowed without the consent of the other Captain. At least one of the umpires **MUST** be present at the toss.

Eligibility

6. The eligibility criteria for Regular and Reserve personnel are contained in AGAI Volume I Chapter 5, Sport; AEL 86 – March 2017.

Duration

7. The matches will consist of one innings per side, each innings being limited to a maximum of 50 overs. All matches will be completed in one day. The Captain of the batting side may not declare his innings closed at any time during the course of a match.
8. The only exception to rule 7 is if due to unforeseen circumstances, both Captains agree on the day for an appropriate reduction – which must then be ratified by the appointed Officials.

Hours of Play

9. Hours of play will be 1100 to 1825 hrs. Each session will be 3 hrs 20 mins, based on 4 mins an over, and will be separated by an interval of 45 mins. Umpires are not empowered to order extra time, but play may extend beyond 1825 hrs if the game has overs still to be bowled and playing conditions allow completion of the match.
10. If the innings of a team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the interval, the interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier. There is no tea interval.
11. Up to two drinks intervals (each deemed to be 5 minutes) per innings are permitted, but no time allowance shall be provided for them. Drinks must be agreed prior to the start of play and the Umpires informed.

Additionally, an individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or at a fall of wicket, on the field, provided no playing time is wasted. No other drinks or equipment shall be taken onto the field of play without the permission of the umpires.

12. **Team arriving short of players.** Teams should make every effort to field a full side of eleven (11) players to warrant a game for the good and benefit of service cricket. However it is accepted that on rare occasions this may not always be possible. Nevertheless no match shall continue with less than seven (7) players in a Team. The 7 must be nominated players on the Team Sheet in accordance with Law 1. Failure to achieve this will result in the match being forfeited.

Ground and Facilities

13. The home Club is responsible for provision of a suitable ground and associated facilities. Whilst it is acknowledged that most military grounds are maintained by a third party contractor, it remains the responsibility of the home Club to ensure that suitable playing conditions are provided.

14. All matches are to be played on a grass pitch, however, in exceptional circumstances a non-turf pitch can be used. In the event of rain the pitch should be fully covered, and if possible this should also include the bowlers' run-ups.

Cancelling a Match before the Start Time

15. **Due to weather, ground and light conditions.** No match shall be cancelled before the start time, on account of the weather, ground and light conditions, without the agreement of both Club Secretaries (or appointed representatives). Once agreed the match shall be deemed to have been abandoned. The home Club Secretary (or appointed representative) is to contact the appointed match Officials and inform them that the game has been cancelled.

16. **Reasons other than weather, ground and light conditions.** Any club cancelling a fixture for reasons other than weather, ground and light conditions shall be deemed to have conceded the match. In the event of a Club conceding a match, the Club Secretary (or appointed representative) is to immediately inform the following of the decision:

- a. Secretary ACA.
- b. Opposition Club Secretary (or appointed representative).
- c. Appointed match Officials.

Interruptions to Play

17. **After the appointed start time and prior to the commencement of the match.** If for any reason a match starts up to 30 minutes late, it shall remain a match of 50 overs. In the event that the match commences more than 30 minutes late, for any reason whatsoever, then one over shall be deducted from each innings for every 8 minutes lost. Should the loss of time result in less than 20 overs being available per side, then the match shall be abandoned.

18. **After commencement of the match.**

- a. In the event of time being lost during the innings **of the team batting first**, then one over shall be deducted from each innings for every 8 minutes lost. So, if a team is off the ground for 40 mins, then each side will have their innings reduced by 5 overs.
- b. For play lost during the innings **of the team batting second**, the number of overs which that team would have been entitled to receive shall be reduced by one over for each 4 minutes of playing time lost. A revised total must then be set by the Officials, based on the calculation at Paragraph 34. Should the loss of time result in less than 20 overs being available to the side batting second, then the match must be abandoned.

Rescheduling Abandoned Matches

19. All abandoned matches shall be replayed and will be rescheduled under the direction of the ACA, in consultation with the Secretary ACA. Where a 'spare day' is available the match will automatically be allocated to that date, unless both clubs can agree an alternative. If a match is abandoned and it is not possible to re-arrange another fixture within the date and times allocated then 10 points shall be awarded to each team.

Limitation of Overs by any one Player

20. No bowler shall bowl more than one fifth of the total number of overs available at the beginning of an innings. Where the total overs are not divisible by 5, an additional over shall be allowed to the minimum number of bowlers necessary to make up the remaining overs – e.g. in a 33 over match ($33/5 = 6 + 3$ remaining overs), 3 bowlers may bowl a maximum of 7 overs and no other bowler more than 6 overs.

21. Both Umpires and the Scorers from the commencement of an innings shall maintain a record of the number of overs bowled by each individual bowler.

22. **Interruption to Play.** In the event of revised overs due to weather once a match has started; the bowler's allocation must be adjusted accordingly as agreed by the Umpires.

No Ball

23. Law 24.12 will apply in that the penalty for a No Ball will be 1 run plus any additional runs scored.

Wide Ball

24. The penalty for a wide will be 1 run plus any additional runs scored.

25. In addition to Law 25, all Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. The following criteria should be adopted as a guide to Umpires:

- a. If the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it impossible for the striker to play "a normal cricket stroke" both from where he is standing and from where he should normally be standing at the crease, the umpire should call and signal 'wide ball'.
- b. A leg side wide shall be called if a ball passes outside the leg side line of the batsman and leg stump despite and irrespective of the batsman's movements.

Restrictions on Placement of Fielders

26. At the instant of delivery there may be no more than 5 fieldsmen on the leg side. In the event of an infringement the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal "No Ball". This restriction shall apply throughout the duration of both innings.

27. At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the bowler and wicket keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'. This restriction will apply throughout the duration of both innings.

28. The fielding circle should, where possible be marked by painted white "dots" at 5 yard intervals, each "dot" to be covered by a white plastic or rubber (but not metal) disc measuring 7 inches in diameter. The Umpires and Captains are to agree before the toss a suitable method of policing this rule should the discs be unavailable.

Match Balls

29. Match balls, Duker County International branded with the MUJV logo, will be provided by the ACA, and a new ball will be provided for each innings. The home team are also to provide sufficient suitable spare balls for the duration of the match as required. Match balls shall be given to the Umpires before the toss for approval and shall remain under their control throughout the match. Umpires are responsible for retaining balls on completion of the match.

Officials

30. **Umpires.** Umpires shall be appointed by the UKAFACO for all Inter Corps Cricket Competition matches. In the unlikely event that the UKAFACO are unable to appoint an umpire, it is the responsibility of the home club to appoint an appropriate umpire and advise the away club of the appointment.

31. **Scorers.** It is the responsibility of each team to provide a Scorer.

32. **Payment of Expenses.** The Home Club Secretary (or appointed representative) must ensure that any Civilian officials appointed are paid on the day of the match. The rates are set annually by the ACA.

Results

33. **Uninterrupted Match.** When there is no interruption after the commencement of the match, and both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the same agreed number of overs, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner.

34. **Interrupted Match.** Where the side batting first has had its innings closed, the side batting second shall have a target score which they must exceed to win the match. It shall be calculated by multiplying the number of overs available to the team batting second by the run rate of the side batting first, rounded up to a whole number:

Target score = 1st innings run rate x number of overs available to the team batting 2nd

Where:

1st innings run rate = 1st Innings Score / Number of overs allocated to the team batting 1st

35. To constitute a match, a minimum of 20 overs has to be available to be bowled to the side batting second, subject to the innings not being completed earlier.

36. **Tie.** If the scores are level at the end of a match, the team losing the lesser number of wickets shall be the winner. If the scores are level and both teams have lost the same number of wickets, the result shall be a tie.

37. **Notification.** The home team is to notify the ACA of the result within 3 working days of the match, using the results sheet at Annex A.

38. **Group Stage.** At the end of the group stage, should 2 or more sides have equal points the positions shall be decided by:

- a. Group games won (this includes conceded group games).
- b. The points gained during the match(es) between them.
- c. Should this still be level, the higher run rate (runs scored / completed overs faced) over all the group matches.

Points – Group Stage

39. **Win.** 10 points will be awarded to the winner of a match.

40. **Lose.** 0 points will be awarded to the loser of a match.
41. **Tie.** 5 points will be awarded to both sides for a tie.
42. **Bonus Points.** Up to a further 6 bonus points may be awarded as follows (except in conceded matches):
- a. **Batting (maximum 3 points).** When batting first; batting bonus points are earned at the trigger of 175, 200 and 225 runs. **Should the side batting second win the match they may earn a batting point for every 3 wickets left intact at the end of the innings.** If the total required by the side batting second is reduced and falls below a batting point trigger, then no bonus points will be forfeited.
 - b. **Bowling (maximum 3 points).** A bowling point is earned for every 3 wickets taken. To gain maximum bowling points against a side with less than 9 wickets, the opposition must take all of the available wickets e.g. 9 players, 8 wickets available, 8 wickets taken (all out) = 3 bowling points to the opposition.
43. **Batting Bonus Points – Reduced Target Table.** On the rare occasions that a match is reduced from 50 overs, revised triggers for batting bonus points will be agreed by the Match officials in accordance with the Table at Annex B.
44. **Conceded match.** 14 points will be awarded to the opponents of a team who concede a match.
45. **Notification of result.** Any home team failing to notify the ACA of a result within 5 working days shall receive an official warning. If the ACA are not notified within a further 3 working days then the team shall be deducted 3 points from the relevant fixture.

Semi Final Stage

46. The semi-final stage will be in the format of a knock out. The winning teams from each semi-final will progress to the main and plate final.

Umpire Report Forms

47. Both Clubs/Captains are to ensure that after every match a report form for each umpire is completed and returned. Forms are to be returned to the ACOA within 5 working days of the match. Failure to do so will result in 1 point deducted from the relevant fixture.

Appendices:

1. Results Sheet.
2. Reduced Target Table.

INTER CORPS CRICKET COMPETITION RESULTS SHEET

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SHEET TO:

Col (Retd) P Sharland
Army Cricket Association
Army Sports Control Board
Fox Lines
Aldershot GU11 2LB

Fax: 94222 7075
Email: aca@ascb.uk.com

RESULTS SHEET

MATCH: v
DATE: **VENUE:**
UMPIRES: 1: **2:**
TOSS WON BY: who elected to Bat / Field*

Innings of:	Innings of:
TOTAL (Forwkts)	TOTAL (For.....wkts)
From overs	From overs

RESULT:**Won / Lost by Runs/Wickets***

Match: Tied / Abandoned / Conceded*

*Delete as required

Remarks / Notable performances:

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
POINTS CLAIMED:	POINTS CLAIMED:
WIN:	WIN:
TIE:	TIE:
BATTING;	BATTING:
BOWLING:	BOWLING:
TOTAL:	TOTAL:

SIGNED:

APPOINTMENT:

DATE:

**BATTING BONUS POINTS
REDUCED TARGET TABLE**

Overs Bowled	1st Point Runs Scored	2nd Point Runs Scored	3rd Point Runs Scored
50	175	200	225
49	172	196	221
48	168	192	217
47	165	188	213
45	161	184	209
45	158	180	205
44	154	176	201
43	151	172	197
42	147	168	193
41	144	164	189
40	140	160	185
39	137	156	181
38	133	152	177
37	130	148	173
36	126	144	169
35	123	140	165
34	119	136	161
33	116	132	157
32	112	128	153
31	109	124	149
30	105	120	145
29	102	116	141
28	98	112	137
27	95	108	133
26	91	104	129
25	88	100	125
24	84	96	121
23	81	92	117
22	77	88	113
21	74	84	109
20	70	80	105

PLAYING REGULATIONS OF THE MAJOR AND MINOR UNITS ARMY CUP COMPETITIONS 2017

PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. **Laws.** Except as otherwise provided in these rules hereinafter, matches shall be conducted in accordance with the MCC Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 5th Edition – Oct 2013) together with any subsequent amendments.
2. **Hours of Play.** All matches (with the exception of the Final, which starts at 1.00pm) should start at 1.30 pm with a tea interval of 20 minutes between innings; unless mutually agreed otherwise by both Captains. The duration and time of the tea interval can be varied in the case of an interrupted match. Close of play should normally be at 7.00 pm.
3. **Length of Innings.** In an uninterrupted match each team shall bat for 30 overs unless all out earlier up to the semi-final stage. The semi-finals and final will consist of 40 overs. In matches where the start is delayed or play is suspended:
 - a. The object shall always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (minimum 20 overs each team). The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average of 20 overs per hour (one over per 3 minutes or part thereof) in the time remaining before Close of Play.
 - b. If the number of overs of the side batting first is reduced, no fixed time will be specified for the close of their innings.
 - c. If, owing to a suspension of play during the innings of the team batting second, it is not possible for that team to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in 3a.
 - d. In the event of a suspension occurring in the middle of an over, the full number of overs to be bowled in the time remaining will be calculated as in Para 3a, any balls remaining to be bowled in the over during which play was suspended, being added.
 - e. The team batting second shall not bat for a greater number of overs than the first team, unless the latter has been all out in less than the agreed number of overs.
 - f. In the event of no decision being reached in the match because of inclement weather, inability to arrange a further fixture before the deadline date (a maximum extension of 1 week past the play by date may be given exceptionally on request by either side due to Exercise or Operational commitments, with the rider that should either Unit be unable to meet the second due date the match should be conceded by the Unit who were unable to meet the initial play by date), or for any other reason, then, in the last resort, the decision must be made by bowling at stumps or the toss of a coin between the two Captains. (The ACA Committee recommend that rather than the latter, teams should play a match for even a small number of overs, wherever possible, according to the time still available). The Team Captains must agree before play begins what action is to be taken if a decision is not reached.
4. **The Result.** A result can only be achieved if both teams have batted for at least 10 overs, unless one team has been all out in less than 10 overs, or unless the team batting second score enough runs to win in less than 10 overs.

5. In matches in which both teams have had an opportunity of batting for the agreed number of overs (ie 30/40 overs each, in an uninterrupted match, or a lesser number of overs in an interrupted match - see Playing Conditions (3a-f) the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the winner. Further guidelines to help achieve a result in order of precedence are as follows:

- a. If the scores are equal the side which has lost the fewer wickets shall be the winner.
- b. If still equal the winner shall be the side with the higher scoring rate over the first 15 overs of its innings.
- c. If still equal the winner shall be the side losing the fewer number of wickets in the first 15 overs of its innings.
- d. If still equal the winner shall be the side with the highest scoring rate over the first 10 overs of its innings.
- e. If still equal the winner shall be the side losing the fewer number of wickets in the first 10 overs of its innings.
- f. If still equal the team shall bowl at stumps (see para 11 for bowl-out regulations) or toss a coin to decide the winner.

6. If the team batting second has not had the opportunity to complete the agreed number of overs, and has neither been all out, nor has passed its opponent's score, the following should apply:

- a. If the match is abandoned the result shall be decided on the average run-rate throughout both innings.
- b. If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised, their target score shall be calculated by multiplying the reduced number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the side batting first.

Note: In the event of the team batting first being all out in less than their full quota of overs, the calculation of their average run rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which they were dismissed.

7. **Number of Overs per Bowler.** If a match starts as a 30/40 overs match, no bowler may bowl more than 6/8 overs in an innings and this allowance shall not be reduced even though the total overs may subsequently be restricted owing to weather interferences. Any bowler under 19 years of age on the day of the match is limited to 5/7 overs a spell (ECB Directive). If, however, the start of a match is delayed and the overs of both teams are restricted to less than 30/40 overs, no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the total overs allowed. In a match where the innings of either or both teams is reduced after the start of the match, the maximum number of overs allowed per bowler shall remain as at the start of the match.

8. **Law 14 - Declarations.** Law 14 will not apply in this competition. The Captain of the batting side may not declare his innings closed at any time during the course of a match.

9. **Law 25.1 - Wide Ball - Judging a Wide.** Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. The following criteria should be adopted as a guide to umpires:

- The penalty for a wide will be 1 run plus any additional runs scored.
- In addition to Law 25 the following will apply:

- a. If the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play “a normal cricket stroke” both from where he is standing and from where he should normally be standing at the crease, the umpire should call and signal ‘wide’.
- b. For the provision of this competition the Leg Side Wide shall apply unless otherwise agreed. Pre match discussion between both umpires and captains shall take place thus determining the manner of this application to fulfil and clarify this provision prior to the start of each match.

Note: The above provisions do not apply if the striker makes contact with the ball.

10. **Other Playing Conditions.** The following playing conditions apply for this competition:

- a. Both Umpires and the Scorers from the commencement of an innings shall maintain a record of the number of overs bowled by each individual bowler.
- b. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Directives on Fast Bowling for under 19 year olds, and the Wearing of Helmets by under 18 year olds will apply in all matches. The qualifying date for the ECB directive is the date of the match.
- c. Team Captains are to hand to the umpires a completed signed Team Sheet prior to the start of the match.
- d. The Captains of each side shall inform the umpires prior to the match of any players aged under 19 years of age.

11. **Bowl-Out.** In any other circumstance other than as stated in para 5f where there is a requirement to undertake a Bowl-Out (either indoors or outdoors) to determine a result, the overall conditions and regulations to achieve a Bowl-Out and contest a result are as follows.

- a. A toss shall take place with the winner of the toss to decide whether his team goes first or second.
- b. If the original match has started: All Five (5) bowlers to take part in the Bowl-Out must be selected from the nominated Team Sheets (including the 12th man, if applicable). If there has been no play (the toss has not taken place) then the team can select any five members from the Club.
- c. Five players from each team shall bowl overarm ONE (1) delivery each alternatively at a wicket (conforming to Law 8) from a wicket (conforming to Law 8) pitched at a distance of 22 yards (conforming to Law 7) with markings and creases (conforming to Law 9).
- d. The Team which bowls down the wicket (as defined in Law 28.1) the most times shall be the winner.
- e. If the scores are equal, the same Five players will bowl One ball each alternately to achieve a result on a sudden death basis (the order of bowlers may change for this bowl-out, however the Team bowling first shall remain as per the original bowl-out).
- f. The same suitably acceptable ball (not a new one, unless the match has not started) will be used by both Teams. If the ball becomes wet, it may be changed subject to the Umpire’s approval.
- g. If a bowler bowls a “No Ball” it will count as his delivery but will not count towards the score of the Team should he hit the wickets.

h. Each side will appoint a wicket-keeper to stand behind the wicket but out of reach of the stumps.

i. If circumstances make a Bowl-Out impossible, the match shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

12. **Eligibility.** The eligibility criteria for Regular and TA personnel are contained in AGAI Volume I Chapter 5, Sport. Particular note should be taken of paragraphs 5.060 to 5.071.

13. **Notification of result.** It is the responsibility of the home team to notify the ACA of a result within 5 working days of the fixture having taken place.

CHAPTER 10 – GENERAL POLICIES

1. The purpose of this chapter is to lay down for wider use the many general policies developed to support the management and playing of cricket throughout the Army. It is to be updated by the Secretary when policies are amended by the AGM or ECM, or when new policies are instigated.

Representative Fixtures

2. The standing policy for representative fixtures is as follows:

a. **Men's XI.** There will be six T/20 fixtures arranged prior to the annual inter-Services T/20 competition, and then a further six 50 over matches prior to the next meeting of the three Services (which usually takes place in early August).

b. **Development/Lions Squad.** There will be six T/20 fixtures arranged prior to the annual inter-Services T/20 competition, at which point the Development XI will become known as the Army Lions for a further six 50 over matches. There is no 50 over tri-Service tournament.

c. **Masters' XI.** There will be a maximum of three 50 over Masters' XI fixtures arranged per season.

d. **Ladies' XI.** Owing to the Women's Cricket World Cup in 2017, the format for the season is reversed. There will, therefore, be six 50 over matches prior to the inter-Services 50 over competition and then a further six T/20 matches in advance of the T/20 tournament. In following years, fixtures will revert to T/20 being played first.

Ethos

3. The spirit of the game is to be employed at all times, by players, officials, management and spectators alike. In particular, officials are to be treated with respect. The decision of match officials is not to be questioned on any occasion, dissent being punishable through exclusion by the ACA or Corps' Executive Committees. Serious breaches of discipline that are brought to the notice of Corps chairman or the Chairman of ACA will be dealt with by the constitution of an ACA ethics committee, formed of a member of the ACA executive committee, a senior official from UKAFACO and a member of the alleged miscreant's own Corps committee. Sanctions will range from suspension to exclusion, and the decision will be binding throughout Army cricket. The ACA code of conduct is attached as an Annex to this part of the Handbook.

Eligibility

4. Cricket may be played by all serving members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, whatever their commitment. Owing to the 'One Army' concept, there is no longer any formal ASCB guidance on the maximum number of Reserve SP able to participate in any unit, Corps or Army team. Individuals are now eligible for selection based purely on quality and their availability. That said, ACA reserves the right to adjudicate disputes if Corps or unit sides are using this provision to bolster their sides unfairly (e.g. by recruiting a significant body of capable cricketers into the Reserves simply to improve their chances of winning silver). This would unfairly reduce opportunities for regular SP to play. The use of Reserves is governed by the requirement for them to be formally placed on duty by their chain of command. See below for further details.

Army Reserve Cricket

5. **Introduction.** The Army has excellent opportunities to play cricket and Army Reserve SP are encouraged to participate at every level. In instances where Reserve SP are keen to play cricket but may be prevented from doing so by insufficient numbers of players, they are to contact their

Corps Secretary for information as to where regular participation may be enabled. Corps secretaries are to consider:

- a. **Affiliation.** If cricket is not played within a Reserve SP's own unit, one or several players can elect to be affiliated to another Army Reserve or Regular unit.
- b. **Amalgamation.** A Reserve detachment or unit may wish to pool its cricketing talent with another Reserve or Regular unit in order to form a team.

6. **Eligibility.** The following table details the eligibility for Reserve SP to play cricket in the Army, *noting that the policy to be followed is that within AGAI Volume I Chapter 5 (Mar 17):*

Category of Personnel	Unit, Corps & Regional	Representative: Army (Non Inter-Service Events)	Representative: Army (Inter-Service Events)	UKAF
Army Volunteer Reserves: Group A (see note 1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Army Volunteer Reserves: Group B & C	No	No	No	No
FTRS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ex-Regular Reserves (see note 2)	No	No	No	No
Ex-Regular Reserves serving on FTRS and ADC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sponsored Reserves	No	No	No	No
Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS) Cadets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University Cadets at UOTC (see note 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No

Note 1. Volunteer Reserves must have a liability for deployment, be Phase 1 & 2 trained and have met the annual training requirements in the preceding year (qualified for bounty/certificate of efficiency).

Note 2. Ex-Regulars are no longer serving but may have a liability to be recalled into permanent service if they meet the criteria and are required.

Note 3. UOTC cadets may play if authorised by the unit CO, and up to a maximum of one per team.

7. **Reserves Pay.** Cricket is a core sporting activity and personnel engaged in programmed, unit, corps or representative cricket are on duty and should be paid accordingly. If affordable, those eligible Reserve SP (detailed above) that receive attendance based pay (MTDs/ADCs) should be paid in accordance with a normal duty day. If the unit budget is insufficient to deliver sport, the unit should seek authority from their higher formation to overspend their budget. Reserve SP in receipt of an annual salary will participate in cricket as part of their normal duty activity.

8. **Insurance.** Following agreement from a SP's chain of command to participate in a cricketing activity, the chain of command must formally authorise participation in order to ensure the provisions of JSP 765 (Armed Forces Compensation Scheme) can be applied. Formal authorisation includes the inclusion of the participant's name in the event's administrative instruction and notification published on Unit Part I Orders.

9. **Army Sports Lottery.** All Army Reservists are encouraged to join the Army Sports Lottery. Further detail can be found at the Army Sports Lottery web page where Army Reserve personnel are able to join by completing an online Direct Debit form.

The Grade System and Capping

10. As stated above, participation in cricket within the Army takes place at a range of distinct levels. These include UKAF (1st Grade), representative Army (2nd Grade), representative Corps (3rd Grade) and representative unit (4th Grade). A fifth grade exists below 4th Grade cricket, and consists of unofficial intra-unit matches (such as Officers' vs Sergeants' Mess cricket) and ad hoc groupings (such as General Staff cricket). The reasons for articulating these grades are twofold:

- a. A duty of care can be exerted to protect those routinely playing at lower grades from the potential injurious harm that might arise from the ability of a higher grade cricketer, such that – if necessary – higher (or lower) grade cricketers can be barred from certain competitions, particularly if ground conditions are suspect.
- b. They enable a consistent approach to capping across the Army. At Army (2nd Grade) level, caps are awarded to players who meet the following criteria:
 - i. **Men's XI.** A men's XI player is awarded a cap if he plays in one 50 over inter-Services match.
 - ii. **Ladies' XI.** A ladies' XI player is awarded a cap if she plays in one 40 over inter-Services match.
 - iii. **Development XI.** A development XI player is awarded a cap if he plays in one T/20 inter-Services match.
- c. Consideration is to be given in the 2017 season to the development, by Corps, of consistent measures for the award of caps at their level. Corps Associations are to govern the award of sports colours in units under their specific aegis.

Fitness

11. All cricketers in the Army are to maintain a suitable standard of fitness and are not to play if debarred specifically from cricket by medical professionals. Officers and soldiers who are medically downgraded may continue to play cricket if not specifically prevented by medical advice. Attempts by the chain of command to deny an opportunity to play representative sport on the grounds of medical status are to be reported to cricketing authorities at Corps or Army level, so that they can be resolved.

Safe Play

12. All training and matches are to be fully assessed for risk in accordance with a template to be circulated by Secretary ACA. The completed risk assessment is to be attached to all calling notices to players and officials. If Commanding Officers (the Duty Holder and responsible for the safety of all players and officials whilst engaged in cricket) are not satisfied that safety measures are not in place the player/official may not be released. Within the scope of the risk assessment, cricket managers are to assess the various risk factors inherent within the game prior to each cricketing event and seek to mitigate any risks that might arise. The following areas are to be covered:

- a. Facilities – The standard of the facilities, including the playing surface and the state of weather in which the match is to be played.
- b. First Aid – Equipment and details of the most appropriate nearby medical facilities, including nearest A&E. All ECB-qualified coaches should be in date Sports First Aid. Medical

plans are to be in place for all fixtures, and officials are to be provided with the telephone number of nearby Garrison and NHS medical facilities, in case of emergencies.

- c. Protective equipment – Provision and scaling (see below). Serviceable helmets are to be available at every match conducted within the Army.
- d. Training aides and facilities – All are to be inspected prior to use to ensure safe to use.
- e. Driving – To and from games (a number of players in the past have driven a long distance overnight, played a match and then returned home without sufficient rest).
- f. Hydration – Drinks breaks and availability of water (to include food intake).
- g. Warm up/Warm down – to reduce the risk of injury, mainly to muscles.
- h. Alcohol – no one under the influence should be allowed to participate in training or matches.
- i. Under 18's – Any under 18's ECB policy is to be included.

13. It is also important to factor in the standard of players engaged in the match, in line with the Grade system adopted within Army Cricket. In considering this, it can be the case that lower grade cricketers may present more risk if bowling with limited control over their action.

14. Army cricketing policy is that approved helmets must compulsorily be worn by all players under the age of 18, whatever their ability, and by all batsmen who are facing bowlers two grades above them in terms of ability. Close-in fielders, who are placed within 5m of the striker, are to be provided with a box, shin pads and a helmet with grille. All batsmen and wicketkeepers are also to wear pads and a protective box.

15. In cases where the safety of players may be a factor, officiating umpires are to determine whether or not play should continue. If there are no trained officials present, the senior ranking officer or soldier on each team must determine the safety of continuing play.

Catering

16. Catering for all Army home matches will be booked by the Secretary ACA. Generally, a hot or cold buffet would be on offer with sandwiches and cakes available after the match. All calling notices are to have the scheduled feeding plan to cover the time when on Army cricket duty. Each team manager is to plan with the ACA Secretary once fixtures are released to be able to budget for the coming season to ensure all players and staff are catered for at no extra cost to individual.

17. Consideration will be given during 2017 to consider whether a blanket policy for catering is required down to Corps level.

Personnel Security

18. Whilst the use of social media and insecure web-based communications is acceptable for communications, executive committee members and team managers should consider the requirement for an appropriate level of discretion when providing the details of fixtures involving service personnel where these are to take place 'outside the wire'. At the very least, security risk assessments should be considered, particularly when VIP guests may be involved.

Annex:

- A. ACA Code of Conduct.

ACA CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The source documents for the Army Cricket Association Code of Conduct are:
 - a. The ICC Code of Conduct (ref E65A97).
 - b. The ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket.
 - c. The Inter-Services Code of Conduct.

Persons/Matches Covered

2. This Code of conduct shall apply to:
 - a. Players.
 - b. Team Officials.
3. This Code of Conduct shall apply to all matches conducted within the Army, at representative, Corps and unit level.

Rules of Conduct – Offences and Penalties

4. Players and/or Team Officials shall at all times play within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket and the Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to (Rule 11.1 deals with the application of and penalties for breach of this rule).
5. Players and Team Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status which could bring them or the game into disrepute (Rule 11.1 deals with the application of and penalties for breaches of this rule).
6. The Rules of Conduct for Offences and Penalties are separated into 4 different Levels and each level of offence has a stipulated penalty.

Level I

7. The Offences set out in 7.1 to 7.6 are Level I offences. The penalty for a level I offence shall be an official reprimand.
 - 7.1 Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
 - 7.2 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
 - 7.3 Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture.
 - 7.4 Excessive appealing.
 - 7.5 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding team upon the dismissal of a batsman.
 - 7.6 Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment, on a match-related incident or match official.

Level 2

8. The Offences set out in 8.1 to 8.9 are Level 2 offences. The penalty for a Level 2 offence shall be a 1 match suspension.

8.1 Repeat of any Level 1 offence within 12 months.

8.2. Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.

8.3 Serious public criticism of or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.

8.4 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play.

8.5 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

8.6 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.

8.7 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or official in any inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

8.8 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, Tournament Director, Team Official or spectator (it is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, Umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).

8.9 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.

Level 3

9. The Offences set out in 9.1 to 9.4 are Level 3 offences. The penalty for a Level 3 offence shall be a 2 match ban.

9.1 Repeat of any Level 2 offence within a 12 month period.

9.2 Intimidation of an Umpire or Official whether by language or conduct.

9.3 Threat of assault on another Player, Official or Spectator.

9.4 Using language or gestures that **offends**, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Level 4

10. The Offences set out in 10.1 to 10.6 are Level 4 offences. The penalty for a Level 4 shall be a ban of between 4 matches up to a life ban for the Player or Official concerned.

10.1 Repeat of any Level 3 offence within 12 months of such an offence.

10.2 Threat of assault on an Umpire or Official.

10.3 Physical assault of another Player, Umpire, Official or Spectator.

10.4 Any act of violence on the field of play.

10.5 Using language or gestures that **seriously offends**, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Notes

11.1 Where the facts, gravity or seriousness of an alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences:

a. Breach of Rule 4 – conduct contrary to the spirit of the game.

or

b. Breach of Rule 5 – conduct that brings the game into disrepute.

11.2 The person laying such a charge must specify the level of the breach to accompany the charge: for example, “conduct contrary to the spirit of the game – Level 2” or “conduct that brings the game into disrepute – Level 1”.

11.3 In deciding the penalty the Disciplinary Board (DB) is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged.

11.4 If property is damaged, the Disciplinary Board may order compensation to the aggrieved party as part of, and as well as, the award of any penalty.

11.5 Penalties are to be applied in the form of matches in which the player is likely to play. The penalty will take immediate effect and be applied to the next match(es) in any Tournament or carry over into the following seasons Tournament. The Disciplinary Board is to specify the number of matches the player is banned for.

11.6 Where there are separate incidents in the course of a match, the Umpire should lay separate charges. If the Disciplinary Board finds the person charged guilty of more than one offence, they should impose separate penalties in respect of each offence. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

11.7 Plea bargaining is not permitted. It is open to the Disciplinary Board to find a player guilty of an offence in a level lower than in which he is charged where the consistent elements of the lesser offence are the same. For example, if a player is charged with serious dissent under 7.2, it is open for the Disciplinary Board to find the player guilty under clause 6.2 of dissent rather than serious dissent.

11.8 Nothing in this Code of Conduct alters the responsibility on the Captain to ensure that the spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

11.9 The ACA Chairman, ACA Secretary and commanding officer shall be notified (or appointees as applicable) of all Players penalised under the Code of Conduct and are to ensure that any ban is served. The President and Chairman of the Corps Cricket Club of which the player is a member shall also be so informed.

11.10 A Player or Official shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or a penalty imposed in respect of Level 2-4 offences.

The Disciplinary Board

12. The ACA Executive shall appoint the Disciplinary Board (DB) and that Board shall have no less than three members with one member being a UKAF ACO member.

12.1 The Disciplinary Board shall:

- a. Ensure the full implications of Law 42.1 are properly understood and upheld.
- b. Ensure the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein, are upheld.
- c. Investigate and adjudicate upon alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct notified to them.
- d. Ensure the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct.
- e. Report to the ACA on matters relating to player safety at the ground; the pitch and out-field preparations.

12.4 The Disciplinary Board shall have full powers in respect to investigating and imposing sanctions for breaches of the Rules of Conduct.

12.5 The Disciplinary Board has the authority to listen to and decide upon any appeal against any penalties they impose.

12.6 All breaches of the Code of Conduct and Rules of Conduct contained therein shall be investigated and resolved immediately after the match in which any offence was committed or alleged.

12.7 Impress on the importance of the Code of Conduct and the seriousness of any of the Rules of Conduct contained therein. Inform the Captain that in the event of an alleged breach of the rule 7.10 where it is not possible to identify the Player who is in breach, the Captain may be the person charged and subjected to any sanction which would otherwise have been imposed on the Player responsible, had that Player been identified.

12.8 Any Tournament Director/Referee (including 3rd Umpire(s) acting in this role) appointed shall have the powers of the Disciplinary Board and may act accordingly and independently within in the ACA Code of Conduct when appointed to any Tournament/Festival hosted/held by the ACA.

Reporting Procedure

13 General

13.1 An alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct can be reported by:

- a. The Umpires, including the 3rd umpire (if appointed) and Scorer Officials.
- b. The Team Manager, either on his own or on behalf of any of his Players participating in the match.
- c. The Chief Executive of either side participating in the match.

13.2 A report must be made in writing to the Disciplinary Board, signed and dated by the person(s) making the report and, if possible, be on an appropriate form, sample on last page of this document.

13.3 The Disciplinary Board should be notified ASAP in the event that a report is going to be submitted.

13.4 All reports are to be completed either during the Match or immediately upon the conclusion of the match and submitted to the Disciplinary Board ASAP after the close of play.

13.5 The Disciplinary Board upon receiving a report should notify the appropriate Team Manager/Corps Sec that a report has been submitted, who it is against and that investigative and possibly punishment will be administered ASAP after the close of play/end of match but within 3 days and before the call of play for the side's next match in the event of a tournament.

Disciplinary Procedure

14.1 As soon as reasonably possible after play has concluded (in a Tournament) the Disciplinary Board shall hold a hearing to investigate the alleged breach. A report submitted to the DB during the season (after a match), then the DB shall both convene and produce a decision/outcome within 21 days excluding weekends and bank holidays.

14.2 In addition to the Disciplinary Board the persons present at the hearing shall be:

- a. The person charged.
- b. The person lodging the report if not an umpire. Umpires/Officials are to be present/called upon as and when required by the Disciplinary Board following liaising with the UKAF ACO Committee or TD.
- c. If the person charged is a Player, his Captain and Team Manager
- d. If the Player charged is the Captain then the vice-captain should be present.
- e. Any other person the Disciplinary Board decides pertinent.

Disciplinary Board Decision

15.1 In the event that a report is made in a Tournament, it shall be dealt with within the Tournament to a conclusion.

15.2 A report submitted to the Disciplinary Board during the season, the DB shall both convene and produce a decision/outcome within 21 days excluding weekends and bank holidays.

15.3 At the end of the hearing the Disciplinary Board should take a short adjournment (min 5 minutes) prior to the announcement of the decision.

15.4 After the Disciplinary Board has given a decision the person charged shall be given the opportunity to make a statement prior to the announcement of any sanction/penalty.

15.5 After listening to any statement from the charged person the Disciplinary Board shall pronounce any sanction imposed and the consequence of this decision.

15.6 The decision can be given orally but must be followed up with a written notification of his decision and sanctions within 7 working days.

15.7 In the event of the Disciplinary Board determining that a Player or Team Official is in breach of the Rules of Conduct the Disciplinary Board shall inform the Chairman of his finding and the Sanction imposed.

15.8 The Disciplinary Board decision is final and binding.

Penalties to be imposed by the Disciplinary Board

16.1 The maximum ban that can be imposed is a life ban from all Service cricket, which will mean a ban until the end of that person's service career.

16.2 If necessary the ban will carry over into subsequent Services Tournaments and all ACA cricket played.

16.3 Any bans on players will be imposed at the same or higher level that the infraction took place in

Penalties – General

17.1 Once the Disciplinary Board has informed the person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct of the sanction, if any, the Disciplinary Board shall inform the Chairman of the player on which the sanction is to be imposed. In the event of a ban the ACA/Disciplinary Board is to inform, the UKAFCA Sec, UKAF ACO Chairman and Gen Sec and the player's Corps/Unit/Club/Team.

17.2 The Disciplinary Board is to:

- a. Clearly identify when any ban commences.
- b. Clearly identify the name of any person to whom the sanction applies.
- c. Clearly stipulate when any sanction expires.

Miscellaneous

18.1 Every reference in this Code of Conduct in the masculine shall be deemed, for the purposes of interpretation, to include a reference to the feminine gender.

18.2 Where the context so permits reference in the singular shall be deemed to include references in the plural even though not expressly stated.

Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket

19. This Code of Cricket incorporates the Spirit of Cricket as set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the UKAFCA and is applied to all service cricket.

19.1 The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the Laws.

19.2 Players and Team Officials must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.

19.3 Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or a spectator

19.4 Players and team officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (slinging) or make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.

19.5 Players and team officials shall not make racially abusive comments or indulge in abusive actions against fellow players, officials or spectators.

The Spirit of Cricket

20. Cricket is a game that owes much to the unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within the Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring this spirit of fair play rests with the Captain.

20.1 There are 2 Laws which place this responsibility with the Captain.

20.2 The Captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

20.3 Players conduct; in the event of any player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or by criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain and instruct the captain to take action.

Fair and Unfair Play

21. According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

21.1 The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action when required.

Umpires Authorised to Intervene in Cases Of:

22.1 Time wasting.

22.2 Damaging the pitch.

22.3 Dangerous or unfair bowling.

22.4 Tampering with the ball.

22.5 Any other action they consider to be unfair.

The Spirit of the Game Involves Respect for:

23.1 Your opponents.

23.2 Your own captain and team.

23.3 The role of the umpires.

23.4 The traditions of the game.

It is against the Spirit of the Game to:

24.1 Dispute the umpire's decision by word, action or gesture.

24.2 Direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire.

24.3 Indulge in any cheating or sharp practice for instance:

a. To appeal knowing the batsman is not out.

- b. To advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- c. To seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of his own side.

Violence

25. There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play and instances of such will attract severe penalty.

Players

26. Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important and positive contribution to this.

Guidance for Offences

27. The schedule of offences contained in the Army Cricket Association Code of Conduct has been drafted in clear and plain English. These guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Code; the provisions of the Code itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guideline. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

Level I	Guidelines
7.1 Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.	Includes action outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions, which intentionally or negligently result in damage any part of the ground or buildings including fixtures and fittings.
7.2 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision. Obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or field of play.
7.3 Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture.	Includes swearing and obscene gestures, which are not directed at another person such as swearing at one's own poor play or fortune. Not intended to penalise trivial behaviour, the extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account.
7.4 Excessive appealing.	Repeated appealing when bowler/fielder knows batsman is not out with the intention to put the Umpire under pressure. Not intended to prevent loud enthusiastic appeals. However, celebrating a dismissal before the decision has been given may constitute excessive appealing.
7.5 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding team upon the dismissal of a batsman.	Self explanatory.
7.6 Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.	Without limitation, everyone will breach this rule if they public ally criticise the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account. This also includes inappropriate interaction with the scorers.

Level 2	
8.1 Repeat of any Level 1 offence within 12 months of such offence.	
8.2 Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching a cap from umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.
8.3 Serious public criticism of. Or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.	Same as 7.6
8.4 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player.
8.5 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	Self explanatory.
8.6 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.	Self explanatory.
8.7 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or official in any inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.	This will not prohibit a bowler/fielder from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
8.8 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, Tournament Director, Team Official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, Umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).	Any language or gesture, which is directed at another person(s). In exercising his judgement as to whether the behaviour has fallen below an acceptable standard, the umpire shall be required to take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gesture are likely to: Be regarded as obscene; or Give offence; or Insult another person. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of this breach.
8.9 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.	Deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball save for perspiration and saliva shall not be permitted.
Level 3	
9.1 Repeat of any Level 2 offence within a 12 month period.	
9.2 Intimidation of an Umpire or Official whether by language or conduct.	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.

9.3 Threat of assault on another Player, Official or Spectator.	Self explanatory.
9.4 Using language or gestures that offends , insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	In assessing the seriousness of a breach to the degree, which the behaviour was likely to give offence (to the ordinary person), and whether it was directed specifically towards any person(s) shall be taken into account.
Level 4	
10.1 Repeat of any Level 3 offence within 12 months of such an offence.	
10.2 Threat of assault on an Umpire or Official.	
10.3 Physical assault of another Player, Umpire, Official or Spectator.	
10.4 Any act of violence on the field of play.	
10.5 Using language or gestures that seriously offends , insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	See 9.4.
Conduct Contrary to the Spirit of the Game	General catch all clause. Conduct which is prohibited under this cause includes using an illegal bat, wicket keeping gloves, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempt to mislead the umpire) and any conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42.
Conduct unbecoming their status or which brings the game into disrepute.	Another catch all clause and intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly behaviour, inappropriate public comment which is detrimental to the interests of the game. In this respect any comment, which denigrates another player, official, umpire or scorer shall be prohibited under this regulation.

Army Cricket Association

Incident Report Form

(This form is to be completed immediately after the match and forwarded to the Disciplinary Board)

This form can also be used by Umpires for the use of the Reporting Procedure in accordance with Law 42 Fair and Unfair Play as applicable

Name of Person Raising Report			
Name		Position/Appointment	
Name of Umpires			
1		2	
Match Details			
Home Team		Away Team	
v			
Captain Name		Captain Name	
Executive Name		Executive Name	
Position (Reported to yes/no)		Position (Reported to yes/no)	
Date of Match		Code Violation	
Person(s) involved in incident			
Name		Team	
Give details of the incident including any verbal instruction or warnings issued to captain(s), name(s) of offenders and action taken at the time:-			
Date	/	/	
Signed: Umpire 1		Umpire 2	
Reporter if not Umpire			

CHAPTER 11 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARMY CRICKET ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

1. ASCB is in the midst of reviewing the committee structure for each sport under its remit, and we have been asked to formalise the responsibilities of our volunteer officers so as to create a degree of equity on the burden imposed on our full-time Secretary and his supporting staff. That said, it is recognised that volunteer staff will occasionally be unable to commit owing to unforeseen work pressures.
2. **President (OF6/7/8).**
 - a. Advocate for cricket in the highest echelons of the Army.
 - b. Generate support from senior officers for the principal events in the annual cricketing calendar.
 - c. Assist in the hosting of sponsors, and in the identification and development of future sponsorship opportunities.
3. **Chairman (OF5/6).**
 - a. Provide strategic direction to the Executive Committee and ACA in general;
 - b. Represent the Executive Committee's view to the President;
 - c. Select officers of the ACA, including team captains;
 - d. Represent ACA on the United Kingdom Armed Forces Cricket Association Executive Committee and, on rotation, assume the chair (next for Army 2017 and 2018);
 - e. Represent ACA on the Army Sports Control Board's AGM;
 - f. Lead on sponsor development and relations;
 - g. Ensure financial propriety is maintained within the ACA budget;
 - h. Produce the annual Army Cricket strategy and own policy for cricket in the Army;
 - i. Act as the Authority and champion for cricket within the Army.
4. **Director Corps and Unit Cricket/Vice Chairman (OF4/5)**
 - a. Oversee the sustainable development of cricket at the grassroots level;
 - b. Develop and strengthen relationships between the ACA and Corps chairmen/secretaries;
 - c. Oversee the production of the Army's input into the annual UKAFCA cricket brochure;
 - d. Run, with the help of an Assistant Director (OF2/3), the inter-Corps competitions, and the Major and Minor Unit trophies;
 - e. Resolve issues emanating at lower levels but reported to ACA, with particular focus on deciding the outcome of disputes in the Corps and unit competitions and on disciplinary sanctions in Corps and unit cricket;

f. Deputise for the Chairman as and when necessary, particularly when the Army is in the lead for UKAFCA (in 2017 and 2018).

5. Director Representative Cricket (OF4/5)

- a. Provide strategic direction for all representative cricket within the Army;
- b. Oversee the selection, development and performance of team managers;
- c. Organise and run annual trials and pre-season training for representative teams;
- d. Lead on coaching development within the ACA and work with the Head Coach to appoint coaches and physiotherapists to representative teams;
- e. Act as main point of contact with Phase 1 and 2 training establishments to identify talent for representative cricket;
- f. Lead the scouting organisation;
- g. Act as tour manager when more than one representative side is touring to the same location;
- h. Act as lead liaison officer with the ECB;
- i. Deputise for the Chairman as and when necessary.

6. Director Infrastructure, Grounds and Equipment (OF4/5)

- a. Govern the development of cricketing infrastructure (including grounds, practice facilities and fixed scoreboards) across the Army;
- b. Act as the authority for pitch quality in the Army;
- c. Scrutinise requirements for insurance to cover cricketing activity throughout the Army;
- d. Develop a baseline of knowledge of existing cricketing facilities;
- e. Develop relationships with commercial companies for the efficient purchase of cricketing infrastructure and equipment, passing savings to all involved in Army cricket at whatever level;
- f. Forecast the sports equipment requirement and bid for SEPF funds;
- g. Negotiate with 3rd party users of Army cricket facilities (e.g. ECB) regarding their access rights and responsibilities regarding accountability;
- h. Own the development plan for the Aldershot facilities, and manage any projects to improve capability.

7. Secretary (Grade C2, Crown Servant)

- a. Establish the representative fixture programme, including tours;
- b. Schedule inter-Corps and Army Cup competitions;

- c. Make appropriate arrangement for all representative fixtures, handing over responsibility for refinement and execution to Team Managers;
- d. Manage allocation of officials to matches;
- e. Provide direction to Corps cricket secretaries, as their principal point of contact for routine matters;
- f. Under the direction of Assistant Director Competitions, liaise with Corps and units to get maximum participation in ACA-run competitions and run all administrative aspects of them;
- g. Manage the ACA budget;
- h. Manage the ACA's civilian staff;
- i. Act as custodian of ACA's heritage, statistics, property and history;
- j. Act as initial and secondary point of contact for ACA's sponsors;
- k. Run ACA communications and manage the content of the ACA website.
- l. Oversee the work of the ACA groundsman at Aldershot, and ensure that ACA facilities are managed in an efficient and suitably respectable manner;
- m. Maintain records of all committee meetings and act as the custodian of Army cricketing policy;
- n. Act as principal working level point of contact for the Army Sports Control Board, notifying them of contact details, fixtures, elite sportsmen and women, officials and results;
- o. Promulgate rule and policy changes emanating from the ECB;
- p. Act as endorsement authority for all Corps and unit overseas sports visits of a cricketing nature;
- q. Staff and endorse applications from elite cricketers to gain access to appropriate funds and scholarships.

8. Assistant Director Competitions (OF2/3).

- a. Own, develop and promulgate the tournament rules for each of the competitions sponsored by ACA;
- b. Conduct the draw for the various competitions;
- c. Resolve issues pertaining to the competitions, and raise points for higher-level resolution to the Director Corps and Unit Cricket;
- d. Ensure that the Secretary has arranged the administrative details of competitions to an appropriate standard.

9. Head Coach (any rank).

- a. Act as part of the selection committee for each of the representative level teams, in consultation with managers and coaches;

- b. Assure synergy between the Development set up and the full sides. There must be clear lines for progression of talent and the Head Coach must work closely with the Development Coach to ensure that performance in the Development/Lions is recognised and players are 'pulled' up to full level;
- c. Plan and deliver player development for all cricket, including winter and pre-season training;
- d. Ensure that the coach force for the Army is qualified and prepared to deliver coach support at representative level. Ideally all representative coaches should be Level 3, but the minimum should be Level 2;
- e. Advise the Director Representative Cricket on coaching appointments for each season;
- f. Advise the Director Representative Cricket and Secretary on the standard of fixtures required in each season based on the expected capacity of Army squads;
- g. Provide an end of season report to the Director of Representative Cricket on coaching and on-field activity for each season;
- h. Maintain and account for all Army Coaching equipment;
- i. Present costed options for purchase of new and replacement equipment as needed;
- j. Load and deliver coaching courses, maintaining a record of all qualified coaches within the Army.

10. Manager Army Men's Team.

- a. Manage and administer the Men's Team to the best of their skill and ability and ensure that the Team and each member within it plays to its full potential and is well-organised and disciplined both and off the field;
- b. Responsible for all communication with players with regard to availability and selection;
- c. Production of a costed plan for the season, and appreciation of the need for appropriate levels of husbandry in the use of resources;
- d. Management of a clothing sub-account for the team ensuring that players are accountable for the kit and that they maintain it in a serviceable condition.
- e. Manage all off-field matters, including disciplinary issues, and raise items to higher level when required;
- f. Attend such seminars and briefing sessions as may be arranged or organised by ACA from time to time.

11. Manager Army Development/Lions Team.

- a. Manage and administer the Development/Lions Teams to the best of their skill and ability and ensure that the Team and each member within it plays to its full potential and is well-organised and disciplined both and off the field;
- b. Responsible for all communication with players with regard to availability and selection;

- c. Production of a costed plan for the season, and appreciation of the need for appropriate levels of husbandry in the use of resources;
- d. Management of a clothing sub-account for the team ensuring that players are accountable for the kit and that they maintain it in a serviceable condition.
- e. Manage all off-field matters, including disciplinary issues, and raise items to higher level when required;
- f. Attend such seminars and briefing sessions as may be arranged or organised by ACA from time to time.

12. Manager Army Ladies' Team.

- a. Manage and administer the Ladies' Team to the best of their skill and ability and ensure that the Team and each member within it plays to its full potential and is well-organised and disciplined both on and off the field;
- b. Responsible for all communication with players with regard to availability and selection;
- c. Production of a costed plan for the season, and appreciation of the need for appropriate levels of husbandry in the use of resources;
- d. Management of a clothing sub-account for the team ensuring that players are accountable for the kit and that they maintain it in a serviceable condition.
- e. Manage all off-field matters, including disciplinary issues, and raise items to higher level when required;
- f. Attend such seminars and briefing sessions as may be arranged or organised by ACA from time to time.

13. Representative Level Coaches. In addition to managing a fitness and development programme prior to and during each season, representative coaches' duties are as follows:

a. Army Coach.

- Working with the Head Coach, plan and deliver warm up & cool down and team preparation sessions pre- and post-game.
- Deliver one-to-one technical sessions with players throughout the season.
- Provide input to the Head Coach and Captain on squad and team selection.
- Assist the Head Coach in the planning and delivery of pre-season training.
- Manage and account for the Army Team's Coaching kit.

b. Development and Lions Coach.

- Plan and deliver warm up & cool down and team preparation sessions pre- and post-game.
- Deliver one-to-one technical sessions with players throughout the season.
- Working with Head Coach, Development/Lions Manager selects the squads and final 12 for each Development and Lions game.
- Provide a report to the Head Coach on team and player performance after each game.
- Assist the Head Coach in the planning and delivery of pre-season training.

- Manage and account for the Development and Lions Coaching kit.

c. **Assistant Coach Development and Lions.**

- Working with the Development and Lions Coach, plan and deliver warm up & cool down and team preparation sessions pre- and post-game.
- Deliver one-to-one technical sessions with players throughout the season.
- Provide input to the Development and Lions Coach on team selection.
- Assist the Head Coach in the delivery of pre-season training.

d. **Army Ladies Coach.**

- Plan and deliver warm up & cool down and team preparation sessions pre- and post-game.
- Deliver one-to-one technical sessions with players throughout the season
- Working with the Ladies Manager and Captain, select the squads and final 12 for each game.
- Working with Ladies Manager and Captain, plan and deliver pre-season training.
- Manage and account for the Ladies coaching kit.

14. **Representative Level Physiotherapists.** The Secretary is to contact HQ AMS pre-season to arrange Physiotherapist cover at all Representative matches. Liaison is also to be maintained with Chairman AMS cricket and Headley Court.

15. **Webmaster.** The Secretary is to liaise with the webmaster, to ensure the ACA website is maintained, updated, and sufficiently resourced.

16. **Statistician/Historian.** The Secretary is to liaise with Victor Isaacs in order to maintain and update all ACA records and Archive material; as well as to ensure all Representative matches are recorded on Cricket Archive.

CHAPTER 12 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF CORPS AND UNIT CRICKET OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES

1. The grassroots level of the game is of equal importance to the ACA as the representative level, and it is essential that each affiliate to the association has the requisite governance structures in place to enable cricket to be played throughout the Army. Doing so requires a network of volunteer staff, under the direction of an officer appointed to direct sport at Corps or unit level. Officers selected to plan and run cricket at Corps and unit should take their responsibilities seriously and use this handbook as a guide. The aim of their involvement should be to maximise opportunities for as many officers and soldiers as possible to participate safely in the sport, at the level they feel most comfortable.

2. The responsibilities of Corps and unit cricket officers will be laid down under local arrangements, and overseen by an established sports control governance function at Corps or unit level (e.g. Unit Sports Boards, normally run by second-in-commands). Responsibilities largely mirror those at Army level, but also include the following:

- a. Identification of talented cricketers for development and eventual projection into higher grades of cricket;
- b. Organisation of safe and enjoyable cricket at local levels (e.g. mess cricket or inter-subunit competitions);
- c. Purchase and management of suitable equipment;
- d. Oversight of cricketing infrastructure provided under local arrangements, and liaison with Corps Secretaries, Garrison staff and ACA when provision falls short of entitlement;
- e. Arranging for the identification and development of sports officials and coaches;
- f. Management of budgets and bids for public and non-public funds;
- g. Organisation of tours.

3. The making of a positive contribution to sport within a unit or Corps is a deeply satisfying experience from a personal perspective, but needs also to be recognised more widely, both in terms of appraisal and H&A. It is essential to reward those whose contribution raises them considerably above their peers, and the Army Cricket Association will advocate for this on people's behalves if the system does not otherwise provide. It is important, too, to ensure that those who commit selflessly and voluntarily to the organisation of sport within the Army do not suffer professionally as a result. The ACA will also advocate for this, and is prepared to intervene where there are issues locally. Sport in the Army is a high priority for the current CGS, and it is the responsibility of the chain of command to ensure that those who volunteer to administer the game are not at any sort of disadvantage.

CHAPTER 13 – THE PLAYERS’ CHARTER

The following charter has been created to establish exactly what is expected of officers and soldiers selected to play cricket at any level within the Army.

Officers of the ACA and its constituent Corps’ associations will:

1. Ensure that your chain of command is notified of your squad selection, team selection and progress as a unit, corps, Army or UKAF cricketer.
2. Encourage your chain of command to release you for all of your cricketing commitments, whilst paying due regard to your career aspirations and the potential for operational responsibilities to be prioritised.
3. Advocate for sport within the Army, creating the conditions for you to play at the highest standard commensurate to your ability.
4. Provide you with the highest feasible standard of facilities, kit and equipment, commensurate with the level that you play.
5. Seek sponsorship deals to place Army and Corps cricket on a sound and sustainable financial footing, and to ensure that you continue to pay as little as possible to participate in the game.
6. Provide safe conditions within which you can play, take steps to mitigate the risk of personal injury and react quickly to any safety-related incidents which occur.

You will:

1. Communicate effectively and respond quickly and fulsomely to requests for information.
2. Dress appropriately and represent your Army, Corps and Unit with a sense of pride commensurate to the occasion.
3. Engage positively with managers, coaches, officials, committee members, spectators and sponsors in a professional manner that enhances the reputation of the Army.
4. Play entirely within the spirit of the game.
5. Act as ambassadors for Army and Corps cricket by demonstrating a positive attitude within your usual place of work.
6. Provide personal equipment and clothing when none can reasonably be supplied at ACA’s or Corps’ expense.
7. **(For Army and UKAF players only)** Recompense the ACA/UKAFCA for costs involved in the provision of hotel accommodation that you requested but do not then use.
8. **(For Captains only)** Provide a short match report and grade those officiating in your matches within the requisite time period.

