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**ARMY SNOWBOARDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 - EXERCISE SNOW JACK 2022 (EX SJ 22)
– 19 Mar – 1 Apr 2022**

Update 10 Jan 22: All dates moved to period 19 Mar – 1 Apr 22. Registration open to 4 Feb. Changes in red below.

COVID Update: Austrian Covid regulations (<https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations>) must be followed without exception.

There are additional requirements on all teams to provide contingency plans in the event of a positive Covid test or symptoms. These plans will have to include immediate quarantine in location of all affected personnel and a designated support person available to them throughout the quarantine period. Full details at this link: <https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/sick-during-holiday>. Units must have conplans and agreements with the accommodation provider in place prior to StartEx.

Note that large gatherings are not permitted thus briefings including welcome address may be limited to Team Cpts only. More information will be provided prior to arrival in location.

References:

- A. [2021DIN10-013 - Army European Winter Activity Instruction 2021/2](#)
- B. [2021DIN10-016 - Army Alpine Nordic, Skiing and Snowboard Exercises 2022](#)
- C. [2019DIN10-025 - Travel at Public Expense for Army Sport](#)
- D. [2018DIN10-016 - Army Sports Lottery](#)
- E. [2019DIN10-029 - Berlin Infantry Brigade Memorial Trust Fund \(BIBMTF\)](#)
- F. [ASB Safety Governance and Assurance Directive 2021/22](#)
- G. [Army Snowboarding \(ASB\) Rules & Regulations for 21/22 Season](#)

INTRODUCTION

1. **Background.** Ex SJ 22 is the Army Snowboarding Championships for the 2021/22 season, taking place in [Flachauwinkl](#) in the Ski Amade Area of Austria over the period **13 Mar – 2 Apr 22 accounting for travel periods**. Ref A para 1 provides the Ex Authority. [Shuttleberg](#) have been contracted to deliver all aspects of the competition less key officials which will form the Race Committee¹. The exercise will be open to snowboarders only who will compete in either the Novice or Open Category.

2. **Aim.** The aim of this instruction is to ensure that officials, teams and individuals are correctly prepared and authorised to attend. The majority of policy and direction is contained in the references which are current as at time of writing. All event-specific information is held and promulgated through the [Army Snowboarding Defence Connect Site](#) which requires a Defence Gateway login and is accessible through the Jive App. Further advice is available from Army and Corps Cttes.

¹ Exercise Director (ExDir), G4 Support (G4), 2x Technical Delegate (TD), 2x Chief of Race (CoR), 2x Chief of Gates (CoG).

3. **Further Information.** All References can be found via [Army Snowboarding on Defence Connect](https://jive.defencegateway.mod.uk/events/113463) (DC). Direct links to the event details pages are here: <https://jive.defencegateway.mod.uk/events/113463>.

EXECUTION

4. **Initial Registration: (Sep-Dec Feb 21).** Entrants are to complete the [registration survey form on Def Connect](#) ~~NLT 24 Nov 21~~ **4 Feb 22**. Initial registration or expression of interest can be made with minimal team details and then updated later. Initial Registration helps scope competition planning and size, and book lift passes. Lift passes will require a photo of passport quality and size.

5. **Team Training (Week 0: ~~9-14 Jan~~ 13-18 Mar 22).** As a demanding wintersport activity the competition requires effective training and preparation by all competitors. A non-competition 'Week 0' has been established for Corps Team Captains to conduct appropriate competitive training. There is no provision for Army Committee personnel to be present so all activity is conducted under sole control and direction of Corps Committees and Team Captains. Appropriate planning, risk assessments and control measures must be undertaken by all attendees of Week 0, with copies sent to Exercise Director (ExDir) before start of training.

6. **Full Registration: (Ex SJ Day 1 – Sat ~~15 Jan~~ 19 Mar 22).** Competition Registration will be conducted in person by **Team Captains or individual entrants** at the Race Office (**Alpin-Chalets para 36 c.) between 1200 and 1500hrs**. Any competitor who is going to be late for registration must contact the Ex Director. Team Captains who are registering for their teams must be in possession of all paperwork for the team, completed in advance. The following activity will take place:

- (1) Confirmation of team and individual competitor details already submitted.
- (2) Completion of the Athlete's Declaration (one per competitor) using the form at Annex A.
- (3) Confirmation of appropriate medical and indemnity insurance.
- (4) Verification of AWSA membership. This can be done by either producing the AWSA membership card, quoting the AWSA membership number or showing email/letter proof that membership has been applied for.
- (5) Payment of €50 (per person) entry fee; electronic payment preferred, or **cash in € only**.
- (6) Payment for discounted lift passes which will be distributed the following morning (Sunday) at the Race Office; electronic payment preferred, or **cash in € only**.. Late payments will not be accepted.
- (7) Late return of any trophies / presentation pieces from previous championships². NB. These are actually expected ~~NLT 01 Dec 21~~ **01 Mar 22** complete and engraved. Charges will be applied for not meeting these requirements as replacement trophies will have to be sourced.

7. **Competition.** The exercise will comprise of 2 events (Open and Novice Competitions) currently planned in the following order: Open: Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Snowboard Cross (SBX) and Slope Style (SS). Novice: Slalom (S) and Slope Style (SS). The outline Main Events List (MEL), noting the Race Ctte reserves the absolute right to amend the order as required particularly for weather or safety reasons. Provisional seeding process is likely to be: Top 16

² By exception only; recipients of presentations from SNOW JACK 20 are to return them on receipt of this instruction.

seeding for the qualifying stages of PGS and SS will be based on Ex SNOW JACK 20 results. SBX seeding will be based on the PGS final results.

Ser	Date	Open Comp	Novice Comp	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(e)
1	9-14 Jan 13-18 Mar	Week 0 Training		Various	Pre-comp training under Team Capts' control
2	Fri 18 Mar	Officials arrive		Flachau	Locn TBC
3	Sat 19 Mar	Competition registration Team Capts' initial brief Discounted lift pass issue		Race Office, Flachauwinkl	12:00 – 15:00
		Arrival presentation (Covid dependent)		Loc TBC	19:00 – 20:00
4	Sun 20 Jan	PGS training	Slalom training	Piste confirmed at TC brief	Time TBC ³ Team Capts' control NB. All to attend each qualifier and final event.
5	Mon 21 Mar	PGS qualifier	Slalom training		
6	Tue 22 Mar	PGS final	Slalom training		
7	Wed 23 Mar	SBX training	Slalom qualifier		
8	Thu 24 Mar	SBX training	Slalom final		
9	Fri 25 Mar	SBX qualifier	Team Training		
10	Sat 26 Mar	SBX final	Team Training		
		Evening Social Event (Covid dependent – currently not permitted)			
11	Sun 27 Mar	Reserve day			Team Capts' control
12	Mon 28 Mar	Slopestyle training		Absolute Snow Park, Flachauwinkl	Team Capts' control
13	Tue 29 Mar	Slopestyle training			Team Capts' control
14	Wed 30 Mar	Slopestyle qualifier			All to attend
15	Thu 31 Mar	Slopestyle final			All to attend
		Prize giving (TBC if Reserve day not needed)			(TBC, Flachauwinkl)
16	Fri 1 Apr	Reserve Day		TBC, Flachauwinkl	Team Capts' control
		Prize Giving (1600 hrs)			
17	Sat 2 Apr	Competitors and Officials depart			Teams released to travel after 0600hrs

Nb. All large meetings are still TBC under AUT covid restrictions and may be changed to virtual.

8. **Army Team.** Any competitor identified for the Army Squad will be furnished with the relevant information at the close of the exercise. The Army Team will primarily be selected from the Ex SJ20 results due to unique situation this season. The Team Manager is WO2 Tom Etherington RE. Those selected will be invited to attend the ISSSC 22 in Meribel 30 Jan – 4 Feb 2022. Individuals who believe they are of the appropriate standard are advised to seek provisional approval from their Chain of Command and BPT provide CoC contact details to the Army Committee if selected.

³ Will be notified at Arrival Brief.

CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

9. **Primary References.** Refs A and B are the primary documents. Team captains and planners are strongly encouraged to use Annex C to Reference A as a very useful flow-chart to ensure all administration is complete.
10. **BREXIT.** Ex SJ 22 takes place as BREXIT impact is still being felt. Therefore, in addition to any FCO ([Austria travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/travel-advice)) or local Unit advice, the following recommendations must be considered:
- Insurance and Healthcare.** Team Captains must be satisfied that their team members' collective or individual insurance will cover them during the full period including any Covid-related issues. Formal advice or guarantees should be sought through the insurance provider. In-date UK GHIC or EHIC cards are still valid.
 - Movement.** In addition to the Movement details in this instruction, drivers are advised to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) available from most Post Offices and costs £5.50. Motor Insurance documents such as a Green Card may be required from insurance providers which may incur a fee. Expert advice should be sought via Unit MT departments.
 - Passports.** Personnel are reminded that passports should have at least 6 months validity when travelling.
11. **Eligibility.** In accordance with Ref A, Ex SJ 22 is an authorised Army-level Category 2 sporting competition. The following rules apply to all registered competitors:
- Novice Definition.** Novices are those who have not snowboarded prior to 01 May 21. It is critical that this definition is followed in good faith; those who obviously contravene this will be placed into the Open competition at the Race Committee's discretion. Blatant disregard may lead to individuals being excluded from the competition entirely.
 - Competitors **including novices** must be able to confidently link turns and determine (control) their direction at speed and on varied terrain. The rider must also be familiar with or at least be prepared to attempt some basic freestyle skills and safely tackle a box/rail and a blue-line kicker. Novice training will be delivered but no competitor will be coerced / forced into an event. Further advice can be sought from respective Capbadge Snowboarding Committees, particularly for those who have not competed at Corps or Army level previously.
 - The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual who they believe are not sufficiently competent or safe to compete in the events. The Committee can also prevent any further competitive participation in the exercise if an individual/team proves not to be at a safe and competent standard or presents a hazard to themselves or others.
 - The exercise is open to all Regular Army, Reserve Army and UOTC personnel and WIS on a Recovery Pathway. UOTC personnel are ineligible for Army Team selection.
 - Freestyle skiers cannot be funded or use contracted facilities.
 - Ex-Regular / Reserve Army personnel who are registered with the Armed Forces Para Snowsports Team (AFPST), Battle Back or BLESMA are also eligible to compete but should confirm through AFPST Snowboarding before registering⁴.
12. **Competition Format.** There will be Unit, Individual and Corps competitions. The revised structure in use since Ex SJ 17 will continue to apply. This expanded the gender free options

⁴ Any AFPST, Battle Back or BLESMA riders registering should add (P) after their surname.

within the competition, whilst still recognising individuals at the gender fair novice level. In summary:

- a. **Team.** Unit teams are to consist of a max of 5 personnel with the top 4 scores in each event to count. Teams can be of a mixed gender. Team members must be nominated before the PGS qualifying event after which there can be no changes. Only in force majeure circumstances will the Race Committee consider substitutions. Composite teams (i.e. personnel from more than one unit) may be entered but are ineligible for the inter-unit team competition. Authority to enter a composite team must be sought from the Race Committee **prior** to the Exercise. Should there be a requirement to cap the number of team entries then composite teams will be the first to be cut.
- b. **Individual.** All personnel will compete within the Open and/or respective Intermediate competition. In the event that the competition capacity is exceeded then team entries will take priority followed by 'first-come-first-served' based on online registration date.
- c. **Corps.** Each Corps may enter a maximum of 8 nominated open riders with 6 to count at each event and these teams can be of a mixed gender. The novice competition will follow the same outline – 10 with 8 to count. There will be a supplementary female (gender fair) Corps competition consisting of teams of 3 with 2 to count. Corps Captains must nominate their riders before the PGS qualifying event, after which the team composition can be changed but only up to 30 mins before the relevant event. Only in force majeure circumstances will the Race Committee consider substitutions.

13. **AWSA Membership.** To compete in any Army level winter sports event competitors **must** be members of the AWSA. Full details on each type of membership can be found at <http://www.awsa.org.uk/membership/>. AWSA membership numbers **will be required** at Full Registration (See Para 5).

14. **Authority.** In accordance with Ref A, organisers and competitors require CoC Authority, Staff Clearance (SC), Transit Clearance (TC) and Diplomatic Clearance (DIPCLEAR). Full details are available in Ref A, including useful contact details at Annex D to Ref A, which takes precedence to the outlines below:

- a. **Authority.** Authority for this exercise has already been granted by the Army Sports Control Board (ASCB) to cover the full dates and travelling windows with funding authority under Ref A.
- b. **Staff Clearance (SC).** Annex A to Ref A refers. SC is required in order that Formation HQs are aware of soldiers/units in their AOR that are participating in an out of area activity. SC is to be applied for at least **6 weeks** in advance; for most of the UK-based units this is now the Bde HQ; Ref A provides contact details at Annex D. For BF(G) units this is HQ BF(G) G3 PD. HQ BF(G) has a responsibility to monitor the activity of all military 'On Duty' personnel of non-Germany based units training or transiting Germany. Team managers/Individuals wishing to transit through Germany are to complete the new online SC/PC/DC application linked in Ref A. **The Ex Director will only apply for SC for Exercise officials.**
- c. **Transit Clearance (TC).** Transiting is defined as travelling through a country without taking part in any Army Wintersports Activity (AWA) in that country. TC is the authority for UK military forces on duty to travel through Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg (BENELUX) and France (ie to/from the Channel). Ref A provides all details; **all applications must be cc'd to the Ex Director.** The Ex Director will only apply for TC for exercise officials.
- d. **Diplomatic Clearance (DIPCLEAR).** In a change from previous years, DIPCLEAR for AUSTRIA only will be submitted centrally. All attendees inc visitors must provide a full nominal role and country entry/exit points to the Ex Director. **Failure to do this will result in**

entry to the country being prevented. NLT 1 week prior to departure this nominal role must be confirmed to Ex Director.

15. **Movement.** Teams, individuals and visitors are responsible for arranging their own movement to and from the exercise, unit MT staff must be approached for up-to-date advice.

a. **Road.** All vehicles must comply with the legal requirements for vehicles in Austria and any countries transited. Unit MT advice must be sought as to where fuel cards may or may not be used eg. Tolls etc. All are to note:

(1) No 'green-fleet' i.e. military vehicles may be brought to Ex SJ.

(2) Drivers must comply with current Service Driving Regulations (ie. drivers hours, FMT600 etc) and individuals should pay particular attention towards the end of the event to ensure that if they are driving they are not fatigued.

(3) **Do not drink and drive.** European countries have a lower tolerance to the amount of alcohol that may be present in the blood when driving.

(4) Speed limits are rigorously enforced across all European countries with large 'on the spot' fines. This is a particular risk in the Flachauwinkl area.

(5) Use of Leased White Fleet Vehicles for Travel Overseas. In accordance with the direction contained in Ref A, only the use of leased White Fleet (WF) vehicles may be authorised for use overseas by the fleet manager/service provider. All are to engage early with their MT, a minimum of one month in advance, to ensure the correct leased WF vehicle is available. Only in exceptional circumstances will Rental Hire be authorised for use overseas.

(6) Winter tyres are a [legal requirement](#) for all vehicles. Team Capts must confirm any further legal requirements as needed for countries they are transiting through. (eg. Breathalyzers and additional safety eqpt are mandatory for transiting France). Unit MT can provide accurate advice.

b. **Air.** The nearest airport is Salzburg, c. 1hr away, however Munich and Innsbruck are alternatives.

c. **Sea.** UK-based units may wish to take advantage of the ASCB discounted ferry travel scheme from Dover to Calais managed by Travelleads. To make a booking email: sport@travelleads.net.

d. **Funding.** Competitors are eligible to return travel at public expense between their unit and the venue, up to a maximum per capita cost of £175; see Ref Annex B to A for more details.

16. **Ski lifts and passes.** A discounted lift pass will be available only **through online registration NLT 24 Nov 21**. For planning purposes, the cost is expected to be **€250 per person for 13 days**. Any personnel approaching the Lift Pass office direct will **not** be given the discounted rate. Team Captains / competitors are to submit their bid and payments for lift passes at Full Registration. The passes will be issued to Team Captains the morning following registration. Teams/individuals must **also include a €2 returnable deposit** for each lift pass at registration.

17. **ASB Rules.** The ASB Competition Rules have been updated for the event and can be accessed through Defence Connect and Ref G

18. **Duty Status.** In general when undertaking an activity that is not required to meet the primary aims of the exercise (snowboard competition), personnel will be deemed to be Off Duty, and

therefore not covered for liability or compensation. For all other periods, personnel will be deemed to be On Duty. The Ex Director will brief Teams Captains when Off Duty status applies.

19. **Awards.** All trophies / presentation pieces are to be returned to the ASBA Equipment Manager **NLT 01 Dec 21**. In extenuating circumstances, presentation pieces may be returned to the Committee during registration only with prior agreement from the Ex Director. Competitors who have failed to engrave their presentation will be charged €40 to cover the cost of local engraving. Address for returning items:

WO2(AQMS) John Osborne
47 Reg RA REME Workshop
Roberts Barracks
Larkhill
Wiltshire SP4 8QE
Mil: 94322 5409 Civ: 01980 634 5409
John.Osborne558@mod.gov.uk

20. **Sponsorship.** Units fortunate enough to obtain sponsorship or a voluntary donation are to be aware of the following:

a. Sponsorship is to offset any non-public costs in line with JSP 462 Pt 2, Chap 7. MOD resources and assets must not be used to raise such sponsorship. MOD officially-headed paper must not be used to give an impression that sponsors are supporting an official MOD organisation; correspondence must be on behalf of the PRI or snowboard team, not on behalf of the unit. Sponsors may not use regimental badges or the Army Badge (crossed swords) in promotional material linked to non-public sponsorship. If vehicles are provided as part of the sponsorship, the cost of maintenance, fuel, insurance etc. must be met by the sponsor or from non-public funds.

b. All dealings with sponsors or potential sponsors must adhere to the following key principles: impartiality, honesty and integrity; avoidance of conflict of interest; safeguarding reputation; accountability; regularity and propriety; avoidance of official endorsement of sponsor and/or their products. A written Sponsorship Agreement must be prepared to cover the proposal.

21. **Visits.** Visitors, especially Commanding Officers, are most welcome to support their teams. It is regretted that allowances and free lift passes are not available under Ref A. All costs for visitors, including accommodation and lift passes, must be borne by the parent Unit or individual and reclaimed through JPA. All visitors should be included on the Initial Registration List and confirmed at Full Registration⁵. A number of VIPs are expected and Team Captains will be briefed separately.

SERVICE SUPPORT

22. **Guidance.** Annex C to Ref A offers a useful flowchart for Team Capts and individuals. Advice should also be sought from Corps and Army Cttes.

23. **Accommodation.** Individuals/teams are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. A set rate will be arranged through the tourist office, with a planning figure of €30pppn. The point of contact is Barbara Gfölle, Email: gfoeller@flachau.com Telnr.: +43 (0)6457 2214. Only limited accommodation is available at this rate and excludes cleaning charges of €50-70 per apartment and local tax of €2.80 pppn. Note that once reserved, this is a legally binding contract in Austria.

⁵ Visitors should be annotated with (V) after their surname.

24. **Allowances.** Annex B to Ref A contains a summary of allowances that individuals can claim in accordance with current regulations. Included is authority to claim up to £175 per person for travel. While no entitlement exists to other public funding sources, applications may still be made to the relevant fund owner (eg. Regt 2IC or Bde/Div CivSec) who may decide that this activity can be supported, upto and including accommodation, liftpass etc.

25. **Public and Non-Public Funding.** This can seem daunting but is not; with appropriate planning and support from unit chain of Comd most costs can be covered. Annex E to Ref A contains a useful guide to funding avenues available to Team Capts. Particular attention must be paid to submission timelines – a **minimum 8 weeks before departure** is a good handrail to follow.

a. **Army Sports Lottery (ASL).** Units may apply for an Army Sports Lottery (ASL) Winter Sports Grant (per person) towards the cost of participation in the exercise. Individuals are not members of the ASL until the first payment has been received through JPA; this can take 6-8 weeks after applying for membership. Full details can be found at Ref C.

b. **Berlin Infantry Brigade Memorial Trust Fund (BIBMTF).** Units may apply for a Winter Sports grant of circa £20 per person, subject to confirmation, from the BIBMTF charitable trust – see Ref D.

26. **Feeding.** Teams/individuals are responsible for financing their own feeding. Subsistence allowances are not admissible for competitors at Ex SJ 20. In accordance with JSP 456 Vol 2 Chap 7, Cash In Lieu of Rations (CILOR) is admissible for competitors and officials. Further direction on the application for CILOR can be found at Ref A. All should note that applications need to be submitted at least **4-6 weeks in advance** of the exercise. Applications are to be submitted by teams/individuals using Annex D to their parent unit. The current rate (Jan-Mar) for Austria can be sought from unit FSA⁶; rates are updated quarterly on the [Army HQ Food Services Site](#) (MODNET only). No payments or authorisations will be issued in location.

27. **Medical.** An exercise medical plan will be completed and owned by ExDir, with approval sought from RC Med branch. Team Captains are to note that no Service medical cover is available. There will be a medic stationed at each qualifying and final event, but not during individual/team training periods. The civilian First Aid post is situated at the main lift station, which provides both routine and emergency cover. There is also a doctor and pharmacy in Flachau and a primary hospital in Innsbruck and Salzburg. All competitors **must** be in possession of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as it will be required for routine treatment, noting these may not be accepted after BREXIT. A valid passport is also required for treatment at Innsbruck Hospital. A detailed medical instruction is at Annex E.

28. **Compassionate and Casualty Reporting Procedures.** Any accidents or incidents that require reporting will be done so as per current Army policy as outlined in Annex A. The Committee will be responsible for informing the different agencies. The individual or Team Captain is responsible for informing the parent unit. Any incident that occurs whilst off duty must be reported immediately to the Ex Director.

29. **Safety and Governance.** Ex SJ 22 will be conducted in accordance with Ref F. Of particular note is that all competitors **are to wear a helmet and goggles** during event training and competition. The wearing of a torso protector is not mandated but is an item of equipment that offers significant protection to the spine and ribs; use of a back protector is **STRONGLY** recommended. Units may be able to procure protective equipment as PPE.

30. **Duty of Care and Duty Holding.** Ex SJ 22 is a winter sports activity and Duty Holding is to be conducted in accordance with current Army direction as outlined in Refs A and G. Key responsibilities are:

⁶ For 16/17 it was £9.61 or €11.34 per day.

- a. Maj Mark Greensmith (Army Snowboard Secretary) as the Ex Director in conjunction with the Contract Provider, holds Duty of Care responsibility for ensuring that all inherent risks are Tolerable and ALARP as detailed in Ref E.
- b. The COs of those personnel taking part remain the DDH. Having conducted due diligence, the DDH is to **authorise "On Duty" participation of their soldiers on Unit Part One Orders**. If the DDH has any concerns regarding the risk management for the event, further assurance is to be sought from the Exercise Director.
- c. In conjunction with the Race Committee, Shuttleberg and Team Captains, the Chief of Race will provide clear direction on the safe conduct and governance of the races in order to meet the Army's obligations under HASAW 74. He is also responsible for ensuring that all inherent risks are Tolerable and ALARP and is to provide evidence that the event is compliant with the ASCB regulations. The Chief of Race will review the risk assessments on completion of the exercise set-up and will ensure they are briefed to competitors at the start of the event.

31. **Insurance.** Individuals and Team Captains are to acquaint themselves with the rules that govern insurance for Army sports⁷. In particular, attention is drawn to Para 7 of that Annex, which deals with provision for permanent disability and personal accidents. It is an individual's responsibility to ensure that their insurance specifically covers them for military/sporting competitions; recreational snowboarding policies are generally insufficient. The MOD is not liable for any costs incurred due to insufficient insurance cover.

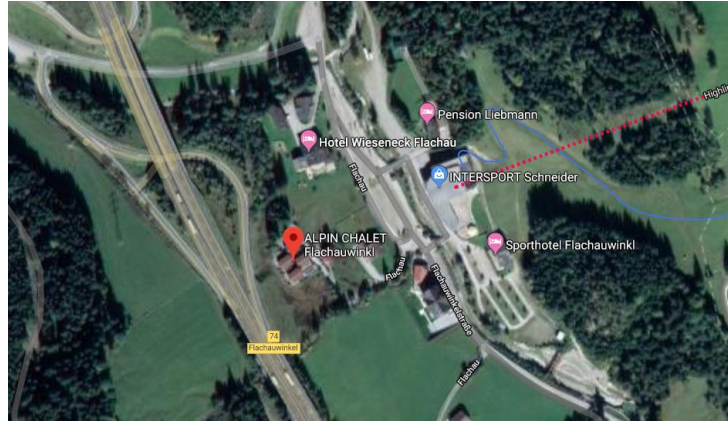
- a. **Policy.** An individual's policy must cover risks of permanent disability, injury to themselves and others whilst conducting competition level and recreational snowboarding. Commercial medical insurance, including Helicopter Medical Evacuation cover, is mandatory in Austria. **This insurance cover will be inspected on initial registration:** a lack of suitable cover will result in exclusion of participation in Ex SNOWJACK. Entrants are also strongly advised to ensure that their policies also cover theft of personal goods, including equipment. The AWSA recommends Towergate Wilsons insurance that can be contacted on (01162) 407773. Competitors should quote "AWSA", which will ensure a premium is paid back to the association.
- b. **Services Insurance and Investment Advisory Panel (SIIAP).** There have been instances where insurance companies underwrite activities on the basis that 'the MOD will pay'. It is essential to check the exclusions for any given policy. The SIIAP is an advisory panel of regulated insurance and independent investment advisers. All member firms specialise in offering services to members of HM Forces and are regulated by the appropriate authority in the United Kingdom, therefore offering full compensation rights to clients whether serving overseas or in the UK. See www.siiap.org.uk for more detail.

COMMAND AND SIGNAL

32. **Location.** Flachau is located 80km from Salzburg off Route A10 South towards Villach.
 - a. **Access to Flachauwinkl.** Access to the valley is via the A10. Whilst the roads are usually kept clear, alpine weather can cause hazardous driving conditions. All vehicles using the motorways must display a valid vignette (motorway tax disc), which is available from most garages in Austria or just inside the southern Germany border. The cost of a 10-day vignette is c.€10 and the penalty if stopped by the police is c.€300-3000. Digital vignettes are also now available via the [asfinag.at website](http://asfinag.at). The nearest town is Salzburg, which is easily accessible by train.

⁷ Annex J to AGAI Ch 90

33. **Conditions.** All events will take place at altitude in alpine conditions. With wind chill, temperatures can fall to below minus 20 degrees Celsius very quickly. Team Captains are responsible for their team members being correctly equipped for the exercise. A compulsory centralised brief on the climatic conditions and forecast will take place prior to all events.
34. **Communications.** Any late changes to the event will be published via the Event pages on Defence Connect. Contact numbers for the Ex Director and Safety Staff will be issued at the Team Captains brief. The Army Snowboard Secretary can be emailed at snowboard@awsa.org.uk. MODNET will also be deployed where the Ex Director can be contacted (mark.greensmith429@mod.gov.uk). NB. this account will only be checked in the evenings during the Ex and should not be relied upon for urgent communications. A full contact list will be issued to Team Capts at the arrival brief.
35. **Public Relations (PR).** PR is vital to the development of Army Snowboarding and to attracting investment from sponsors. On return to their units, competitors are asked to continue promoting the sport through their Regimental or Corps publications. During the exercise, all PR matters should be directed to the Ex Director. Note that many funding sources including ASCB **require** a PXR in return for financial support. The full Media Policy will be briefed at registration.
36. **Command and control.** Command and control will be exercised by the following:
- a. **Race Committee.** The Ex Director, Maj Mark Greensmith, supported by the Race Committee has overall responsibility for the running of the Championships.
 - b. **Team Captains.** Corps and Units are to appoint Team and Corps Captains who are to be responsible for the management and conduct of their teams. Specifically, Team Captains are to:
 - (1) Ensure initial online application and on-site registration is completed correctly.
 - (2) Ensure the pre-competition briefing in Flachauwinkl is attended by the whole team.
 - (3) Ensure they familiarise themselves with the Defence Connect site and are able to access the daily updates and details.
 - (4) Attend the daily Team Captains' meeting. Timing and location will be confirmed by the Ex Director each day.
 - (5) Submit race entries to the OIC Timing & Calcs.
 - c. **Race Office Location.** The Race Office will be located in the valley at [Alpin Chalet](#) for registration and when lifts are closed. Location during lift-open periods will be confirmed to Team Captains during registration. Street address: Alpin Chalets Flachauwinkl
Flachauwinklstraße 298 5542 Flachau



37. **Discipline and Security.** It is of the utmost importance to build excellent relations that have been established with the local authorities over several years. No sympathy will be extended to any team or individuals who misbehave or fail to settle their bills. The Ex Director reserves the right to RTU any individual or team he believes to be bringing the Service into disrepute; this includes anti-social behaviour when off-duty. Such incidents will be reported directly to parent units for further disciplinary action. Recent terrorist events in Europe highlight the need for vigilance during this well publicised military sporting event; all personnel are to seek information from units prior to departure, any additional or changed security briefings will be delivered by the Ex Director during the arrival brief in location.

38. **Post Exercise Report (PXR).** In accordance with Ref A, a PXR will be compiled by the Ex Director within one month of the end of the exercise.

SUMMARY

39. CGS has stated that sport is a vital ingredient of Army life which must be given a high priority. The reason is simple: Sport (along with Adventurous Training and Physical Training) is a key component of the individual training progression, which in turn is an essential part of our overall capability. Ex SNOW JACK is an outstanding opportunity to participate in a well-resourced and professionally delivered competition. The standard of riding within the Army community is extremely high and the level at which competitors are tested is highly demanding. Units are requested to release as many personnel as is possible to participate in this retention positive sport.

M T Greensmith
 Maj
 Secretary ASB, Ex Director

Annexes: **(NB. These are included for reference only and should be checked with unit staff for updated versions)**

- A. Athlete’s Declaration.
- B. Application for Staff Clearance/Diplomatic Clearance.
- C. Medical Plan.

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ATHLETE'S DECLARATION FOR BSF MEMBER GROUP REGISTRATION

Understanding that my signature to this declaration does not in any way reduce or limit the responsibility of the competition organiser with respect to the installation and preparation of competition installations or in the carrying out of the competition, in consideration of ESC, SCOW, SNSC, CSWSA, BARSC registering me as a racer, I

Surname:	First Name	Age	Nationality
Discipline: Snowboard			
Sex: Male / Female			

Make and hereby agree to be bound by the following declaration:

1. **Identification of risk.** I am fully aware and conscious of the dangers involved in the performance of all British calendared sports and of the dangers caused by gravitational forces, be it during training runs or during the actual competition. I recognise that there is a risk in reaching excellent results, which requires me to stretch my physical abilities to the absolute limit. I know and accept that by engaging in such competitive sports, life and physical safety could be endangered. Furthermore, I know and accept that the above-mentioned dangers may threaten anyone within the competition and training area, and may include environmental conditions, technical equipment, and atmospheric influences as well as natural or man-made obstacles. I am aware that certain movements or actions cannot always be anticipated or controlled and therefore cannot be avoided or prevented through safety measures.

2. **Acknowledgement of risk.** I acknowledge that it is up to me personally to assess whether any competition or training course is too difficult for me. I agree that I will conduct my own inspection and I will immediately notify the jury of any obvious safety concerns I may have. By starting in a competition, or taking part in training I acknowledge acceptance of the suitability and condition of the courses. I also agree that I am responsible for the choice of the equipment I have used and for the selection of my line through the course and my ability to handle this line.

3. **Personal liability.** I understand that I may be found personally liable to third parties for dangers arising from bodily injury or property damage they have suffered as a result of my participation in training or competition. I agree that I will make myself familiar with the applicable competition regulations before taking part in such competition.

4. **Dispute resolution.** I agree that prior to commencing a claim in any court of competent jurisdiction, I shall first submit my claim before an Arbitration Court which is constituted in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). In case I am not in agreement with the decision of this court, I am free to bring or re-institute any such action before any Court of competent jurisdiction. The Athlete's Declaration is also binding on any relative, personal representatives, heirs, successors, beneficiaries, next of kin or assigns who might pursue any legal action.

I have read the above Athlete's Declaration

Location Ski Amade Area, Flachauwinkl, Austria	Date	Signature of Athlete
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APPLICATION FOR STAFF CLEARANCE/DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR AWA

Ser	Required Information	Details
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Exercise Name:	Ex SNOW JACK 20
2	Unit Title & UIN:	
3	Unit Address:	
4	Point of Contact Rank: Name: Office Telephone: Fax: Military Email: Civilian Mobile (on AWA): Civilian Email: <i>(Use Military & Civilian Dialling Codes):</i>	
5	Host unit/accommodation Address: <i>Inc Telephone/Fax</i>	Ex Director - Maj Mark Greensmith Alpin Chalets Flachauwinkl Flachauwinklstraße 298 5542 Flachau
6	Overall Dates: <i>(From/To)</i>	14 Mar – 02 Apr 22 (inc travelling)
7	Location of Winter Sport Activity:	Flachau, Austria
8	Type of Winter Sport Activity or Reason for Transit:	Army Snowboarding Championships
9	Entry into Country: <i>(Border Crossing Point)</i> Date & Approx Time	
10	Travel Routes in Country:	
11	Exit from Country: <i>(Border Crossing Point)</i> Date & Approx Time	
12	Method of Travel	
13	Type of Vehicle:	
14	Vehicle Registration Numbers <i>(when known):</i>	
15	Total Number of Personnel:	
16	Nominal Roll When Known <i>(Add more Rows as necessary)</i>	
a	Number, Rank, Name	
17	Has Medical Insurance has been taken out for all participants (for Austria, this must include Helicopter CASEVAC from the slopes)?	YES/NO
18	Total Number of Weapons Carried:	0 (Zero)

a	Type & Serial Number: <i>(Add as necessary)</i>	N/A
b	Type & Serial Number:	N/A
19	Ammunition Carried: Type: Amount:	None
	Persons Responsible for Weapons and Ammunition: Rank Name:	N/A
	Radios: Number: Types: Frequencies:	None

(add more rows if required)

Diplomatic Clearance:

Def Sect - AWA and all transit countries, less Germany.

Staff Clearance:

Formation HQ G7 PD.

Corps RHQ - Corps event organisers.

Organiser - if not initiator.

Fax no: _____ Date of application: _____

EXERCISE SNOW JACK 2022 – MEDICAL PLAN (An updated version will be issued prior to departure)

References:

- A. JSP 539: Climatic Illness and Injury in the Armed Forces.
- B. JSP 375: Management of Health and Safety in Defence..
- C. LFSO 3215 Medical Planning for Land Forces Exercises and Training.
- D. ACSO 3216 Management of Safety and Environmental protection in Land Forces.

Introduction

1. Ex SNOW JACK 2022 (SJ22) takes place in Flachau, Austria iacw this Admin Instruction, including Team training not part of the competition. Ex SNOWJACK is the Army Snowboarding Championships and it is anticipated that there will be up to 200 military personnel (including officials) at the event. As detailed earlier in this instruction, no competitor will be permitted to compete without providing a certificate of Third Party and Medical Repatriation Insurance to cover the duration of the exercise. With the exception of 'life and limb' First Aid (MATT 3 level 1), which may be provided by military personnel, there is no dedicated military medical support available.
2. This plan will be updated on a regular basis should professional medical advice change. Any changes will be promulgated immediate to all attendees and event staff. Team Capts will ensure updates are passed to parent units.

Aim

3. The aim of this instruction is to outline how Health Service Support (HSS) is to be provided to all British Military personnel and appointed civilian staff / officials, in conjunction with the Host Nation Medical Services (HNMS)⁸.

Execution

4. **Mission.** PREVENT, PROTECT and TREAT. To provide Medical Protection to all entitled persons and ensure liaison with local civilian medical services in order to meet the needs of the Population at Risk (PAR) in the most efficient and effective manner. All Primary health needs will be met through HNMS and secondary health care providers.
5. **Intent.** To ensure Primary Health Care (PHC) and medical liaison is delivered in the most efficient and cost-effective manner to exercise participants.
6. **Tasks.** The following is to be carried out prior to the initial Team Captains' briefing on Day 1, and throughout the duration of the exercise:
 - a. **Race Committee.** The Chief of Race is responsible as the POC for all accidents and emergencies that may occur during the competition. All participants are to be made aware of this POC by Team Captains, who is to take the necessary action to ensure the HNMS are notified, if not already done so. A record of all injuries is to be recorded on the relevant Technical Delegate's (TD) Report and reported to the Ex Director.

⁸ HNMS are provided by the resort which will respond to all medical emergencies that may occur during the Ex.

b. **Race Office.** The Ex Director is to ensure that the portable radios are issued and the correct channels allocated to all officials. HNMS locations and contact numbers are to be briefed to all official personnel and be readily available throughout the duration of the exercise.

7. **Coordinating Instructions:**

a. **Levels of Care.** Emergency Medical Healthcare cover for all events is to be provided by civilian HNMS. In the event of extraction being delayed, essential First Aid (to MATT 3 level 1) is to be provided by military staff until the arrival of HNMS. The Ex SNOWJACK Wintersports contract provides a qualified mountain first-aider who will be available during all events.

b. **Emergency Dental Care.** Dental care is provided by immediate evacuation (unit responsibility) to the local dentist / hospital. All deploying personnel are to be NATO Dental CAT 1 recorded on JPA, or have approval from their dental practice to deploy.

c. **Supporting Policy.** Refs A to F of this annex details the relevant policy; attention is drawn to Ref D in particular.

d. **Emergency Evacuation.** Host Nation ambulances and emergency evacuation vehicles are the only vehicles permitted to transport casualties. The emergency service telephone number is 112.

e. **Non-urgent Evacuation.** It is the responsibility of the Unit / Team Captains to evacuate non-urgent cases.

f. **Patient Tracking.** The Ex Director is to be informed of all personnel admitted to the local civilian hospital. Support to those admitted is the responsibility of the individual's team captain, assisted when necessary by the exercise military officials.

g. **Casualty Notification.** The Ex Director is to initiate the casualty notification process in accordance with Annex H to Ref C and ensure that the correct documentation is completed and a copy held on record.

i. **Preparation.** All competitors are to arrive at the exercise with either a JMES grading MFD, or if not MFD, then with an appropriate Appx 9 and Appx 26 Medical Risk Assessment (MRA). If a competitor is not MFD then it is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that the members of the team are competing within the parameters of their Appx 9 and Appx 26 MRA. All those who have suffered from previous NFCIs are to seek medical advice prior to embarking on the exercise or associated training.

j. **Prescription Medicines.** Any individual on long term prescription medication is to ensure that sufficient supplies are taken for the duration of the exercise plus 1 week.

k. **Risk Assessment.** A generic risk assessment has been completed at Ref D which is subject to confirmation at the start of the Ex.

Service Support

8. **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).** All personnel are to be in possession of an in date EHIC which should be used in the first instance. The cost of treatment will be reduced by using the EHIC system; any other costs are to be covered by the individual's insurance cover or the individual themselves.

9. **Additional Insurance and Indemnity.** Any exercise participant undertaking 'off-duty' recreational winter sports activities (e.g. recreational snowboarding) outside of the programme of the Ex, do so entirely at their own risk and are not covered by MOD liability.

10. **Medical Bills.** Medical bills for personnel injured while on exercise must be settled by the individual prior to departing the Ex area. Further details can be found at Ref C.

Command and Signals

11. **Command.** All Ex staff and competitors are OPCON to the Ex Director.

12. **Briefings.** The primary means of communications for all personnel will be by daily Team Captains meetings and an issued written brief. A full contact list of all officials will be issued at the Arrival Brief.

13. **Communications.** Working communication between officials will be by portable radios with channels confirmed daily during the COR Officials' Meetings. Mobile phones will be used as secondary means. The radio nets will be in operation and updated on a daily basis as provided by the contractor:

Channel 1	Channel 2	Channel 3	Channel 4
TBC	TBC	TBC	Spare / Emergency Channel

13. **Army Incident Notification Cell (AINC)**. All accidents and incidents involving military personnel, civilians and contracted civilian staff are to be reported to AINC, in accordance with Ref F. In relation to Ex SJ and any other winter sport activity it applies to all injuries including: climatic and sporting injuries and injuries as a result of both on and off duty road traffic accidents. AINC operates a 24/7/365 service and can be contacted using any of the following:

- a. Tel: (Mil) 96770 3661 or (Civ) (+44) 03067 70 3661
- b. Fax on MOD Form 510 ([link](#)) to: (Mil) 94393 6889 or (Civ) (+44) 01264 88 6889.
- c. E-mail: ASCen-AINC-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk

14. **Land Accident Prevention and Investigation Team (LAIT).** In addition, the LAND Accident Investigation Team (LAIT) should be notified in the case of death, serious injury or serious equipment failure: Telephone 96798 6587 or +44 (0) 03067 986587.

Appendix:

1. Medical and Emergency Contact Details (to follow in country).