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Introduction

1. This DIN provides the background and registration rules relating to the annual Army Inter Unit Tennis Competition. The competition will run over the summer months from Apr through to the semi-finals and final on **Thu 26 Jul 18**. All Army Units (Regular and Reserve) are eligible to enter and a team consists of 4 players.

Background

2. The Army Lawn Tennis Association runs an annual Inter Unit Tennis Competition open to all Army Units. The purpose is to promote Tennis at Unit level and to encourage as many people as possible to participate in sport at all levels. The competition was won last year by 36 Engr Regt and was enjoyed by all who participated. It is hoped that 2018 will build on this success, ensuring Tennis remains as a sport competed for at Unit level.

Eligibility

3. In order to enter the Inter Unit competition a team of 4 players is required. This team may have both male and female players and is open to both Regular and Reservists. The following basic eligibility criteria should be followed:

- a. **Unit Status** - All Units within the Army are eligible to enter, and can enter as many teams as they wish. There is no delineation between major and minor Units as in some other sports.

- b. **Cap badge affiliation** – Unit teams may be made up of a mixture of cap badges¹. The defining criteria being the players must be part of that Units' establishment and assigned to that Unit.
- c. **Attached Personnel** – Those individuals on course, or attached to a Unit, may play for that Unit if the period of their attachment exceeds 3 months. Any attachment of less than this period, then the player should revert to his/her established Unit. Players will remain affiliated to their original Unit for the duration of the competition.

Format

4. The format for the competition is as follows:
- a. Units will initially be grouped into 4 regional area (**Annex A**), with the winners of each region then moving forward to a semi-final and final that will be played at the Aldershot Tennis Centre on Thu 26 Jul 18.
- b. Teams must consist of 4 players made up of 2 doubles pairs. In addition, a reserve may be nominated.
- c. Each match will consist of 4 doubles rubbers, with each pair playing both the pairs of the opposing team. The order of play is as follows:
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| 1 st Match | A v B | A v B |
| 2 nd Match | A v A | B v B |
- d. Each rubber will be the best of 3 sets, with a tie-break at the end of each set.
- e. On completion of the regional competition, the teams progressing to the semi-finals, and then the final, will play at Aldershot on **Thu 26 Jul 18**. Umpires and Line Judges will be provided for the final.

Rules

5. The rules for the competition are:
- a. The first team named has home advantage and should contact the opponents to arrange a mutually available date to play the match. The match deadlines ie when rounds should be completed are as follows:
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| Round 1 | 11 May |
| Round 2 | 29 Jun |
| Semi Finals & Final | 26 Jul – in Aldershot |
- b. The winners of each rubber will be awarded 1 point. The winners of the match will be the team with 3 or more points. In case of a tie at the end of the match (2 points all), a Championship tie-break (10 points) will be played between a

¹ This could include 1x player from either the RAF or Navy if on that Units establishment.

composite pair nominated from each team². The winner of that Championship tie-break will be declared the match winner.

c. Players may not be substituted during a rubber, but a reserve can be inserted between rubbers in the event of an injury to a player. Any injury during a rubber results in only that rubber being forfeited.

d. In the event of rain the following applies:

- Before a match. Match to be rescheduled.
- More than 2 rubbers completed – the winners will be determined by the most number of sets/games won. If tied, then the game difference will determine the winner.
- Less than 2 rubbers completed – match replayed.

Administration

6. **Equipment.** All equipment is a unit or individual responsibility. The team with home advantage is to provide new balls for the fixture.

7. **Authority to Travel.** Travel to matches is a unit responsibility and participants are expected to make the most efficient use of available transport including use of the military white fleet and car sharing. Travel may be authorised from Unit Travel Budgets with the budget holders authority.

8. **Entry Forms.** Units wishing to enter the competition should complete the attached Entry Form at **Annex B** and return it the tournament organiser by **NLT 23 Mar 18**.

9. **Insurance.** All players are reminded that details of matches need to be placed on Part 1 Orders in order to provide the necessary insurance cover.

10. **Costs.** There is no cost for entry.

11. **Points of Contact.** The primary POC for the competition is:

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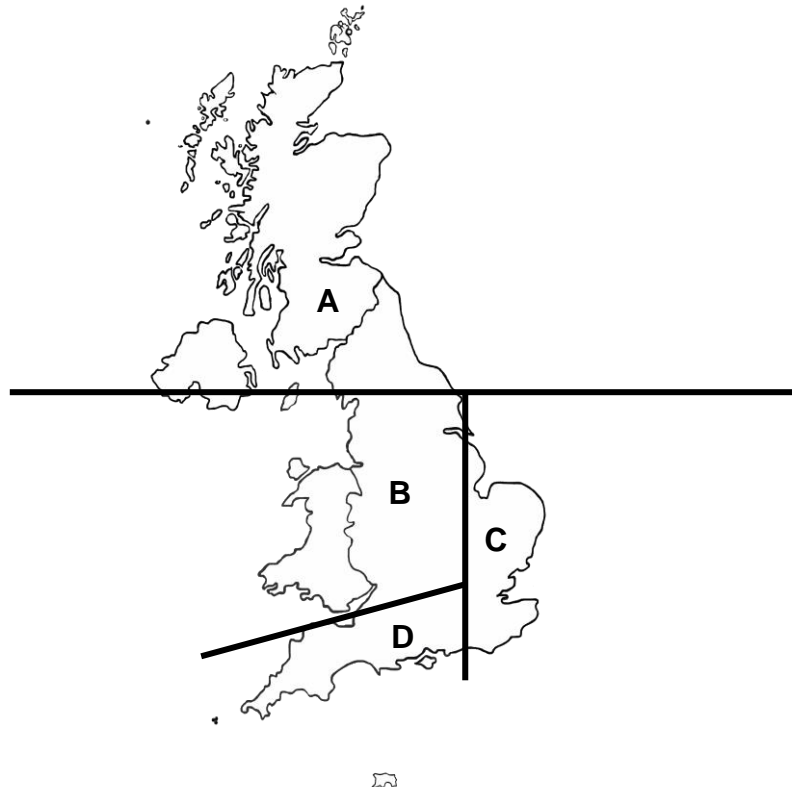
Annexes:

A. Regional Breakdown.

B. Entry Form for Inter Unit Tennis Competition 2018.

² The pair for the deciding set **MUST** be made up of one player each of the original doubles pairings.

Regional Breakdown



Region A	Region B	Region C	Region D
Scotland Northern England Catterick Leconfield	Midlands Wales Nottingham North Luffenham	East Anglia Kent London District Colchester	South West Salisbury Plain Aldershot

Any uncertainty as to regional affiliation should be directed to Lt Col Fawcus for direction.