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DEVELOPMENT SQUAD INTER SERVICE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS' 06-08 JUN 23

1. The inaugural 2023 Development Squad Inter Service Golf Championships (Dev Sq IS Champs) will be held at Thonock Park Golf Club (Karsten Lakes Course) between 06-08 Jun 2023. Following the success of the rescheduled 2022 IS Championships, all practice and competition matches will commence from the 1st Tee.

2. The RAF are the lead Service for the 2023 Dev Sq IS Champs.

3. There is no executive Championship committee as with the 1st IS event, but championship support will be provided by:

Championships Secretary:	Lt Cdr D Vout RN (Rtd)
Starters and Support:	Mr Cameron Dukes
Tournament Referee:	Capt D Thomas

4. **Teams.** Teams are to comprise of 10 men (+ 1 reserve) from each Service. Team lists, including player's rank, full name and unit, are to be forwarded to Secretary **no later than 2 Jun 23**. Team changes are permitted prior to the event.

a. **Eligibility.** Selected players must not have played for in the 1st Team Inter Service Championships in the preceding three seasons.

b. **Team sheets.** are to be submitted 30 minutes prior to the matches first promulgated tee time. Handicaps to be included on ladies' team sheets; their playing order to be determined by handicap, with highest handicap (combined in foursomes) playing first. A forfeit for late submission of team sheets will be awarded, details of which will be contained in the UKAF Individual and Inter Service Championship Golf Rules which will be promulgated separately.

5. **Order of Play.** The Order of Play is as detailed below. All matches will be played on the Karsten Lakes course and the first named team shall have the honour at the start of each round.

Mon 05 Jun 23

1300 – Team Managers/Captains meeting

1402 – 1424 3 x Practice Tee times (ARMY)
1432 – 1448 3 x Practice Tee times (RN)
1506 – 1522 3 x Practice Tee times (RAF)

Tue 06 Jun 23

ARMY vs RN

0922 - 0954 5 x foursomes Men's matches
1002 - 1018 RAF Team Practice (3 x tee slots)

1402 - 1514 10 x singles Men's matches

Wed 07 Jun 23

RAF v Day 1 Losers

0922 - 0954 5 x foursomes Men's matches
1002 - 1018 Day 1 Winners Team Practice (3 x tee slots)

1402 - 1514 10 x singles Men's matches

Thu 08 Apr 23

Day 1 Winners v RAF

0922 - 0954 5 x foursomes Men's matches
1002 - 1018 Losers Day 1 (3 x tee slots)

1402 - 1514 10 x singles Men's matches

O/C **Prize Giving** in Clubhouse (Thonock Lounge)

6. **Practice.** The practice ground/driving range opens at 0700 each morning with balls purchased from the Pro shop. Practice rounds are booked from 1402 on Mon 05 Jun 23, details will be promulgated nearer the event.
7. **Scoring.** Scores are to be submitted to the Championship Support Team.
8. **Prize Giving.** Prize giving for the Development Inter Service Championships will take place on completion of play on Thu 08 Jun 23. All players and officials are to attend.
9. **IS Championship Rules.** The Inter Service Championship Rules are contained within Enclosure One.
10. **Team Officials Meeting.** The Team Officials meeting will take place in the Thonock Lounge on the first floor of Thonock Park GC at 1300 on Mon 05 Jun 23. Team Captains/Managers; DEV IS Support Committee and officials are to attend.
11. **Welcome Reception, Championships Dinner and Catering arrangements:**
 - a. **Lunch:** Lunch will be available Mon – Thu inclusive and will comprise of chips/soup and sandwiches. A voucher system will be in operation with a maximum of 12 vouchers per Service per day to be funded by UKAFGA; any additional requirements must be paid for separately. **Single Service Secretaries are to notify Secretary UKAFGA on exact numbers and provide any necessary dietary requirements by 30 May 23.**
12. **Dress Code/Etiquette.** Please note the following rules of etiquette at Thonock Park Golf Club:

a. **Golf Course and Practice Ground.** Normal golfing attire is acceptable on the course however denim jeans, t-shirts, flip flops or barefoot are not considered acceptable. Caps must be worn peak forward. Tailored shorts may be worn on the course however, they should be above the knee and worn with white socks. Cargo shorts and other shorts with exterior pockets and any extremes of dress are not considered acceptable.

b. **Club House:**

(1) **Spike Bar** – Normal golfing attire, smart casual wear and business attire are acceptable. Extremes of dress, hats, caps, denim jeans, t-shirts, flip flops or barefoot are not considered acceptable. Loafers and deck shoes are acceptable between 1st May and 30th September without socks. Sandal style/open toed footwear for men is not acceptable at any time. Shirts should be tucked into shorts/trousers at all times. Members and Visitors are asked to be considerate of furniture and remove any wet/muddy outerwear when using the Spike Bar.

(2) **Thonock Lounge** – Normal golfing attire, smart casual wear and business attire are acceptable. Extremes of dress, hats, caps, waterproofs, denim jeans, t-shirts, flip flops or barefoot are not considered acceptable. Sandal style/open toed footwear for men is not acceptable at any time. Socks must be worn at all times.

13. **Mobile phones, Message devices and laptops.** Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times and unless in the case of Emergencies or the need to contact the Rules officials, should not be used for calls anywhere on the course, within the clubhouse, spike bar or surrounding areas.

14. **Flags.** The UK Armed Forces flag and single Service flags will be flown throughout the event using the club flagpole and portable versions. **sS Secs to ensure Service Team Managers/Captains bring sS GA sail banners.**

15. **Sponsorship.** This year, the UKAFGA is very fortunate to have a number of sponsors through Team FORCES (TF) and BFBS who we hope will attend the event. There is no lead sponsor for this event.

16. **Sponsorship Programme.** A sponsorship programme will be established should Executive members and sponsors be able to support this event.

17. **Safety Management.** The UKAFGA's Safety Management Plan (Enclosure Two) includes the UKAFGA generic Risk Assessment which will be followed throughout the championship. Players will be required to sign the Player's Declaration (Enclosure Three) prior to commencement of the championships to state that they are aware of the content and agree to follow the safety management guidance as necessary. All players and officials are also to note the following:

a. **COVID19.** If players/officials feel unwell immediately prior to IS week, it is advisable that you take a CV19 test and if positive liaise with your Team Manager and sS Secretary. Legally, you are no longer required to isolate but you are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least a full five days or until a negative test is achieved.

b. **Climatic Illness.** Individuals are to be aware of the risk of climatic illness and should take all necessary precautions to protect themselves in both hot and cold playing conditions. This will include, but is not limited to keeping hydrated, wearing suitable cold/wet/hot weather attire and the application of sunscreen. Further detailed advice can be found in JSP 539.

c. **Fit to Participate Declaration.** All participants of the 2023 Dev IS Championships will be required to sign the Players Declaration stating that they are 'Fit to Participate', and the declaration will include the following:

"I have read the UKAFGA Development Inter Service Championships Calling Notice in conjunction with JSP 765 as well as the Thonock Park GC Risk Assessment and understand the rules and regulations regarding the authorised activity I am about to participate in.

I consider myself physically fit to undertake all elements expected of the event.

If at any time after signing the declaration, they become unfit to participate they are to contact the organiser or the undersigned and remove themselves from the event".

d. Permission to use Images. As participants in this event, it is deemed that individuals have given permission to use images of themselves conducting sporting activity for the UK Armed Forces communications, marketing and branding purposes. Unless otherwise advised, participants hereby release and grant to the UKAFGA and Crown Copyright, and his or her assigns, licensees, and legal representatives, the irrevocable right to use any photographs taken during the above period, in all forms and media, whether now existing or not yet created, and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for communications, advertising, trade, promotional, political, charitable, education, or any other lawful purposes. Participants waive any rights to inspect or approve the finished versions, including written copy that may be created in connection therewith; assured the photographs or videos shall not represent the participant in any derogatory manner. Individuals have the right to opt out prior to engagement; a minimum of 24 hours must be given in writing to the Dev Sq IS Championship Secretary.

18. Any queries or problems should be addressed to Secretary UKAFGA at the earliest opportunity.

Yours aye,



D K VOUT
Lt Cdr RN (Rtd)
Secretary UKAFGA

Enclosures:

1. UKAFGA Dev IS Golf Championship Rules 2023 with pace of play chart.
2. UKAFGA Safety Management Plan v4.
3. Single Service Team – Players Declaration.

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