

THE 52nd INTER CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP

SAUNTON GOLF CLUB 9 & 10 JULY 2026 – ADMIN INSTRUCTION

1. **Introduction.** The 52nd Inter Corps Golf Championship will take place at Saunton Golf Club on Thu 9 & Fri 10 Jul 26. The Championship follows immediately after the Army Matchplay Championship and will be played on the West Course. The Inter Corps Championship is open to all Corps and Arms.

2. **Main Championship Format.** The format of play will be team singles scratch Matchplay over 18 holes under R&A Rules; a win counts as one point and a halved match count as ½ point. In the event of a tie, with both teams on 2½ points, then there will be one sudden death play-off by one player nominated by each Team Captain from the 1st hole and then holes to be determined by the Championship Committee (Holes 1, 2 and 18). Teams will consist of 5 players of any rank or gender with up to two reserves per team. Reserves must be nominated before the start of the Championship. Players and reserves may only play for one team. All players are either to be serving Regular and Reserve members of their Corps provided they comply with the JSP 660 Sports in the UK Armed Forces Part One Chapter 2. All players are to be members of the AGA. The Championship is limited to 16 teams; should entries exceed this number, teams will be eliminated by ballot, which will be drawn on Tue 7 Jul 26 at the Tournament BBQ. If all 13 Corps submit a team, then three B teams will be drawn to participate in the Main Championship, and the remainder will play in a subsidiary competition. All play will be from the tournament tees. Teams knocked out in the first round of the Main Championship may compete in the Championship Plate competition.

3. **Subsidiary Competition Format.** The format of play will be team scratch Stableford over 36 holes under R&A Rules. Teams will consist of 5 players of any rank or gender with up to two reserves per team. Reserves must be nominated before the start of the Championship. Four from five scores to count. Players and reserves may only play for one team. All players are to be serving Regular or Reserve members of their Corps and comply with the JSP 660 Sports in the UK Armed Forces Part One Chapter 2. All players are to be members of the AGA.

4. **Entries.** The entrance fee is £420 (reduced to £260 (40% reduction) for those B teams balloted out of the main Championships) per team, which includes all competition rounds, prizes and administration. More than one Corps team may be entered, but each team must be identified by a suffix (A, B). If more than 16 teams enter the Championships, then primacy goes to the 13 A Teams; any B Teams go into the ballot as detailed above. Entry forms must be submitted by 1230 hrs on Mon 29 Jun 26.

5. **Team Selections.** Teams that have 2 teams in the competition (A and B), must play their strongest team as the A team. To that end, Team Captains are required to provide the list of players comprising each team (if more than one) to the Championship Committee by 1800 hrs on Wed 8 Jul 26, prior to the main draw. In addition, Team Captains are to declare their selected team players and playing order on the appropriate Team Declaration Form to the Tournament Secretary no later than 30 minutes prior to their first team player's start time. All players must hold a WHS handicap in order to play in this event. If they are not a member of a club they can still obtain a WHS handicap via the iGolf platform – <https://englandigolf.co.uk/>.

6. **Seeding and Draw.** The winners (RE) and runners up (RA) from the 2025 Inter Corps Championship will be seeded 1 and 2. The remaining 14 teams will be drawn by ballot on the evening of Wed 8 Jul 26 at the close of the 2026 AGA AGM.

7. **Championship Programme.** The programme is:

- Mon 29 Jun 26 Corps Team Entry Closing Date (by 1230 hrs)
- Tue 7 Jul 26 BBQ and B Team Ballot
- Wed 8 Jul 26 Annual General Meeting and 2026 Inter Corps Championship Draw
- Thu 9 Jul 26 Main Competition Rounds 1 and 2, Plate Round 1 (pm) and Subsidiary Competition Round 1 (am)
- Fri 10 Jul 26 Main and Plate Semi-Finals, Finals, Team Stableford (am) and Subsidiary Competition Round 2 (am)

8. **Practice Round.** Team Captains of players, who have not played in the individual Matchplay Championship and who seek practice timings on the West Course for their players prior to the start of the Inter Corps Championship, are to register with the Tournament Committee by Tue 7 Jul 26. As there are very limited practice times available on Wed 8 Jul 26, players are encouraged to enter the Wednesday Stableford Competition.

9. **Start Times.** Details of the draw and start times will be available from the AGA Secretary immediately after the draw and will be posted in Saunton Clubhouse from 0700 hrs on Thu 9 Jul 26.

10. **Etiquette.** Competitors should acknowledge club members and their rights throughout the Championship. Saunton West Course is a challenging links course with traditional rough; players and caddies should watch ball flight closely to assist with finding errant balls and to help speed play which tournament officials will monitor. If it becomes obvious that a ball may be difficult to find, following matches **must** be called through without delay. As normal, care should be taken to rake all bunkers and repair divots and pitch marks.

11. **Trophies.** Trophies will be presented at the Championship but are not to be retained by the winners.

12. **Other Administrative Details.**

a. **Food.** Breakfast should be available in the clubhouse from 0645 hrs on 9 & 10 Jul 26. Payment for food is a team responsibility. Evening meals for teams may be arranged separately with the club catering staff.

b. **Club Dress Code.** Saunton Golf Club's dress code is smart/casual at all times during the day, but no jeans, trainers, collarless shirts, outdoor/waterproof clothes or shoes worn on the golf course are to be worn in the public rooms. A jacket and tie will be required for evening meals or after 1900 hrs.

c. **Local Accommodation.** Reasonable B&Bs are available locally. Details can be sought from local tourist information offices. Military accommodation may be available at RMB Chivenor and anyone wanting to book accommodation there should seek guidance from the Assistant Secretary.

13. **Travel at Public Expense.** Travel is authorised in accordance with 2019DIN10-025. Every effort must be made to minimise publicly funded travel costs by sharing vehicles.

14. **On Duty Status.** Competitors should advise their RAO to ensure that their participation in the event has been published on respective Unit Part 1 Orders, to formalise their 'on duty' status for this event.