

DEFENCE INFORMATION NOTICE

ARMY AND BRITISH TELEMAR SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS 6 – 18 JAN 10

References:

- A. AGAI Ch 90.
- B. AWSA Army Ski Competition Rules 2007 (Alpine Edition)
- C. 2009DIN10-041: Army Sports Lottery
- D. JSP 752 Tri Service Regulations for Allowances
- E. 2009DIN01-170 Winter Sports Travel
- F. 2009DIN10-031 – Army European Winter Sports Activity (WSA) Instruction

INTRODUCTION

1. The 2010 Army Telemark Ski Association (ATSA) Championships will take place in Rauris, Austria between 6 -18 Jan 10. Competitors will arrive in Rauris on 6 Jan 10, conduct tuition from 7 - 11Jan 10 and, dependant on ability, race 12 -17 Jan 10. Dispersal is not before 18 Jan 10.

CHAMPIONSHIP OUTLINE

RACES

2. The ATSA Championship 2010, which is open to all levels of ability from beginner to expert, will include tuition and a series of races, over the period 12 -17 Jan. These races will be in the following formats:

a. **Seeding Race.** A GS race for all competitors on which to base start positions for the Championships. The top 30 skiers will automatically progress to the Championship races with the remainder skiing in the first Development Race from which, again, the top individuals and teams, up to a maximum of a further 40, will qualify for the championship races.

b. **Development Races.** There will be a development race designed to introduce newer telemarkers to racing at an appropriate level. Racers that are deemed suitable for progression after the development race will be entered into the Championship Races the remainder will be entered into the Novice Races.

(1) **Development Sprint Classic (Dev SP).** The Dev SP will be a Sprint format with a jump. The best racers and teams, up to a maximum of 40, will qualify for the Championship Races; the remainder will continue instruction and enter the Novice races.

(2) **Novice Giant Slalom (Nov GS).** The Nov GS will further test the skills acquired whilst competitors negotiate a longer course with more speed and steeper terrain and is the first race of the Novice category. It is designed to focus the racer and reinforce the skills assimilated so far.

(3) **Nov Classic (Nov CL).** The Nov CL will be a consolidation of the skills learnt during the Championship tuition and will be run immediately after the Championship Classic race but with a shorter course. It will include a jump, GS gates, skating section and 360 degree loop.

c. **Championship Races.** There will be three Championship Races, with an anticipated maximum field of 70 racers.

(1) **Telemark Giant Slalom (GS).** A GS course of two runs with a 250m vertical drop, 30 – 40 gates and one jump.

(2) **Sprint Classic (SP).** A shortened version of the Classic Race over two runs, comprising of a minimum of 15-25 gates over 100-200 m vertical drop with a jump and skating section.

(3) **Classic (CL).** A Telemark Classic Race with a 350m vertical drop, consisting of giant slalom gates, a jump, a 360 degree turn and a skating section.

RACE RULES

3. The Championships will be conducted as per FIS Telemark Race Rules.

PRIZES

4. **Individual.** Individual prizes will be presented for each race and the championship overall. There will be a Championship prize for the best Novice (as defined below) as well as the Army Male and Female Champions based on the combined times of the three Championship Races

5. **Team.** An Army Unit Team competition will be run. Team prizes will be presented in all three Championship races, for which Hors Concours teams may also compete, but the Championship Team Trophy is limited to Unit Teams.

QUALIFICATION

6. **Eligibility.** The Championships are open to all Regular, TA, OTC and Reserve forces including RN and RAF.

7. **Qualifying Standards.** There are no pre-qualifying standards for entry into the 2010 Championships; standards will be assessed during training and the seeding race. The top 30 skiers from the seeding race will automatically qualify for the championship races with the remainder competing in the Dev Sp. The fastest skiers and teams from the Dev SP up to a maximum of 40, will progress to the championship races, whilst the remainder will continue with tuition and enter into the Novice Races.

8. **Novice.** A skier is defined as a Novice if this is his/her first season using Telemark equipment and he/she has not competed in a Club, Regt/Corps, Service, National or International Alpine Race before the start of the 2008/09 season. The Novice Champion will be the highest placed Novice in the seed list at the end of the Championship. If no Novice qualifies for the Championship Races then the Novice Champion will be the Novice skier with the best combined time of both Novice races.

9. **Unit Teams.** Unit Teams should consist of four personnel and may be of mixed gender, with the best three times to count in each race. Unit Team members must all be on the held strength of the unit at the time of the Championships. Junior Soldiers are strongly encouraged to attend; should finances allow, we intend to subsidise the cost for LCpls and Pte, or equivalent. Details on any subsidy scheme will be made available on the website.

10. **Hors Concours Teams.** Hors Concours Teams are encouraged and may be compiled in Rauris. Hors Concours Teams are a maximum of four people with the best 3 times to count. A Hors Concours Team may not contain more than one National Team member and current Service Team Skier

11. **AWSA Membership.** In order to race all Army competitors must be subscribed members of AWSA for the 2009/10 season. RN and RAF competitors must be members of their equivalent single service winter sports association. Non-competing supporters need not be members. Applications for membership are available to download from the Member Services page of the AWSA website (www.awsa.co.uk). Proof of membership will be required in Rauris prior to racing.

12. **British Telemark Team.** The selectors for the British Telemark Team will be present at Rauris. They will use the Championships as part of the process to assess potential British Team members for the following season and development beyond. Attendance at the Championships is a pre-requisite to attend selection for the 2010/11 team.

ADMINISTRATION

COST AND FINANCE

13. **Anticipated Cost.** There are 3 options available to Service Competitors: Competitors should note that a lot of hard work has been done behind the scenes to reduce the costs compared to previous years despite GBP/Euro exchange rate. Civilians will pay an additional supplement of £150 per person on each option.

a. **Option 1 - Self-Catering (SC): £315.** SC based on 4 or 6 person occupancy per apartment. All apartments have a small kitchen. 6 Bed apartments have 2x twin/double rooms and 2 beds in the living room, 4 bed apartments have 1x twin/double bedroom and 2 beds in the living area. Apartments will be allocated by ATSA unless otherwise indicated in the application. Room-share will be allocated on a single sex basis.

b. **Option 2 – Bed and Breakfast (B&B): £350.** Accommodation is 3* guest-house serving breakfast daily.

c. **Option 3 - Half-Board (HB): £460.** Accommodation is 3* guest-house serving breakfast and dinner daily.

14. **Inclusions:** All options include:

a. Lift Pass for 10 out of 11 days (rest day is not included).

b. Instruction and Racing will be met by ATSA and is at no cost to the competitor.

15. **Exclusions:**

a. Equipment hire costs (c.£17 per day for boots, bindings, skis and poles).

b. Lift pass for rest day.

16. **Optional Extras:**

a. Dinner included: Options 1 and 2 can have dinner included for supplement of £10 per day per person.

- b. Transfer service SZG-Rauris-SZG: An optional transfer service for £30 per person is available subject to sufficient numbers requiring the service (minimum of 4 required).

17. **Army Sports Lottery Funds.** As Telemark is an approved Army Winter Sport, service competitors, who are members of the AWSA and Army Sports Lottery, may apply for up to £100 per person in accordance with Ref C to assist with travel costs. Applications can be made individually or as a team by Team Captains to the Army Sports Lottery.

18. **Nuffield Trust.** The Nuffield Trust has recognised Telemark as a sport and will provide equipment grants (c.£3000) to unit teams that bid in the prescribed and timely manner¹ through Unit 2ICs, Bde and Div CsoC. LANDSO 3206 directs in the first instance, taking note of the deadline for bids at Para 58b. ATSA have sought a distributor that can have telemark equipment ready for teams in Rauris on the day of their arrival; more details can be gained from Maj A Clarke on 93 784 6050 or 07760 768345 or by e-mail telemark@armymail.mod.uk.

19. **Army Telemark Ski Association Status.** Telemark Skiing has CSSB Approved Sport Status, granting competitors and officials 'on duty' status for the Championships. Public funding is not admissible for Telemark Skiing.

20. Sponsorship.

a. **Corporate Sponsorship.** Our Championship Sponsors have provided funds to help reduce the cost of the event to individuals and in particular junior soldiers. Participants may be required to assist with promotion and hosting in order to provide maximum coverage for the sponsor.

b. **Team or Individual Sponsorship.** Individual or team sponsorship is to remain within service guidelines in accordance with Annex F to Ref B, noting that sponsorship must not show any direct link with tobacco or spirits. Army personnel may not wear commercial logos on their clothing (including race helmets) when on duty except as authorised in Annex F to Ref B. Whilst at the Championships all participants will be deemed to be 'on duty', whether skiing or not for the purpose of these guidelines.

REGISTRATION

21. **Registration Form.** The Registration Form for the ATSA 2010 Championships can be found at Annex A. Registration Forms should be returned to the Registration Secretary, Maj Pery by **30 Oct 09**.

22. Deposit/Entry Fees.

a. A championship entry deposit of £100 per competitor/team is required with initial registration. This deposit will be deducted from the final total cost payable.

23. **Accommodation.** Accommodation is as described above, and will be booked and allocated centrally by ATSA through the Rauris Tourist Board. Applicants should indicate their choice of accommodation, noting the differing costs, on the Registration Form at Annex A. Sharing will be strictly same sex, less for families, and ATSA will endeavour to keep teams together where possible. Under no circumstances are competitors to contact

¹ Deadline for submission for grants for 2009/10 is mid September. Exceptional cases should be referred to SO2 Welfare, ACOS Pers at HQLF.

the Rauris Tourist Board direct, but must address all accommodation issues through the ATSA committee.

24. Telemark Equipment. It is appreciated that not all competitors will have their own equipment and may wish to hire some. There are NO Telemark rental shops in Rauris although a facility has been made to pre-order rental equipment for delivery in Rauris for the Championships, at a cost to the competitor. Please indicate at the relevant part of the registration form if you require rental equipment. All rental equipment will be of good quality, fully serviceable and suitable for Telemark Racing - please note the tight deadline on bids for equipment hire. Failure to meet this deadline may mean having to source equipment yourself. ATSA take no responsibility for competitors that do not have equipment to race with.

25. Families and Supporters. Families and supporters are welcome in Rauris for the ATSA Championships. Competitors who wish to bring friends and family along should indicate this in the Registration Form at Annex A; however non-service personnel will not benefit from any service funds (public or non-public) that have subsidised prices and a separate pricing structure exists. It is anticipated that non-service personnel will however be able to benefit from a reduction in the Rauris lift pass.

IN COUNTRY ORGANISATION

26. Command and Control. The Championships will be run by the ATSA Committee, under command of the Chairman, Col R Haldenby Late RA.

27. Travel. Competitors are responsible for making their own transport arrangements to Rauris, Austria less airport transfers from Salzburg on 6th and 18th Jan 10 if applicable and requested. The nearest rail station is Taxenbach (see www.oebb.at/en) for arrivals at other times.

28. Lift Pass. The cost includes a lift pass for 10 from 11 days. Competitors that wish to ski on the slip/rest day can purchase an extra day pass at individual/team expense.

29. Arrival and Dispersal. Competitors should arrive in Rauris during Austrian working hours (9am – 5pm) on Wed 6 Jan 10. Initial administration, equipment hire and issue and briefings will occur that afternoon/evening. Due to racing and prize giving on 17 Jan 10 competitors will not be allowed to disperse before 1000 hours 18 Jan 09 unless previously agreed by the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

30. Insurance. Teams and individuals are to ensure that they acquaint themselves with Annex J to Ref A, which governs insurance requirements. In particular attention is drawn to Paragraph 7, which deals with the provision for permanent disability and personal accidents.

a. **EHIC.** It is a mandatory requirement that all competitors have a European Health Insurance Card, which is free and can be obtained via the web at <http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Healthadvicefortravellers/index.htm>, or from your local post office.

b. **Personal Insurance.** Competitors must hold adequate personal insurance that includes medical cover and personal liability for Ski Racing and recreational skiing as a minimum. Competitors should ensure their personal insurance provides

cover for cancellation of the Championships due to 'force majeure'. Proof of racing cover must be produced on registration at the Championships; failure to produce a valid cover note will result in not being able to race. There are several brokers that offer competitive rates, including Towergate Wilson, the main sponsor. Competitors must also ensure that their insurance covers them when they are off duty and on the rest day.

31. **General Instruction.** A Championship General Instruction will be issued from mid Oct 09 to championship applicants. A copy of the General Instruction will also be posted on the ATSA website (www.telemark.army.mod.uk) and be linked from the Telemark Page of the AWSA Website.

32. **Milton Keynes XScape Pre-season Meets.** All Telemark skiers are invited to attend pre-season training at the Castleford XScape each Saturday until Dec 19 between 0800 and 1000. Cost will be £25 per person for the 2 hour session, coaching is available if required. Please contact Maj A J Clarke by email telemark@armymail.mod.uk or 07760 768345 to arrange training sessions as numbers are limited.

33. **ATSA Point of Contact.** The ATSA can be reached via the contacts page of the ATSA web page (www.telemark.army.mod.uk) or by mail at:

Maj A P Pery LD, SO2 Armd, CATT(UK), LWC, Warminster BA12 0DJ. Tel 94381 5606 (01985 210606).

Annex:

A. ATSA 2009 Championship Registration Form.

**Army Telemark Ski Association 2010 Championship Registration Form
(to be submitted NLT 30 Oct 09)**

Unit/Team Name _____

Competitors

Surname	Forename	Rank	Service Number	Gender	AWSA Member No	Telemark Experience

I/we will be accompanied by the following supporting cast (Family/Friends)*

Surname	Forename	Rank*	Service Number*	AWSA Member No*	Experience

* - if applicable

Accommodation:

I/We will require the following accommodation in Rauris.

	Male bed spaces*	Female bed spaces*	Total	Remarks / Dates if different
Option 1 – SC @ £315				
Option 2 – B&B @ £350				
Option 3 – HB @ £460				
Dinner Option (Options 1 & 2 only)	YES	NO		

*Please note accommodation will be allocated by ATSA in conjunction with the Rauris Tourist Board. To reduce cost competitors will be required to share, where possible team integrity will be maintained.

Equipment

The following equipment is required:

Boots	Quantity	Size

Skis/Poles	Quantity	Length Skis/Poles	Weight/Height (of Telemarker)

Other Official Visitors Sponsored by Unit/Competitor (That the committee should be aware of, e.g Unit CO).

Surname	Forename	Rank	Service Number	Dates of Stay

Contact Details. Please provide contact details for the Individual/team Captain and Unit for all competitors. Please note that prior to the Championships we may need to contact competitors when on leave and thus a working mobile and civilian e-mail are essential to ensure that administration can be completed during the Christmas leave period.

	Team Captain/Individual	Unit Details (2IC/Sports Officer)
Name		
Address		
Mil Telephone		
Civ Telephone		
Mobile Phone		
Mil E-Mail		
Civ E-Mail		

I enclose a cheque (made payable to Central Bank AWSA– marked Army Telemark Ski Association on the reverse) for £100 to cover the championship registration fee for team/competitor.

Team Captain/Competitor Signature: _____

The Registration Form should be returned to Maj A P Pery LD, SO2 Armd, CATT(UK) LWCTG(UK), LWC, Warminster BA12 0DJ. Tel 94381 5606 (01985 210606). E-mail: adrian.pery790@land.mod.uk.