



UKAF ACO

**United Kingdom Armed Forces
Association Of Cricket Officials**



**UKAF ACO
AGM
Thurs 24th April
2025
at 1830 hrs
MS Teams (Virtual)**



Item	Lead	Remarks
Welcome	Secretary	
Matters Arising Previous Minutes	Secretary	
Chair's Report and 2025 Plan	Chair	
Committee Updates – Max 4 mins	Committee Officers: Sec (Mem Sec) CEO CDO Ump Appts Sco Appts Vets & Civs	2025 Exec Ctte Posts
Proposals		
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Agenda

Maj Christian
Nicholson RAMS



Meeting Minutes From UKAF ACO AGM 2024

Meeting held at HMS Temeraire Portsmouth



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Minutes are posted on the UKAF ACO [Website](#)
Any queries please contact the Secretary:

Welcome

Maj Christian
Nicholson RAMS

Proposed by: Flt Lt Chris Randall RAF
Seconded by: Col (Retd) Michael Cornwell
Result - CARRIED



- Thank You to Ben
- Welcome back Christian
- UKAF as the 40th County in ECB — Huge achievement
 - Level 1 courses — County Board arranged — Delivery by UKAF ACO
 - Funding — ECB ACO Funding based on ECB Home County numbers
 - Governance — ACO now sits under UKAFCA
- ECB ACO Constitution — NGB's has been re-written, County ACO Constitution is currently being re-written. UKAF ACO constitution will be drafted this season.
- New Streamlined Executive Committee from 2026 (see slide 16, Table 1)
- New Membership Structure — To be published on Website (see slide 16, Table 2)
- Single Service Reps - Now integral on Single Service Executive Committees to represent officials
- Stability is the key for 2025 season — Direction from UKAFCA given for 2025, Proposed changes implemented at 2026 AGM for voting

Sec Note: Membership structure was discussed, and the Chair recommended this point be discussed at the next ECM.

This included the requirement for ECB ACO membership and in date DBS.



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Chair's Report

WO2 (RSWO) Alex
Rennie RIFLES



UKAF ACO Vision

Increased Communications, Transparency and Stability for 2025



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Support Military Cricket Across All 3 Services
By providing qualified officials

Recruit

Retain

Develop

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WO2 (RSWO) Alex
Rennie RIFLES



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Focussing on supporting Chair and committee in delivery of UKAFCA direction for 2025.

Preparation and development of ACO as 40th County under UKAFCA as governing board.

Continue direct support and links with Membership Sec and team and engagement with ECB ACO and CB.

Central POC to committee and members for queries and support.

...and getting around to see as many of members as possible over the season!

Secretary Report

Maj Christian Nicholson
RAMS



Thank you to Nick Soloman for his dedication and diligence in the role.



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Finances have now been handed over to UKAFCA (Sharon)

Avon have been confirmed as sponsor for another season

£5000 – Sponsorship – Largely aligned for officials' attendance at all IS Tournaments

Current Cash in Bank – TBC but to follow on confirmation

2025 Match Fees – Confirmed by UKAFCA

Increase of £5 this season

1 x T20 = £40

2 x T20 = £65

40 Overs and above = £65

No mileage

Miss L Judd confirmed to all on the mechanism for payments and how they might differ.

Finance Report

Maj Christian
Nicholson RAMS



Dear Members

Before I begin my 2nd report to UKAF ACO I would like to begin by extending my heartfelt gratitude out to all those who have supported me during this training year (TY) 24/25.

Since the last AGM a total of 26 Umpires and 12 Scorers have qualified over 3 courses. Broken down as follows:

RN: 1 Umpire, 2 Scorers

Army: 23 Umpires, 10 Scorers

RAF: 2 Umpires, 0 Scorers

Layout of training week; due to constraints with workspace for scorers the AYRTCP part of the week has been suspended, and the Umpires course currently runs as: Day 1 – ECB BUC, Day 2 – Law 20,21 and 22, Day 3 – Law 25.5 and 36 including practical sessions throughout.

Problems with Registration process have been discussed and discussed, therefore; via liaison with ASPT I have politely directed the courses clerk to not load SP if they do not provide prior proof of ECB registration.

The next course to be held within TY 25/26 will take place 16 – 20 Mar 26. May I implore sS reps to drive the advertisement of this to ensure full capacity.

Suggested improvements:

Northern (above Manchester is the North) based courses.

ASCB re-imbursing registration fees with a view to UKAFCA sponsoring this to allow tri-service coverage.

Addition of an Education Deputy to act as liaison with ASPT and conduct Quartermaster type activities.

I am therefore happy to report a successful training year and look forward to continue driving UKAF ACO Education going forward should I be re-elected.



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Education Officer Report

WO1 (ASM) Simon 'Trev'
Mellor REME



2024 saw several M6 –M5 progressions.

Currently had expressions of interest from 3 pers for M5-M4 and one W6-W5

A plea from me to get in your expressions of interest by **30 Apr 25**.

Send to; Martin.seward169@mod.gov.uk



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My Priorities (Re-Iterated from last year)

Produce and develop high quality officials for all levels of UKAF Cricket

This will be achieved by

- a. **Create a robust system for development within the ACO**
Expressions of interest folder, Assignment of mentors, Observations and feedback. Regular on-line CPD
- b. **Re-invigorate reporting (peer to peer and Captains/scorers)**
All Army matches now require captain's reports through Play Cricket. All single service games require reports in Play Cricket
- c. **Increase robustness of mentoring**
New developer pool and WhatsApp group for developers. Umpire developers received trg preseason.

This will rely on individuals 'owning' their own development.

Working on a camera/ video debrief tool.

County Development Officer Report

WO (MACR) Martin
'Seaweed' Seward RAF





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Promotion Scheme	Deadline for Expression of Interest for Promotion	Minimum Number of Matches <i>(within gender of competition for promotion)</i>	Minimum Number of Boundary Observations	Minimum Score for Boundary Observation	MCC Laws of the Game Exam	Judgement for Promotion Outcome
Level 6 to Level 5	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	Basic Test <i>(Min. 80%)</i>	County ACO
Level 5 to Level 4	30 th April 2025 to County ACO ^x	7	1 ^o	38 ^o	Basic Test <i>(Min. 80%)</i>	County ACO
Level 4 to Level 3	30 th April 2025 to County ACO	10	2 ^o	38 ^o	Intermediate Test <i>(Min. 80%)</i>	County ACO
Level 3 to Level 2 (Men's Game Pathway)	30 th April 2025 to County ACO	15	3 ^o	42 ^o	Intermediate Test <i>(Min. 90%)</i>	ECB Officiating Department
Level 3 to Level 2 (Women's Game Pathway)	30 th April 2025 to County ACO	10	2 ^o	42 ^o	Intermediate Test <i>(Min. 90%)</i>	ECB Officiating Department

Online Laws trg and exams;
<https://laws.lords.org/login/index.php>



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- Vote of thanks to Gary Eustace
- Apr 25 – 100% appointed
- May 25 – 95% appointed
- June onwards – work in progress
- Appointment considerations
 - Service Umpire
 - Veteran Umpire
 - Civilian Umpire
 - Match
 - Travel
- WTU Information
- CJRANDALL@HOTMAIL.CO.UK



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Umpires' Appointments Officer Update

Flt Lt Chris Randall RAF



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- Appointments 2024
- Serving - 6
- Veterans - 6
- Civilians - 9

- Appointments 2025 to date 80% of appointments have been allocated. More serving personnel to be made available if possible.
- Serving - 6
- Veterans – 6
- Civilians – 6

146 games split between 18 scorers.

There are more scorers, but they have not committed to 2025 yet.

Scoring Tutors – if you are interested in becoming a scoring tutor please let me know.

Discussion took place on gaining support to recruit, retain and develop Serving scorers from UKAFCA. Chair to discuss at next UKAFCA ECM.



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Scorers' Appointments Officer Report

Miss Linda Judd



- It was another very successful UKAF 2024 cricket season where the veterans and civilian officials were appointed to circa 60% of all matches played. The committee recognises the important contribution the veterans and civilian cohort make to the success of supporting such a large UKAF programme of competitions and development games throughout the country.
- Some great news for UKAF is that the ECB ACO has now adopted UKAFCA as the 40th County Board. This should provide both financial, best practice opportunities and ACO ECB new initiatives going forward.
- However, the provision to support service cricket and its players and officials is UKAF's number one priority but veteran and civilian officials have a huge role to play in influencing future policy and direction. The ECB ACO is soon to release a generic County ACO Constitution for UKAF to adapt and use and where my focus will be ensuring all UKAF officials have the opportunity to excel.
- The next few years will be evolution, rather than revolution, but we must embrace the changes and challenges ahead and I wish all UKAF officials a great 2025 season in the middle and the score box 🏏

Sec Note: This slide was inadvertently omitted from display but was discussed by Mr D Young.



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Veteran & Civilian Officer Report

Mr Dave Young



- Proposer: WO1 (ASM) S Mellor REME

- Can ACO review nominal payment to military officials to fall in line with other Service sports (Football, rugby, for example).
- Chair agreed to investigate with UKAFSB on adoption of this.



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Proposals



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- 22 May 25: Men's IST20 – Lord's
 - (Game 1 - 20 May – Utilita Bowl)
- 12 Jun 25: Women's T20 – Arundel
- 19 Jun 25: Men's Dev IST20 –Tidworth
- 15-18 Jul 25: Women's IS50 – Portsmouth
- 28-31 Jul 25: Men's IS50 – Aldershot



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Diary Dates

Maj Christian Nicholson
RAMS



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- Regular comms via Whatsapp or WTU. If not on either, please get in touch with Membership Sec, Ian Walsh.
- Updates and info shared on [UKAF-ACO](#) website
- Captain's and Pitch Reports now mandated for all military fixtures.
- ECB ACO Disparity Policy updated. Please read:
 - [ECB ACO Safety Regulations](#)
 - [ECB ACO Disparity Regulations](#)
- Capt R Holyer RN reminded those involved the TR session would still take place on 19 May 25.
- Above AOB will be included in post AGM comms to all members



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**Any Other
Business**

Meeting Closed At:
Members Present: 30
Apologies: 10 (Ten)
Signed by Secretary: Christian Nicholson(Electronically)
Signed by Chairman: Alex Rennie(Electronically)





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2026 Committee Positions	Eligibility	Deputy
Chair	Serving	Secretary
Secretary	Serving	Membership Secretary
Membership Secretary	Serving & Veteran	Serving, Veteran or Civilian
Education Officer	Serving	Serving, Veteran or Civilian
Development Officer	Serving	Serving, Veteran or Civilian
Umpire Appointments	Serving & Veteran	Serving, Veteran or Civilian
Scorer Appointment (Vet & Civ Rep)	Serving & Veteran	Serving, Veteran or Civilian
3 x sS positions	Serving	Serving, Veteran & Civilian

Service Status	ECB Home County	Can Vote	Can Perform Ctte Duties
Serving (Regular)	UKAF	✓	✓
Serving (Reserve)	UKAF	✓	✓
Veteran	UKAF	✓	✓
Civilian	UKAF	✓	✓
Veteran	Other	✗	✗
Civilian	Other	✗	✗

**Any Other
Business**

UKAF ACO Membership
Status

