

# EX ROADMASTER

Saturday 20 JUNE 2026



## Additional Supplementary Rules

V2



# EX ROADMASTER 26

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

20 June 2026

### (Additional Supplementary Rules)

1. **Aim.** The aim of this document is to guide you through the specific administrative requirements of Ex ROADMASTER. You should also read the Supplementary Rules (SR) which are pertinent to all events in 2026, they are held on the Army Motorsport website [here](#). Both sets of rules are designed to be read by civilian and military participants and are therefore unclassified.
2. **Introduction.** Ex ROADMASTER (Ex RM) is an exercise aimed at developing navigation and driving. It is run as a military exercise under the Safe System of Work (ACSO 1200) and JSP800. Concurrently the Army Motorsport will run a motorsport event for privately owned civilian vehicles which will be governed by Motorsport UK National Competition Rules (NCRs) for 4x4s and the Auto Cycle Union rules for motorcycles. The Motorsport UK permit number is 208001 and the ACU permit number is **TBC**. References in this format (**A.1.2.3**) are rules lifted directly from NCRs. The use of military (Green Fleet) vehicles is authorised by JSP 800.
3. **Beginners.** If you are new to navigation events a guide to participation can be found [here](#).
4. **Safety.** All participants are responsible for their own safety and the safety of fellow competitors. Safety is important, if something looks unsafe, act. In order to ensure a safe place, all parts of the route have been approved by DST Training Area staff. The equipment being used is roadworthy and all participants are competent.
5. **Officials.** The following officials have been appointed by Army Motorsport:
  - a. Sec of the event: **Lt Col AD Marjoribanks** (Competing)
  - b. Asst Sec and financial officer: **Maj Jack Blackhall** (Competing)
  - c. CoC Nav – **Mr Neil Watterson**
  - d. CoC Trials, asst CoC Trials and civilian vehicle recovery – **Mr Brian Hartley / Mr Darren McGuinness**
  - e. Entries and results – **Capt Matt Henning**
  - f. Chief Marshal – **Mr Peter Cunningham**
  - g. MC CoC **Cpl Harrison Dobson**
  - h. Army Motorsport steward – **Mr Bernie Stevens**
  - i. Chief Scrutineer – **Mr Allan Strachan**
  - j. DST LO – **WO2 Green**

### Section 1 – Rules for participants

6. **Eligibility.** The event is open to members of the Armed Forces who are members of single service motorsports associations; and members of the clubs and associations listed below. All participants must hold at least a [RS Clubman licence](#) or for motorcycles, an Auto Cycle Union (ACU) for a minimum of Trials competitions. Service Personnel participating in Service Vehicles are on exercise and do not require a Motorsport UK licence. They should, however, join Army Motorsport and select Green Fleet membership to record their participation in the exercise. Army Motorsport members participating in privately owned civilian vehicles or motorcycles must be Full (Serving Army Personnel) or Associate (Veteran or Civilian) Members of Army Motorsport.

- a. Army Motorsport
- b. RNRMMSA and RAFMSA
- c. Hants and Berks ROC
- d. Association of Land Rover Clubs
- e. CSMA Club
- f. Devizes and District MC.
- g. Craven MC.
- h. Dorset LR Club
- i. Salisbury and Shaftsbury car Club
- j. Cheltenham and Cotswold ROC
- k. Midland ROC
- l. Yorkshire off-road Club.
- m. Lincs Off Road Club.
- n. Any other club which applies for an invitation, subject to Motorsport UK rules (D 4.3.1).

7. **Entries.** The maximum number of entries will be 40 however five reserves will be allowed and given places if any other entry fails, either to turn up or to meet entry conditions. The entry list opens on publication of these rules and closes at 1130hrs on 16 June 26. All entries are to be registered at the following [link](#). Any issues please contact [Matthew.Henning100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Henning100@mod.gov.uk).

8. **Classes and seeding.** Entries will be seeded by the Event Secretary. Entrants with experience of civilian navigation events will be classified by the event organiser and the decision will not be subject to protest. Crews will be classed as follows:

- a. **Expert.** Where either crew member has competed in 6 or more Army Motorsport navigation events.
- b. **Novice.** Where either crew member has competed in 2 or more but less than 6 Army Motorsport navigation events.

c. **Beginner.** Where neither crew member has competed in more than 2 Army Motorsport navigation events.

9. **Fees.** Entry fees are to be paid by BACS before the event and proof of payment should be retained. Late entries are permitted to pay cash on the day of the event by prior agreement. The entry fee per crew is as follows:

- a. Green Fleet (Military) vehicles £30.
- b. Private Vehicles – Non- Army Motorsport members £65
- c. Private Vehicles – Army Motorsport Members £60
- d. Motorcycles – £40

10. **Payment.** All payments are due to ASCB Central Bank,

11. Sort code: 16-19-26

Ac No: 10529980

Reference: RM26 Abbreviated Unit Name (if paying for more than one entry from your unit) or Driver Surname & Initial. (e.g., *RM26/154RLC* or *RM26/SMITH J*).

12. **Documentation.** The following documents will be checked at signing on:

- a. Current driving licence or electronic printout from DVSA for any crew member intending to drive.
- b. RS Clubman licence (**Both** crew members; crews in privately owned vehicles only).
- c. ACU Licence (Trials or higher) for motorcyclists (privately owned machines only).
- d. My Drive, formerly FMT600 (military drivers in Green Fleet only).
- e. MoD Form 90 (service ID card, military personnel only).
- f. FMT 1001(ATUD) endorsed 'Ex ROADMASTER' and signed by the MTO (military vehicles only). POT code is **17b**.
- g. Copy of Unit Part One Orders confirming authority to participate (military crews only).
- h. An in-date club membership card.
- i. Current certificate of insurance (civilian vehicles only).
- j. Current certificate of a DfT test (civilian vehicles only).
- k. CO/HoE Authority to participate using Green Fleet (MOD Civil Servants only).

13. **Locations.** Event HQ/EXCON, scrutineering, camping and the start and finish points are all at the green buildings by the Railhead Trg Area (point 34 on the enclosed map), w3w:

[///brink.cafe.writings](http://brink.cafe.writings)

14. **Event timings.** All times will be GPS as articulated on smart phones and watches.

Ser	Time	Location	Event	Comments
1	0730	EXCON	Event HQ Opens	See para 13 for EXCON location
2	0730-0830		Scrutineering	
3	0730-0845		Signing On	At event HQ
4	0830		Marshals briefing	
5	0900		Crew briefing	Safety Brief
6	1000		Car 0 on course	
7	1230 (TBC)		Lunch	
8	1645		Awards	
9	1730		Dispersal	

15. Any crew not signed on by 0830 could be excluded and their place allocated to a reserve. Expert class will receive a road book 30 min before their due start time. Novice class will receive theirs 45 min before due start time. Beginners will receive their roadbook 60 min before due start time. No other route instructions will be issued on route.

16. **Personal equipment.** All crews are to carry the following equipment:

- a. Pens
- b. 2B pencils and rubbers
- c. Hi-lighter pens.
- d. A map board.
- e. Protractor or compass
- f. Helmet (military crews only)

17. **Personal equipment – military crews.** Those crewing military vehicles are to wear uniform, and a helmet when driving cross country.

18. **Maps.** All required mapping is provided. A map of the training area is included with this ASR.

19. **Accommodation.** There are three options for accommodation. You must stipulate your preference when registering.

- a. **Camping.** This is open to civilians only and is only available on Friday evening.
- b. **Transit accommodation.** This is open to serving service personnel only and is available from Friday through to Sunday morning.
- c. **Own arrangements/not required.** If you live close by or are arranging your own accommodation please chose this option.

20. **Food.** Lunch on 20 June is available at the Junior Ranks Dining facility for all competitors and marshals to purchase should they wish. Directions to this will be provided in

the road book. The JRD will be open to service persons from evening meal on Friday through to breakfast on Sunday. It is a PAYD facility.

21. **Driver's Hours.** Ex Roadmaster will be completed within driver's hours for that day. It is a participant's responsibility to ensure they remain compliant with drivers' hours for the remainder of the week. Accommodation is available at DST for SP so that they do not have to drive home after the event.

## Section 2 – Rules for vehicles

22. **Competing Vehicles.** These vehicles must have four wheels and two side by side forward facing front seats. Vehicles are to be standard, and no special vehicles are permitted. What is a special vehicle will be decided by the organisers but will include fire engines and ambulances. Whilst modified vehicles are permitted it must be accepted that, to retain the navigation essence of the event, offroad racers and similar vehicles are discouraged unless fully 'Road Legal'. If in doubt, please consult the Event Secretary before entering [alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk](mailto:alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk). Crews are required to wear seat belts and always be in forward-facing seats when participating. Armed Forces personnel participating in 'Green Fleet' vehicles must comply with JSP 800.

23. **DfT (MOT).** All vehicles must have a valid DfT test (MOT) where required by law. All vehicles must be roadworthy.

24. **Vehicle equipment.** Vehicles must carry the following equipment which will be inspected at scrutineering and spot checked throughout the event.

- a. Warning Triangle.
- b. First Aid Kit.
- c. Tow Rope/strop, this must be non-kinetic. Additional ropes, of any type, may be carried. Winches may be used with care if necessary.
- d. D Shackle (Optional for GF Vehs). (stamped with the SWL appropriate for weight of the vehicle,). This can be a 'JATE' ring.
- e. Fire Extinguisher, at least 1Kg.
- f. A reflective waistcoat or jacket per crew member.
- g. A small spill kit. These are available online <http://www.yellowshield.co.uk> or [amazon](https://www.amazon.co.uk). (NSN 7920-99-000-6673 for green fleet).
- h. A rubbish bag of at least 25 litre capacity.

25. **Fuel.** Vehicles should be capable of travelling about 75 miles cross country and through sand without refuelling. Refuelling is not permitted within the Training Area.

26. **Scrutineering process and requirement.** On arrival, proceed to scrutineering at EXCON. After completion of scrutineering spot checks, move directly to signing on, also at EXCON. Vehicles will comply with the technical rules. Vehicles not fitted with hard tops must have suitable canvas tops fitted. Whilst it is appreciated that suitable tyres are sensible, aggressive tyres are totally unnecessary on the route. The route has been traversed quite safely using all terrain tyres and if you are unsure, please contact the Event Secretary before entering by emailing [alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk](mailto:alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk). Green Fleet vehicles are to be fitted with

the tyres shown in the CES. The Chief Scrutineer will advise the Event Secretary whether a vehicle may start or not. The decision of the Event Secretary is final and not subject to protest. Vehicles and motorcycles should be checked in advance by competitors or their repair agents using the check sheet at the following [link](#). On arrival, they will also be spot checked for general roadworthiness by scrutineers, before documents are checked, and at the end of the event.

### Section 3 – Rules which Govern the Conduct of the event

27. Refer to Army Motorsport Supplementary Rules for standard event rules.
28. **Speed.** All competitive sections have been set for an average speed of 10 MPH/16 KPH. Posted speed limits must be observed; driving standards marshals using speed check devices will be in operation throughout the event.
29. **Sections.** These will be in accordance with **R10.1** et seq.
30. **Controls and checks (R11.1-11.6.3):**
  - a. **Main Time Control/Time Control (MTC/TC).** These will be positioned at known locations at the start and end of each phase. Competitors are required to stop before the control and proceed slowly to the marshal who will record their arrival time on their timecard. A warning board could be positioned prior to the control; a control board will be positioned at the control.
  - b. **Manned Secret Control (MSC).** These will be in undisclosed locations to monitor compliance with the rules. A control board could be displayed but no warning board. Crews must stop and comply with instructions issued by the marshal.
  - c. **Route Checks (RC).** These will be in known locations (on some phases and not on others) to ensure that competitors follow the correct route or comply with route instructions. The RCs will show a letter, a number, or both. At each RC location, crews must record the letter or number in the correct box (i.e. RC 2 in box 2) on the appropriate timecard.
31. **Phases:** Ex RM26 will have two phases which each crew will take part in, Trials and Navigation:
  - a. **Trials.** Crews must drive along a cross country course marked by a series of 10 gates, through which they must pass. If the vehicle stops or touches one of the gates, then penalties will be awarded. Further details will be included in Final Rules.
  - b. **Navigation.** Crews are to follow the route and record the letters shown at any RC seen. The letter must be entered in the next empty box on the timecard. MSC will be established to ensure compliance. Crews will be provided with route instructions, to enable them to follow the correct route as follows:
    - (1) **Sequential.** Crews will be provided with a map with the location of numbered RC marked. RC must be visited in the correct numerical sequence but with competitors choosing the route between. There will be a letter board at each RC. The letter must be entered in the correct box (i.e., RC 2 in box 2) on the timecard. MSC will be established to ensure compliance.
    - (2) **Scatter.** Crews will be provided with an aerial image pre-marked with the RC locations. Crews can visit the RC in any order, but with competitors choosing the route, within the given time allowance. There will be a letter board at each RC.

The letter must be entered in the correct box on the timecard.

(3) **Orienteering.** This uses an orienteering map marked with the control locations. Controls must be visited in the correct order but with competitors choosing the route. There will be an orienteering kite (without punch) at each control and competitors will be required to record the letter shown, in the correct box on timecard 7. MSC will be established to ensure compliance.

(4) **Driving Test.** This will take the form of a driving test following a marked map on a sketch map; it will be timed to the second and penalties will be awarded for striking cones or taking the wrong route. A bogey time will be notified at the start and so long as this is not exceeded and no other errors are made, then zero penalties will be awarded. 1 penalty will be awarded for every part of 1 minute over the bogey time. Actual time taken will be used to resolve a tie in the overall results where two or more crews tie on the furthest cleanest rule.

(5) **Safari.** Crews will be provided sufficient information to enable them to plot the correct route on to a 1:50,000 map. Crews are to follow the route to the end MTC; they must record RC, as found, in the next empty box on the timecard.

32. **Lateness.** There will be no penalty free lateness. Crews will be required to start competitive sections on their due time. Crews may book in early without penalty but may not start the next phase until their due time. Manned controls will close 1 minute after the due time of the last car.

33. **Penalties.** The following penalties will apply:

All phases	Missing a RC	1 point per miss.
All phases	Exceeding the time allowed for a section	2 points per minute or part of a minute
All phases	Not providing proof of visiting a TC	10 points
All phases	Wrong DOA or DOD, where given	1 point per offence
At all times	Failing to stop at a posted stop sign	1 <sup>st</sup> offence 5 points. Subsequent offences 10 points
At all times	Not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle.	Disqualification
At all times	Exceeding the event speed limits	1 <sup>st</sup> offence 10 points. Subsequent offences 20 points
Orienteering	Wrong box marked on the timecard.	1 point per offence
Scatter and sequential	Wrong box marked on the timecard	1 point per offence
Sequential and orienteering	Recording an RC in the wrong order	Cancellation of previous boxes eg if you go to RC 6 before 4 & 5, those two boxes will be cancelled

34. **Final Instructions.** Final Instructions will be sent to all participants, officials and marshals by 18 June 2026.

35. **Queries.** Any queries should be addressed to the Event Secretary at

[alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk](mailto:alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk)

# Training Area

Including out of bounds



ALL DAMAGE TO THE TRAINING AREA MUST BE REPORTED TO THE TMS TEAM MANAGER ON EXT: 5236

Not to scale  
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**Key:**

- Out of bounds
- Grass
- Woodland
- Water
- Road / Tarmac
- Off Road
- Sand
- Mud
- Danger Area
- Barrier

**Obstacles:**

- |  |   |  |                                    |
|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 1:5 Hill   | 14 Recovery Area (SAND)                   | 27 Evasive Driving Area                      | 39 Combat Wood 5                   |
| 2 Mud Track  | 15 Specialist Vehicle Area                | 27a CALM Training Area (MHE)                 | 40 RTCH Training Area (MHE)        |
| 3 Fording Lane - 0.6m Deep                         | 15a Undulating River Bed                  | 28 Skid Pan                                  | 41 Hill Start Stop Area            |
| 4 1:4 Hill   | 16 Knife Edge Hill 1:4                    | 29 SDC Recovery Area                         | 42 Class 1 Area                    |
| 5 1:3 Hill   | 17 Vertical Drop                          | 29a SDC Towing Area                          | 43 Rough Terrain MHE training Area |
| 6 Recovery Area (Upgraders)                        | 18 Knife Edge Hill 1:3                    | 30 Trailer Hitch and Unhitch Area            | 44 Sand Track Training Area        |
| 6a Unused  | 19 Driving Circuit                        | 31 Quad Area Off Road                        | 45 Sand Tracks Exit Route          |
| 6b C-E Manoeuvring Area                            | 20 Combat Wood 1                          | 32 Quad Wooded Area                          | 46 Enduro Motorcycle Track         |
| 7 1:5 Hill   | 21 Corrugated Drive                       | 33 Engineer Track                            | 47 Blind Spot Junction             |
| 8 Double Hill                                      | 22 Submerged Fording Area (0.5-0.8m Deep) | 33a Quad Loop                                | 48 Loss of Traction Hill DROPS     |
| 9 MHE Training Area                                | 22a BV 206 Fording Lane                   | 34 Rail Head Training Area                   | 49 Mountain Bike Track             |
| 10 Water Training Area                             | 23 Undulating Track                       | 35 Multi Terrain Cross Country Area 1, 2 & 3 | 50 Upgraders Loading Area          |
| 11 Side Slope Road                                 | 24 Clay Pigeon Range                      | 36 Combat Wood 2                             |                                    |
| 12 12m Hill (1:3, 1:4, 1:10, 1:2 loss of traction) | 25 Henson's Hills                         | 37 Combat Wood 3                             |                                    |
| 13 12m Hill (1:3, 1:4, 1:10, 1:2 loss of traction) | 26 Quad Training Area                     | 38 Combat Wood 4                             |                                    |

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