

EX SAXON EXPRESS 2026

Saturday 14 March 2026



Additional Supplementary Regulations

V1.3



EX SAXON EXPRESS 26 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. **Aim.** The aim of this document is to guide you through the specific administrative requirements of Ex SAXON EXPRESS. You should also read the Supplementary Regulations (SR) which are pertinent to all events in 2026, they are held on the BAMA website [here](#). Both sets of regulations are designed to be read by civilian and military participants and are therefore unclassified.
2. **Introduction.** Ex SAXON EXPRESS (Ex SE) is an exercise aimed at developing navigation and driving. It is run as a military exercise under the Safe System of Training and JSP800. Concurrently the British Army Motorsport Association (BAMA) will run a motorsport event for privately owned civilian vehicles which will be governed by Motorsport UK National Competition Regulations (NCRs) for 4x4s and the Auto Cycle Union rules for motorcycles. The Motorsport UK permit number is **#205418** and the ACU permit number is TBC. References in this format (**A.1.2.3**) are regulations 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 Bovington Training Area staff. The equipment being used is roadworthy and all participants are competent.
5. **Officials.** The following officials have been appointed by BAMA:
 - a. Event Secretary – Lt Col Alex Marjoribanks SCOTS DG
 - b. Entries Secretary – Capt Matthew Henning RLC
 - c. Clerk of the Course – Mr Neil Watterson
 - d. Assistant Clerk of the Course (4x4s) – Lt Col (Retd) Ian Licence
 - e. Assistant Clerk of the Course (Motorcycles) – Cpl Harrison Dobson

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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 BAMA and select Green Fleet membership to record their participation in the exercise. BAMA members participating in privately owned civilian vehicles or motorcycles must be Full (Serving Army Personnel) or Associate (Veteran or Civilian) Members of BAMA.

- a. BAMA
- 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 regulations and closes at 1130hrs on 12 March 26. Entries will only be accepted via a completed excel entry form at the following [link](#) . Please [download a copy](#), complete it, save a copy and then email it to 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 BAMA navigation events.
- b. **Novice.** Where either crew member has competed in 2 or more but less than 6 BAMA navigation events.
- c. **Beginner.** Where neither crew member has competed in more than 2 BAMA 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 are as follows:

- a. Green Fleet (Military) vehicles £30.
- b. Private Vehicles – Non-BAMA members £65
- c. Private Vehicles – BAMA 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: SE25 Abbreviated Unit Name or Driver Surname & Initial. (e.g., *SE26/154RLC* or *SE26/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 SAXON EXPRESS' 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 Gate H2, w3w [coverings.begins.universally](https://w3w.co/coverings.begins.universally).

14. **Event timings.** All times will be UTC (local) as broadcast by the BBC and shown on official clocks and is not subject to protest.

Ser	Time	Location	Event	Comments
1	1000	Gate H2	Event HQ Opens	EXCON will be located in the compound at H2
2	1000-1100	Gate H2	Scrutineering	
3	1000-1100	Gate H2	Signing On	At event HQ
4	1030	Gate H2	Marshals briefing	
5	1115	Gate H2	Crew briefing	Safety Brief
6	1230	Gate H2	Car 0 on course	
7	2000	Gate H2	Awards	
8	2030	Gate H2	Dispersal	

15. Any crew not signed on by 1100 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. Attendees at the Beginner training will receive their roadbook on completion of the training session. No other route instructions will be issued on route.

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

- a. Pens
- b. 2B pencils and rubbers
- c. Hi-lighter pens.
- d. Tracing paper or acetate
- e. A map board.
- f. Protractor or compass
- g. 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.

19. **Accommodation.** No accommodation is available via the event organisers. Camping is available at H2 (event HQ/EXCON) on Friday and Saturday nights. If you intend to camp please inform the organisers on registration. Porta-Loos will be available at this location only.

20. **Food.** Food is under competitors' arrangements. A catering van will be selling food on Sat 14 March 26 and will be located at EXCON. Food outlets are also available at Bovington village.

Section 2 – Regulations for vehicles

21. **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. The maximum size of vehicle should be about the size of a long wheelbase Land Rover. 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.

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

23. **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 at local auto factors. (NSN 7920-99-000-6673 for green fleet).
- h. A rubbish bag of at least 25 litre capacity.

24. **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. There are garages in the area, on the A35, A31 and A352.

25. **Scrutineering process and requirement.** On arrival, proceed to scrutineering at HQ at H2. After completion of scrutineering spot checks, move directly to signing on, also at HQ. Vehicles will comply with the technical regulations. 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. 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 – Regulations which Govern the Conduct of the event

- 26. **Refer to BAMA Supplementary Regulations for standard event regulations.**
- 27. **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.
- 28. **Sections.** These will be in accordance with **R10.1 et seq.**
- 29. **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, book in and record, on their timecard, their arrival time from the clock which they will be shown. 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 regulations. 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 be defined as either a letter or number. 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.

30. **Phases:** Ex SE26 will have nine phases which each crew will take part in. These will include:

- a. **Warm Up.** Crews will be provided with a marked map showing a short route with RCs. Crews are to drive the route and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- b. **Sequential.** Crews will be provided with a map marked with the location of numbered RCs. Crews must select a route and visit the RCs in the **correct sequence** and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard. MSCs will be deployed to ensure crews comply with the regulations and visit the RCs in the correct sequence.
- c. **Scatter.** Crews will be provided with an aerial image pre-marked with the RC locations. Crews must select a route and visit the RCs **in any order** and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- d. **Orienteering.** Crews will be provided with an orienteering map marked with the control locations. Crews must select a route and visit the RCs in the **correct sequence** and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard. MSCs will be deployed to ensure crews comply with the regulations and visit the RCs in the correct sequence.
- e. **Safari.** Crews will be provided with an aerial image marked with a route, crews are to follow the route and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- f. **Day Navigation.** Crews will be provided sufficient information to enable them to plot the route on to a 1:50,000 map. Crews are to follow the route to the end MTC, they must record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- g. **Night Navigation.** Crews will be provided sufficient information to enable them to plot the route on to a 1:50,000 map. Crews are to follow the route to the end MTC, they must record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- h. **Gunnery.** Crews will be provided a range map overlaid with distance circles radiating from the Gunnery start location. Included on the range map will be a table with the bearings and distance of each RC. By using a protractor or compass crews are to plot the location of the RCs and visit them **in any order** and record the RC as found in the next empty box on the appropriate timecard.
- i. **Trials.** Crews will have to drive a course marked with pairs of canes without stopping or hitting the canes. Penalties will be given based on how far along the section the crew get (each pair of canes has a descending value, starting from 10 or 12). If a crew clears the section without stopping or hitting the canes, they will receive zero penalties.

31. **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.

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

All phases	Missing a RC	1 point per miss.
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All phases	Exceeding the time allowed for a phase	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 st 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 st 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

33. **Final Instructions.** Final Instructions will be sent to all participants, officials and marshals by 7 March 2026.

34. **Queries.** Any queries should be addressed to the Event Secretary at alexander.marjoribanks615@mod.gov.uk

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EXCON and camping

