Defence Instructions and Notices (Not to be communicated beyond Crown Servants, and Government contractors, without authority)	
Title	Army Sports Lottery
Audience	All Regular Army, Army Reserve and Retired Army Personnel
Applies	13/04/2026
Expires	13/04/2027
Replaces	[Replaces]
Reference	**2026DIN10-014**
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Channel	10 Sports and social events
Subchannel	Army sports and social
Summary	Army Sports Lottery instructions, including how to become a member, how to apply for a grant and who is eligible
Sponsor/ Business owner	Andrew.Punter283@mod.gov.uk
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Annexes	A. Army Sports Lottery Grant Rules
Related Info	Instructions, Procedure, Prizes, Overseas Sports Visits, Grants, Membership, Application Forms.
Classification	Official

ARMY SPORT LOTTERY

Internet: www.armysportlottery.com

Introduction

1. The Army Sport Lottery (ASL) was established in Sep 93 to raise non-public funds for sport in addition to those available from other sources (see Annex A). The ASL is registered with the Gambling Commission[1] and is administered by Army Sport. The Promoter is the Head of the Lottery (HoL) who is supported by three Administrative Officers.

Aims

2. The aims of ASL are to provide:

   a. The opportunity for members to win a lottery prize.

   b. Funds to support:

      (1) Authorised Overseas Sports Visits.

      (2) Army athletes competing at Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games.

(3) Army athletes competing at International Competitions.

(4) AWSA Authorised Winter Sports Activity (WSA).

(5) Army Sport Charitable Fund.

(6) Other sporting activities/requirements.

Procedure

3. The ASL is a series of weekly lotteries. Tickets cost £1.00 each per week with a maximum of 6 tickets per person. Winners are determined by a random number generator, during a draw that is independently witnessed. The weekly top six prize winners are notified by email with confirmation following in the post. All consolation prize winners are notified by post. Payment of prizes is made by cheque on confirmation of winners' contact details. Results are announced on local Service radio, ASL App, Social Media platforms and on the ASL website.

Prizes

4. The weekly prize fund is £30,000.00, distributed as follows:

Prize Selection	Amount
First	£10,000.00
Second	£5,000.00
Third	£4,000.00
Fourth	£3,000.00
Fifth	£2,000.00
Sixth	£1,000.00
Seventh x 2	£500.00
Consolation x 15	£200.00
Consolation x 10	£100.00

The weekly prize fund is set in accordance with Gambling Commission regulations. Prizes are regularly reviewed by the Army Sport Charitable Fund Trustees.

5. In addition to the weekly cash prizes there is a £250.00 monthly voucher draw.

Eligibility

6. The following personnel are eligible to join the ASL:
   a. **Army Regular and Reservist.** All members of the Regular and Reserve Army (including UOTC) and their equivalents e.g. MPGS are eligible. Payment is deducted at source and is shown on monthly pay statements.

b. **Veterans/Retired**. Officer/Other Rank who are ex-Army are eligible. Payment is made annually in advance through the Worldpay gateway on the ASL website.

Ticket/s	Annual Cost (£)
1	£52.00
2	£104.00
3	£156.00
4	£208.00
5	£260.00
6	£312.00

Membership

7. **Applications**. The Membership Application Form can be found on the ASL website.

8. **Regular and Reserve Army Personnel.**

a. The Regimental Number must be exactly the same as that on the applicant's pay statement. **It is essential that if applicants have a dash number (24862345-1) they must put this on the application**. Failure to do so may result in applications being rejected by JPA. ASL accepts no responsibility for inaccurate applications.

b. Members should check their pay statements to ensure payment is being made. This will ensure their membership is current and they are eligible to apply for a grant.

c. Individuals are not a member of ASL until the first payment has been received. This can take 6-8 weeks after applying for membership; this includes existing members who increase, decrease or stop their tickets.

9. **All**. Members must ensure their personal details, especially their current unit address, are kept up to date. This will ensure prizes are received promptly. Every effort, within the resources available, will be made to trace prize-winners. However, prizes not claimed after 12 months are void and will be paid into the Army Sport Charitable Fund.

Grants

10. Members may apply for grants in accordance with the Grant Rules at Annex A. Organisers are to submit one application for all participants in the event/activity. **Applicants who receive a grant must have been a member, or commit to being a member, of the ASL for at least 3 years**. This includes members of the Army Reserve and Veterans/Retired who have joined the ASL as civilians. Grants will only normally be considered for Veterans/Retired members who take part in Army Sport authorised overseas sports visits (OSV)/training camps, where they regularly support the representative team in either a coaching or management capacity. On a case-by-case basis the Grants Board may consider funding retired members who are playing members of an OSV representative team but only if it

is clear all avenues for serving and Reserve members to participate have been exhausted; it must also be clear that the retired/Veteran members form no more than 1/3 of the team.

11. **All individuals listed on a Grant Application Form must be a member of the ASL. Regular and Reserve Army applicants must have made at least one payment from their salary before the event start date. Retired members must have made annual payment before the event start date. Replacements must conform to the above**.

12. **Approval**. Grant applications will be considered by the ASL Grants Committee, comprising CEO Army Sport, COO, Head of Finance and HoL, on a monthly basis. **Grant applications will be taken to a Grants Board no earlier than 2 months prior to the activity start date**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the Lottery office (see paragraph 17) to find out if their application has been successful.

13. **Payment**. Payment will normally be made by BACS transfer to a Unit Central Bank.

14. **Beneficiary Receipt**. All recipients of a grant must complete the Beneficiary Receipt form accompanying the grant and return it to ASL.

Post Activity Report

15. A Post Activity Report (PAR), with nominal roll of all those who attended, is to be submitted to the ASL within 6 weeks of the end of the activity. **Failure to submit the PAR may result in the grant having to be repaid.** The PAR template can be downloaded from the ASL website.

Website

16. This instruction, any amendments, updates and other information, can be found at www.armysportlottery.com.

Contact Details

17. In the first instance, all ASL enquiries should be directed to the ASL office:

a. **ASL Office.** Address: as above; Email:lottery@britisharmysport.com Tel: 01252 787065.

Annex:

A. Army Sports Lottery Grant Rules

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ARMY SPORT LOTTERY GRANT RULES

References:

A. JSP 660 – Sport in the UK Armed Forces.
B. ACSO 3206 – Army Welfare Funds.
C. 2019DIN10-029 – Berlin Infantry Bde Memorial Trust Fund (or its successor).
D. AGAI Vol 1 Ch 5 Part 9 – Overseas Sports Visits and Training Camps.
E. 2021DIN10-013 – Army European Winter Activity Instruction (or its successor).
F. ACSO 1209 – Authorisation of Comparable Activities which are not Categorised as Adventurous Training or Sport[2]

Introduction

1. ASL grants are not to be regarded as a replacement for public funds and other sources of non-public funds for sport and ACSO 1209 'Comparable Activities'. They are used to supplement such funds where appropriate and to provide grants for sporting events/activities that fall outside the scope of existing funds. The ASL Financial Year (FY) is 1 Apr-31 Mar.

Existing Funds

2. Existing sources of funding for the above activities include:

a. **Public Funds**.

(1) CO's Public Fund (ECOPF).

(2) Cash in lieu of rations (CILOR) – WSA only.

(3) Sports Equipment Grant Funding (SEG).

(4) Initial grants for new and expanding units (through Fmn HQs).

(5) Standard Learning Credit (SLC) Education Grant. Enhanced Learning Credits are not eligible.

b. **Non-Public Funds**.

(1) Welfare Funds (Army Central Fund, Nuffield Trust, Command/Formation).

(2) Army Sport Charitable Fund.

(3) Unit Funds.

(4) Berlin Infantry Brigade Memorial Trust Fund (BIBMTF).

(5) Sponsorship.

3. Details of Welfare Funds can be found in Reference B. BIBMTF bids are made in accordance with Reference C.

4. **Individual Contributions**. All grant applicants will be expected to make a personal contribution to the activity. Individual contributions will normally be one third of the cost.

Eligibility

5. **Travel within Home Theatre**. ASL members are eligible to apply for a grant towards the cost of a **unit** sports visit within Home Theatre authorised by the CO. **The CO's authority must be enclosed with the application**.

6. **Overseas Sports Visits (OSVs).**

a. ASL members are eligible to apply for a grant towards the cost of an authorised OSV[3], which must be competitive and comply with the qualifying criteria in accordance with References A and D. Only Category 1 and 2 Sports are eligible for funding and approval. Training Camps for Category 1 and 2 sports are also permitted – see paragraph 11a. below.

b. The following table shows how frequent ASL funding can be applied for:

Zone	Region/s	Grant	Frequency
1	In-Theatre UK/Germany	Up to £150	Annually
2	UK destinations involving a sea crossing (Including Channel Islands and Isle of Man)	Up to £200	Annually
3	Europe including Eire: Spain, Poland, Greece, Portugal etc	Up to £300	Annually
4	North Africa and Middle East, Tenerife, Dubai, Turkey etc	Up to £400	Biennial apart from Cyprus which will be considered for a grant annually
5	Rest of the World: USA, South Africa, Australia etc	Up to £700	Biennial

c. Authority to undertake an OSV must be obtained from the Ops Officer Army Sport in accordance with Reference D.

d. Grants are awarded subject to the following limitations:

(1) Maximum number of participants per gender is specified in Reference A (Pt 2, Annex A to Chap 3) and also available in Appx 1 to this instruction[4]

(2) Members who are participating at representative sport for an Army, Corps sports team and also compete for their unit team may apply for a grant at each of the levels, within the same FY. Therefore, the maximum grant available for a lottery member who holds 6 x tickets is £2100 provided; Grant 1 is for an Army representative level; Grant 2 is Corps level and Grant 3 is Unit level.

e. **Overseas sports visit grants will be allocated using a geographic zone system for which a minimum number of tickets will be required (see Appendix 2):**

Zone	Tickets Required
1	**2**
2	**3**
3	**4**
4	**5**
5	**6**

f. All members who increase their lottery tickets within 6 months of claiming an overseas visit/training camp grant must retain their increased lottery tickets for a **period of 12 months from the start of the activity.** Members who already hold the required number of tickets must retain their ticket holding for a period of 12 months from the start of the activity.

g. There are a number of travel companies that may be able to assist in planning and booking visits. Details can be found at https://britisharmysport.com/overseas-visits/

7. **Olympic/Paralympic and Commonwealth Games Competitors Grant (OCG).**

a. An OCG may be awarded to help offset costs incurred by individuals not paid for by their National Governing Body (NGB). Food and sport supplements costs are not admissible. To be eligible, applicants must have been a member of ASL for at least 12 months and be in possession of a British Olympic Association/British Paralympic Association passport or equivalent.

b. Applications for an OCG are to be made **retrospectively** and must be endorsed by the relevant Association/Union Ops Manager. If the individual is already an established competitor, then applications may be considered in advance.

c. Those in receipt of an OCG may also apply for an OSV grant in the same year in order to take part in a team-based activity.

d. Applications must be made within 60 days of completion of the event/activity.

8. **International Competitors Grant (ICG).**

a. An ICG may be awarded to help offset reasonable[5] costs incurred by individuals, including age group athletes, not paid for by their NGB, whether the competition is in UK or overseas. It is expected that ICG applicants will be registered on the Army Sport Elite Athletes database or be added to it based on their NGB selection. Food and sport supplements costs are not admissible. To be eligible, proof of selection e.g. NGB selection letter, must be attached to the application. Only recognised NGBs as listed in Reference A (Pt 1, Annex B to Chap 1) will be accepted. Where the NGB is not UK based, or is not listed in Reference A, advice will be sought as required. If this evidence is not provided an ICG is not admissible.

b. **Notification of selection must be sent to the ASL prior to the event taking place, in addition to endorsement to compete from the relevant Army Ops Manager**. This must be done immediately on receipt of the NGB selection letter, failure to do this may result in any subsequent grant application being declined. The formal ICG application is to be made **retrospectively** after each competition up to a maximum of 3 per FY. Evidence of expenditure is required and is to be attached to the application. Exceptionally, if a number of competitions are anticipated and the individual is already an established competitor, then applications may be considered in advance.

c. Applicants will be eligible for the relevant grant rate for the country they are competing in (providing they have the ticket requirement), and in addition a grant will be awarded on a pro rata basis according to the number of tickets held – see Appendix 2. **For example, a triathlete competing for England in an event in Australia requires 6 tickets to be eligible for the £700 country grant. The individual would then be eligible for a further £360 (£60 per ticket) ICG grant.**

d. Those in receipt of an ICG may also apply for an OSV grant in the same FY in order to take part in a team-based activity.

e. Applications must be made within 60 days of completion of the event/activity.

f. Service personnel participating in civilian sport at all levels, including national representation, have no duty status and do so at their own risk and in their own time. The MOD accepts no liability either for personal or third-party accident. It is therefore essential that Service personnel involved in civilian sport take out the necessary insurance cover. At national level, athletes should make insurance arrangements with their appropriate NGB.

g. All applicants must convert evidence of expenditure in foreign currency into Pounds Sterling.

h. Where there is more than one participant selected to compete at the same ICG event, each ASL member must subsequently submit an individual ICG application – i.e. no group applications.

9. **Winter Sports Activity.**

a. ASL members are eligible to apply for a grant towards the cost of any authorised WSA held in Europe, including Scotland, be it competitive or training, subject to the following limitations:

(1) Maximum number of athletes per gender as laid down in Appx 1.

(2) One grant per member per FY.

b. Grant applications are made **retrospectively** and must be accompanied by:

(1) PXR.

(2) If not an Army authorised competition, a copy of the authority issued in accordance with Reference E (or successor).

c. Organisers are to ensure all participants are members of ASL prior to the start of the event.

d. Grants will be awarded on a pro rata basis according to the number of tickets held – see Appx 2.

e. All members who increase their lottery tickets within 6 months of claiming a WSA grant must retain their increased lottery tickets for a period of 12 months from the WSA activity date.

f. **The final date for submitting a WSA grant application is 1 June annually.**

10. **Army Command Standing Order 1209 – Authorisation of Comparable Activities not Categorised as Adventurous Training or Sport**.

a. Some activities which still have military benefit and are considered of value to the Army CoC, now fall outside the categorisation of AT and Sport. TESRR policy makes provision for each single Service to provide direction and guidance to their respective CoC on how such activities can be authorised and conducted. ACSO 1209 outlines the procedures for the authorisation and conduct of activities which, by their very nature, are comparable to AT and/or Sport but are not categorised as such within JSP 419 and JSP 660. Activities that are compliant with ACSO 1209 may be considered by the ASL Grants Board for funding.

b. Criteria. When determining whether an event/activity is in scope for consideration, the following criteria must be achieved:

(1) The event/activity must be team-based and demonstrate a benefit to Defence through the achievement of specified objectives and the personal development of the team members participating. This must include the promotion of at least 2 or more of the following:

(a) Physical fitness.

(b) Teamwork: 'Team-based' means that there must be a minimum of two Service Personnel authorised to participate in the activity.

(c) Leadership.

(d) Self-reliance.

(2) The event/activity must challenge each participant and promote personal development; recreational or social activities are not to be authorised.

(3) The ASL Grants Board will not consider applications without the following being submitted with the grant application:

(a) Authorisation of the activity by the Comd/Activity Risk Owner.

(b) Activity/event administration instruction.

(c) Risk assessments.

(d) Medical action plan.

(e) Evidence of suitably qualified and experienced people.

(f) For organised events acceptance of entry into the event must be submitted with the grant application.

(g) Land clearance (UK based) or In Country clearance (outside home theatre)

(4) ACSO 1209 activities are funded using the same formula as OSV/Trg Camp grant applications: minimum ticket requirement based on the country Zone that is being visited.

11. **Other Grants.**

a. **Training Camp**. ASL members are eligible to apply for a grant towards the cost of an authorised overseas Army and Corps Training Camp (except for WSA). Units are restricted to UK based Unit Training Camps (except for WSA) only. There is a limit of one Training Camp or Overseas Visit per year per sport, per discipline as applicable for representative teams. The Training Camp must be in preparation for an Army or Corps team competing at representative level. Authority to undertake an overseas

Training Camp must be obtained from Ops Officer Army Sport or equivalent in accordance with Reference D.

Insurance

12. SP who attend an authorised OSV will be classified as being on duty only while they are training/playing or involved in official activities associated with the visit or training camp. Service personnel will be classed as being off duty when they conduct personal or social activities that are not specifically associated with the visit or training camp.

13. ASL members that are awarded a grant and subsequently do not take part in the activity will be expected to refund the grant to the ASL[7]. **It is therefore strongly advised** that all personnel have adequate travel insurance to include (medical and emergency expenses, personal accident, personal liability and legal defence costs) and flight cancellations to guard against potential risks associated with travelling abroad. Organisers should consider a group insurance policy as a priority. NGBs routinely direct that sports teams or individuals who compete in an overseas country have appropriate insurance for the duration of the visit.

Ineligible

14. The following activities are ineligible for a grant from ASL:

a. Military training except authorised WSA.

b. Any sport not listed at Appendix 1, except for bona fide sports at the discretion of CEO Army Sport.

c. Routine administration or maintenance costs (e.g. insurance, berthing charges, affiliation fees, etc). Where appropriate, for Army Assns/Unions, these are to be included in the respective sports Annual Operating Grant bid from the Army Sport Charitable Fund.

d. Purchase of clothing, equipment (except for OCG/ICG), livestock or trophies.

e. For sports based OSVs non-competitive activities other than authorised training camps.

f. Participation in charity/fund-raising events, unless the fund-raising is secondary to the main event.

g. Membership of or competing for civilian clubs.

Grants – Per Capita

15. The level of grants per capita is at Appendix 2.

Grant Application Form

16. All grant application forms, and WSA PXR template are available on the ASL website. Where access is not possible, the application forms are available from the ASL office on request to lottery@britisharmysport.com. Please make it clear what type of application form is required.

17. OSV/Trg Camp and ACSO 1209 applications are to be submitted at least **8** weeks in advance. Applications made within 8 weeks may not be considered except in exceptional circumstances. OSV/Trg Camp grant applications will not be considered by the Grants Board without a copy of the Army Sport Authority to travel; **which includes confirmation that a CMA assured (HRA) HSS Plan is in place.** ACSO 1209 applications must be approved by the CoC. No retrospective bids will be considered. ASL accepts no responsibility for lost or delayed applications. Applicants are advised to check their application has been received.

18. Electronic signatures are permissible on all applications.

Appendices:

1. Maximum Number for OSV.
2. Grants - Per Capita.

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MAXIMUM NUMBER[8] FOR AN OVERSEAS SPORT VISIT GRANT

Serial	Sport	Discipline	No
	American Football	Full Contact	60
1	Angling (competitive)	Coarse	15
		Carp	18
		Game	14
		Sea (Boat/Shore)	15
2	Aquatics	Diving	6
		Swimming	19
		Water Polo	16
		Open Water	6
3	Archery	Field	27
		Target	27
4	Athletics	Track and Field	36
		Cross Country	14
		Tug of War (per weight)	14
		Marathon/Road	10
		Trail	10
5	Association Football	Full side	22 (27)[1]
		5-a-side	11
6	Badminton	-	12
7	Basketball	5-a-side	21
8	Boxing	-	17
9	Canoeing	Sprint and Marathon	14
		Slalom	14
		Polo	10
		Freestyle	14
10	Cricket	-	20
11	Cycling	Road	10
		Time Trial	10
		MTB (XC, DH and Enduro)	10
		Cyclocross	10
		BMX	10
		Track	10
		Gravel Racing	10

[1] Army team only - The increase in numbers for overseas visits for Army Football, Rugby Union and Rugby League is for the Army team only and is not for all Army representative Football, Rugby Union or Rugby League teams.

Serial	Sport	Discipline	No
12	Equestrian	Dressage	10
		Show Jumping	10
		Cross Country	10
		Eventing / Combined Disciplines	10
13	Esports	Call of Duty	9
		Rocket League	6
		League of Legends	9
		Formula 1	19
14	Fencing	Foil	7
		Epee	7
		Sabre	7
15	Gliding	-	10
16	Golf	-	13
17	Hockey	-	22
18	Ice Hockey	-	22
19	Judo	-	12
20	Kitesurfing	-	16
21	Martial Arts	-	8
22	Microlight Flying	-	10
23	Modern Pentathlon	-	6
	Model Aircraft (inc Drone Sports	Drone Racing	Enquire
		Freestyle	Enquire
		Drone Orienteering	Enquire
		Cargo Drop	Enquire
24	Motor Sports	2 Wheel Road	20
		2 Wheel Trial	20
		2 Wheel Enduro / Motocross	30
		4 Wheel Car Racing (Sprint & Circuit)	12
		4 Wheel Navigation	20
		Side Car	20
		Rally	30
		Karting	20
25	Netball	-	16
	Olympic Weightlifting		Enquire
26	Orienteering	-	10
27	Paragliding	-	20
28	Polo	-	8
29	Power Lifting	-	16
30	Rowing	On Water Combined 8s, 4s & Pairs	20
		Indoor	12

31	Rugby League	Thirteens	28 (35)[1]
		Nines	19
		Sevens	15
32	Rugby Union	Fifteens	32 (40) [1]
		Tens	20
		Sevens	23

Serial	Sport	Discipline	No
33	Sailing	Offshore	12
		Dinghy	12
		Windsurfing	12
34	Sport Climbing	Indoor Climbing and Bouldering	15
35	Sport Parachuting (including indoor skydiving)	-	20
36	Squash Rackets	-	8
37	Surfing	-	18
38	Table Tennis	-	10
39	Target Shooting	Target Rifle	20
		Small Bore	20
		Clay Target	24
		Target Pistol	12
40	Tennis		10
41	Triathlon		15
42	Volleyball		16
43	Waterskiing/Wakeboarding		10
44	Winter Sports	Alpine Skiing	12
		Snowboarding	12
		Bobsleigh	10
		Skeleton Bobsleigh	8
		Luge	8
		Tobogganing (Cresta)	12
		Biathlon / Cross Country	8
		Telemark	6

Notes:

1. Numbers include supporting staff such as Team Manager, Coach etc.

2. Maximum numbers are for single gender teams.

3. The maximum number for mixed gender or other combinations of representative teams (e.g. senior and masters) will be subject to approval by Army Sport in each case. It will normally be significantly less than twice that of a single gender team.

4. The maximum number for visits by smaller than standard teams, e.g. 5-a-side football, will be proportional to the ‘on the field’ numbers of a full-size team, i.e. 5-a-side football – maximum number is 11.

5. When circumstances merit, Army Sport may authorise an increase of up to 33% of the above numbers for training camps only.

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GRANTS – PER CAPITA PER FINANCIAL YEAR WEF 1 Apr 2026

UK/GERMANY AND OVERSEAS VISITS INCLUDING ACSO 1209 ACTIVITY

1.

Zone	**Region/s**	**Grant**	**Tickets**
1	In-Theatre UK/Germany	Up to £150	2
2	UK destinations involving a sea crossing (Including Channel Islands and Isle of Man)	Up to £200	3
3	Europe including Eire: Spain, Poland, Greece, Portugal etc	Up to £300	4
4	North Africa and Middle East: Cyprus, Tenerife, Dubai, Turkey etc	Up to £400	5
5	Rest of the World: USA, South Africa, Australia etc	Up to £700	6

OCG

2. Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games - Up to £1,500

ICG

3. Appropriate OSV grant, plus ICG at pro rata rate of £60 per lottery ticket held up to a maximum of 6, i.e. 1 ticket: £60, 2 tickets: £120, 3 tickets: £180, 4 tickets: £240, 5 tickets: £300, 6 tickets £360

WSA

4. To: All cross-border destinations - £25 per ticket

[1] Licence Number: 000-004763-C-100334-001
[2] Previously ACSO 3235.

[3] Authority for OSVs and Trg Camps are to be submitted to opsbranch@britisharmysport.com for approval iaw AGAI Vol 1 Ch 5 Part 9.

[4] Organisers must note that JSP 660 Pt 2 Annex A to Chap 3 is the overarching authority and therefore the maximum numbers described at Appx 1 is subject to change.

[5] Reasonable costs for travel and accommodation are benchmarked against the permissible daily rates set out in JSP 752.
[6] All ICG athletes must be on the Army Sport Elite Athlete Database to be eligible for funding.
[7] The exception to this is where a replacement is a member of the ASL and holds the required number of tickets.
[8] In the event that JSP 660 is updated after the publication of this DIN, the JSP authority on the maximum number of authorised personnel who can participate takes precedent in all circumstances.