

BA(G) CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10 MAR 2010

INTRODUCTION

1. The BA(G) Climbing Championships will be held on Wed 10 Mar 2010 at the Big Wall Kletterzentrum in Ahlen. The competition will comprise of team and individual events and open to Regular serving soldiers within BA(G). This aim of this competition is to encourage rookie or beginner climbers to give it a go and have a great day out whilst representing their unit at the same time. The climbing routes will reflect this aim.

COMPETITION FORMAT

2. The competition will be conducted in the following format:

a. **All Categories.** All competitors will attempt, in a set order, a series of 5 top-roped routes. Routes will be graded between 4 and 6 (sport grades). Climbers will have 2 ½ minutes, once climbing has commenced, to complete their route. Each route will be demonstrated prior to the event. Points will be awarded for each climb and the results will then be totalled together and used to position competitors into their appropriate climbing ability categories. The scoring system will be explained in full during the competitors brief. The winner in each category will then be decided by a timed lead climb on a separate final route of the organiser's choice.

b. **Team Event.** The team event will consist of three climbers from the same unit. Units are not restricted to just one team and are actively encouraged to enter as many competitors/teams as possible. The team with the highest accumulative points from the six routes set will be the winning team. The team event will run concurrently with the individual competition.

c. **Bouldering.** A fun Bouldering competition will be held alongside the main event. 10 problems will be set with points awarded for each. This will be self judged.

3. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

a. Elite - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

b. Open - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

c. Under 21 - 1st, 2nd

d. Veteran (Over 35) – 1st, 2nd

e. Super Veteran (Over 40) - 1st, 2nd

f. Female - 1st, 2nd

- g. Team – 1st, 2nd
- h. Bouldering - 1st, 2nd

ENTRIES

4. Climbers wishing to take part in this event must complete and return an individual entry form at Annex A by Fri 26 Feb 10. Units wishing to enter a team must also return a team entry form at Annex B. The maximum number of entries for this competition will be 50 (Venue restriction). There is an entry fee for every climber (individual and team member) of €5 with an additional €5 per Team entry this is to be paid on the day of the competition in cash. The fee covers prizes, route setting and demonstrator fees. The entry fee allows individuals full access to all the Big Wall Kletterzentrum facilities throughout the day.

ADVERTISING

5. Units are requested to give this event the widest publicity. The Army Mountaineering Association (AMA) Communications Officer is requested to advertise this event on the AMA Website.

REFRESHMENTS

6. Big Wall Kletterzentrum has a cafeteria serving hot and cold food throughout the day.

TIMINGS AND EQUIPMENT

7. Competitors are to report to the briefing area inside Big Wall Kletterzentrum for registration from 0900 hrs. An initial briefing on the rules and format of the day and route demos will be at 0930 hrs and the competition will commence promptly thereafter. Map and directions can be found in Annex C. The SATNAV address is '**Stapel Strasse - Ahlen**' which will get competitors to within 100 metres of the centre. Competitors will require non-restrictive clothing to climb in. Each competitor requires a suitable UIAA approved sit harness, and rubber soled rock climbing boots or shoes. The harnesses and boots will be available for hire from Big Wall Kletterzentrum on the day, if required. Ropes and belay devices will be provided by the Organisers.

SAFETY

8. This competition is an official BA(G) event and participants will be recognised as being "On Duty" for the duration of the event. All regular Army competitors **MUST** have their names published on Part 1 Orders as attending the competition to be considered on duty. Selected competitors will be requested to assist in belaying at regular intervals throughout the day. All competitors must, therefore, satisfy the following safety requirements:

- a. Be able to tie on to a climbing harness with a recognised climber's knot.
- b. Be able to lead climb at Severe/Sports grade 4 standard, on an indoor route.
- c. Be able to safely belay using a recognised belay device.

9. Judges for the event will be provided by the Organising Committee. The event organiser will brief competitors on the safety procedures in accordance with the risk assessment. The wearing of helmets will not be enforced for any part of the competition.

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE (T&S)

10. There is authority to claim travel through the BA(G) Sport Board; therefore, competitors will be required to telephone the BA(G) Sport Board on Mil: 722545 or 722602 quoting this admin instruction as the authority in order to receive the UIN POT Code and IAC number to be used. As this competition is taking place at a civilian venue, no military vehicles (green fleet) are permitted.

COMPETITION ORGANISER DETAILS

11. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Event Organiser, Maj Steve Marsh, on Tel Mil: 94882 3357 or Civil: +49 5221 995 3357 or by visiting www.army.mod.uk/sport_climbing. The Event 2IC is SSgt Carl Burnett who can be contacted on Tel Mil: 94877 2239 or Civil: +491739042791.
12. Entries should be returned to the following address by 26 Feb 10:

BA(G) Climbing Championships 2010
C/O Maj S Marsh
SO2 SPS Plans
HQ 1(UK) Armd Div
Wentworth Barracks
BFPO 15

(Entries will be accepted on the day with an additional 2 Euro charge per competitor but the venue has a 50 personnel capacity therefore pre registration is highly advisable)

SUMMARY

13. The event is designed to be fun and to promote sport climbing amongst the Germany based military community. Units are requested to give this event the widest possible publicity; the success of the competition depends upon the number of entries and the commitment of the competitors.

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FAX NO: 944882 3822

ENTRY FORM FOR BA(G) CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10 MAR 10

NO		RANK		SURNAME		FIRST NAME	
AMA NO (If you have one)		REGT/CORPS		UNIT			
UNIT ADDRESS							
E-MAIL ADDRESS							
CONTACT TEL				FAX NO			
MALE*		FEMALE*					
AGE (As at 10 Mar 10)				DOB			
<i>PLEASE GIVE AN INDICATION OF YOUR CURRENT CLIMBING ABILITY (SPORTS GRADES).</i>							
>4*		>5*		>6a*		>7a*	

* Tick in relevant box.

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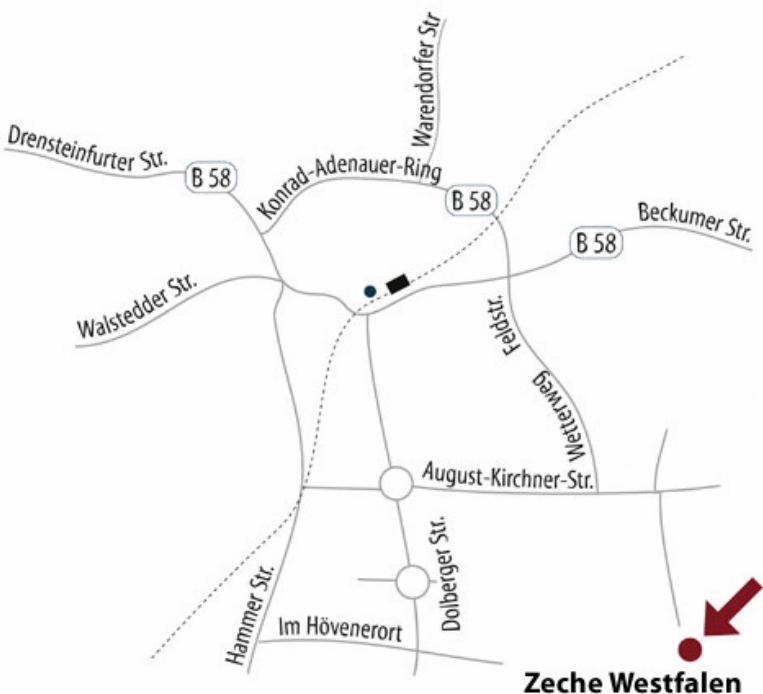
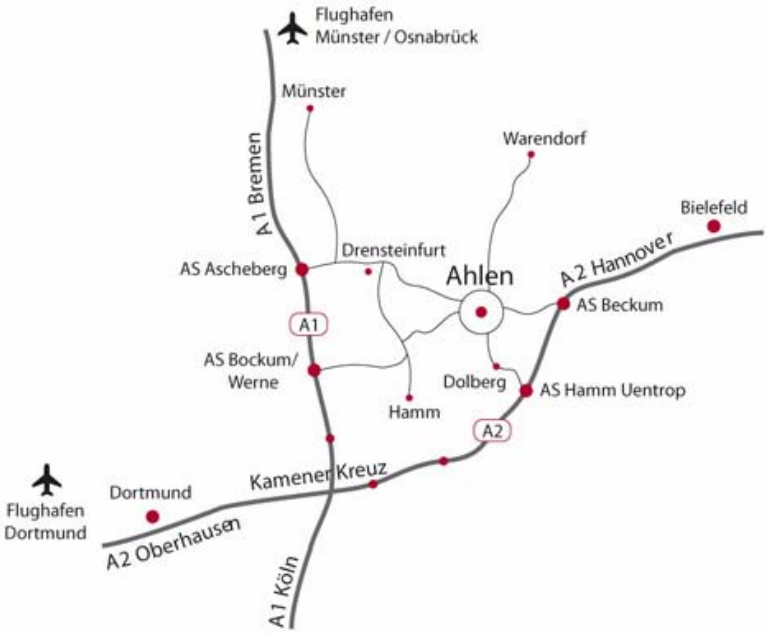
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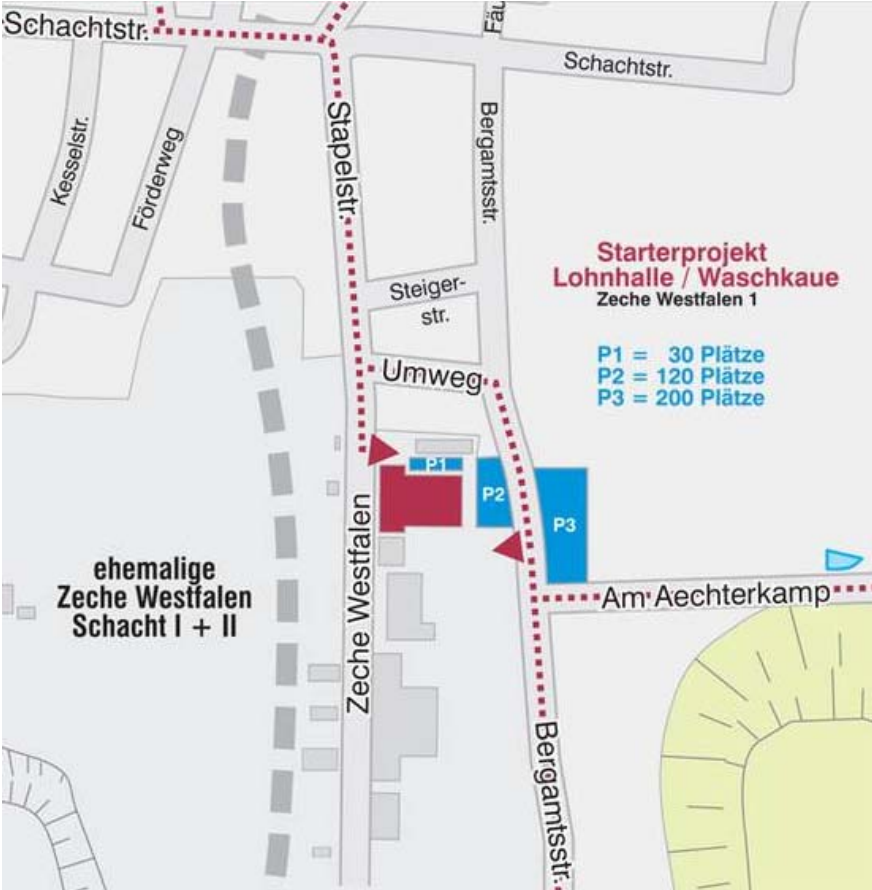
ENTRY FORM FOR BA(G) CLIMBING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10 MAR 10

Ser	Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Team Name
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

TO BE RETURNED BY 26 FEB 10

DIRECTIONS TO BIG WALL KLETTERNCENTRUM – AHLEN





For more information the climbing wall website is as follows:

http://www.bigwall.de/NewsBASE/content_bigwall_ahlen/frame_deutsch.php