**GENERAL RULES**

**1.** The Army Rugby Union is running a digital photographic competition open to all regular or reservist personnel.

**2.** Photographs entered must have been taken from 1 September 2020 – 31 October 2021.

**3.** Entrants can submit up to three photos in total as JPEGS. All images must be around the theme of Service rugby union and must not include any subjects who have not given permission or have been captured in areas where there are restrictions in place preventing the taking of photographs.

**4.** The Army Rugby Union is aware that digital photography does allow for some image enhancement. You can enter images that have had spots, scratches or other blemishes removed. You can have worked on the colour or enhanced the image for the sake of the composition. You can also crop the image to improve composition.

We will not accept composite images - entries that stitch two or more separate photographs together to make one image, or entries that superimpose elements photographed separately onto an image.

The Army Rugby Union and the judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.

**5.** Entrants must not be professional photographers. For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs

**6.**The competition closes at 23:59 on 31st October 2021. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted and no feedback on any entry will be provided.

**7.** All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:

* Composition
* Technical ability
* Originality

**8.** The photographs will be judged through the following process:

All entries will be assessed in the first instance by members of the Army Rugby Union.

A judging panel comprised of experienced photographers from Alligin Photography and representatives from the Army Rugby Union will then judge the final images.

**9.** The prize will consist of the opportunity to photograph the Army U23XV v RAF U23XV match to be held at the Army Rugby Stadium, Aldershot, on Wednesday 17 November 2021. Alligin Photography will be available to advise the winner and also provide professional level cameras and lens if required

**10.** All images submitted will be considered by the Army Rugby Union for use in their social media outputs.

**11.** The winning image will be used by the Army Rugby Union on its social media channels and on the Army Rugby Union website. A selection of images created from the U23 XV Inter Service game will also be showcased.

**12.** All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

**13.** Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to the Army Rugby Union. By entering the competition all entrants grant to the Army Rugby Union the right to publish and exhibit their photographs in perpetuity. The entrant whose photographs wins the competition also agrees to take part in post – competition publicity.

**14.** By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the Army Rugby Union reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the Army Rugby Union has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way or brings the Army Rugby Union into disrepute.

**15.** The Army Rugby Union reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

**16.** These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales. This competition is administered by the Army Rugby Union.