

CHAPTER 11 Annex A - CHARTER – COMBINED SERVICES CULINARY ARTS TEAM

Background

1. **The Combined Services Culinary Arts Team.** The Combined Services Culinary Arts Team (CSCAT) was formed in 1997 to represent the United Kingdom Armed Forces in world class international and national culinary events¹. The creation of a Combined Services Team was as a result of individual Service Directors recognising that their single Service teams no longer had the breadth of talent to compete on the world culinary stage. Selection to CSCAT is predicated on performance at Exercise JOINT CATERER, the annual military food services Salon, and during single Service culinary competitions. It comprises a squad of 36 drawn equally from Royal Navy/Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force including 2 Junior² members per Service.

2. **CSCAT – Achievements.** Since its formation, CSCAT has earned national and international acclaim for its outstanding success and exceptional performances at some of the most prestigious international and national culinary competitions. Historically CSCAT has competed in the International Military category at the Culinary World Cup and Culinary Olympics; this category was removed in 2014 and since then CSCAT has competed in non-military categories principally in the Regional Cold Buffet and the Regional Community Catering Challenge. CSCAT also supports individual team members taking part in cookery competitions such as the Craft Guild of Chefs National Chef of the Year and the Kikkoman Masters. Individuals must gain the permission of the CSCAT MB prior to entering any such competition to ensure funding is available to support the event.

Aim

3 The aim of the CSCAT Charter is to ensure that both Defence Logistics (Def Log) and the FLCs through the CASP process, endorse the aims of CSCAT and their commitment to it.

Rationale

4. CSCAT exists in order to:

- a. Compete at national and International level³ (where possible in Military categories) in order to showcase military excellence in the culinary field.
- b. Aid to recruitment and retention.
- c. Develop individual and team craft skills in a competitive environment in order to excel on operations.
- d. Maintain the hard won legacy of military culinary excellence.
- e. Enhance industry and public perception of military catering skills in order to enhance the reputation of military food services.

Support to CSCAT

5. **Def Log.** Def Log, through the Defence Food Vote (DFV) support the Team as follows:

- a. Fund the Cookery Training Allowance (CTA) for CSCAT.

¹ Support for CSCAT recorded in Chap 11, paras 1110 - 1113

² Junior team members must be either under 23 years of age or have served less than 5 years.

³ CSCAT exists to compete at Hotelympia (every 2 years) and the Culinary World Olympics & Culinary World Cup (both every 4 Years) CSCAT can compete in no more than one National & one International event per year.

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- b. Provide annual T&S to CSCAT⁴.
6. **FLC.** FLC support is required to:
 - a. Provide individual team members.
 - b. Provide designated Management Board members.
 7. **Food Services Wing.** FSW support is required to:
 - a. Provide CSCAT Director (post tied to Chief Instructor role).
 - b. Provide CSCAT training facilities, food supplies and storage for CSCAT equipment.
 8. **Management Structure.** The CSCAT Management Board (MB) is responsible for both the strategic direction and negotiating contracts with our sponsors, ensuring they are fully informed and involved with the CSCAT Team. The board convenes quarterly to discuss future team members, commitments and sponsors. The CSCAT squad is supported by a Team Manager and Team Captain. The squad will attend up to 4 short workshops throughout the year at FSW, with the aim of preparing for Hotelympia and the Culinary Olympics or Culinary World Cup. The composition and responsibilities of the management board members is detailed below:
 - a. **President.** The President is responsible for:
 - (1) Championing CSCAT by engaging with and promoting the Team to Defence Senior Leadership, potential and current sponsors.
 - (2) Ensuring that high level Service support is obtained.
 - b. **Director.** The Director is responsible for:
 - (1) CTA periodic checks of CSCAT account.
 - (2) Bi Annually check non-public funding (sponsorship money).
 - (3) Providing training facilities, food supply and storage at FSW for all CSCAT workshops and events.
 - c. **Director Finance.** The Director Finance is responsible for:
 - (1) Providing CTA for CSCAT.
 - (2) Authority for all CSCAT T&S requests.
 - (3) Assisting the President in engaging with both sponsors and potential sponsors.
 - d. **Director Sponsors & Communications.** The Director for Sponsors & Communications is responsible for:
 - (1) Scoping relevant potential sponsors in terms of financial support, goods or services.
 - (2) Providing sponsor updates through a CSCAT annual newsletter.

⁴ All other funding is by sponsorship and gifting of specialist catering equipment and crockery.

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- (3) Engaging and keeping sponsors up to date with CSCAT competition entries and training workshops including lunches and dinners run by CSCAT.
- (4) Organising media support for relevant events through Defence Media and single Service media organisations.
- (5) Overseeing CSCAT social media.
- (6) Organising Sponsors Awards Dinner every two years and any other events as directed by the President/Chairman.
- (7) Arranging MB meetings, recording and publishing minutes/RoDs.

e. **Chairman.** The Chairman is responsible for:

- (1) Checking Officer for CTA CSCAT Account.
- (2) Chairing MB meetings.
- (3) Joint Account holder with the Treasurer for non-public money.
- (4) Present quarterly to the MB with regards future CSCAT events/funding/team selection.

f. **Team Manager.** The Team Manager is responsible for:

- (1) Co-ordinating all administrative arrangements and producing instructions for participation for all events including workshops and competitions.
- (2) Co-ordinating all selected team member's details.
- (3) Informing the Director for Sponsors and Communications of events so that the information can be passed to Sponsors and media outlets.
- (4) Support Director for Sponsors and Communications in organising Sponsors Awards Dinner.

g. **Treasurer & Logistics Manager.** The Treasurer & Logistics Manager is responsible for:

- (1) Keeping a log and liaising with the Chairman for all non-public funding expenditure.
- (2) Joint Account holder with the Chairman for non-public money.
- (3) Provide costings for all T&S with regards transport and accommodation for all CSCAT events to the Financial Director.
- (4) Organise and manage all team movements for all CSCAT activities.
- (5) Manage CSCAT equipment iaw Military directive.

h. **3 Service Directors.** The 3 Service Directors are responsible for:

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- (1) Provide nominees⁵ who are deemed to be of a sufficient standard to compete in CSCAT⁶.
- (2) Help support the CSCAT manager with the release of service personnel.
- (3) Keep the MB apprised of any sS issues which may affect CSCAT.

i. **Front of House Manager.** The Front of House (FOH) Manager is responsible for:

- (1) Providing FOH support to all CSCAT activities during competitions.
- (2) Supporting the CSCAT Sponsors and Awards Dinner.
- (3) Sourcing opportunities for FOH personnel to compete in competitions such as the Gold Service Scholarship/Cook and Serve to promote FOH skills within the catering trades.

⁵ 8 Seniors and 2 Juniors from each Service.

⁶ CSCAT squad members are selected for a period of 2 years.