

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The twenty-ninth annual Tulane Battle of New Orleans JROTC Drill Meet will be held 05 November 2022 on Tulane University Campus at Yulman Stadium. The competition will start at 0700. Advisors, unit commanders, and all participating team members are responsible for being familiar with the entire contents of this SOP.

2. The competition will consist of eleven events:

- Event 1: Academic Testing
- Event 2: Platoon Personnel Inspection - squads of 8
- Event 3: Armed Platoon Basic Drill -
- Event 4: Armed Platoon Exhibition Drill - 12 vs. 9 realize the same
- Event 5: Color Guard Competition
- Event 6: Tandem Exhibition Drill
- Event 7: Unarmed Platoon Basic Drill
- Event 8: Unarmed Platoon Exhibition Drill
- Event 9: Field Meet Competition
- Event 10: Individual Knockout Drill
- Event 11: Tug of War

3. Entry fee for the drill meet is \$200.00. Entry is based on a first come first serve basis. There will be no refunds given to teams withdrawing less than 10 days prior to the competition.

4. Basic drill movements will be executed as prescribed by reference (a). Essential modifications may be made to the manual of arms to account for the differences between the M16 and the older type weapons that are not covered in this SOP. These modifications only apply to hand placement and counts. All units shall execute facing movements from trail arms. Inspection arms is the only drill movement that is weapon specific concerning this drill meet. Commanders are allowed leeway in determining how best to adapt reference (a) to inspection arms, but commanders should strive to remain close to the spirit of reference (c) in adapting inspection arms to their specific weapons.

5. Teams must provide their own weapons. All weapons must be a standard service type rifle such as the Springfield 03, M1, M14, or M16. Plugged or welded weapons are allowed. Teams using weapons with non-operative bolts are required to go through the proper motions when executing inspection arms.

6. The uniform for all events will be the uniform prescribed by respective JROTC instructors. The camouflage uniform and other "working" uniforms are not authorized for inspection or drill events. Non-standard uniform items are prohibited. All due ribbons and awards will be worn during the platoon personnel inspection.

7. After the inspection phase is completed, the teams may choose to remove ribbons and nametapes. However, the team must remain uniform, that is, either the entire team removes these items or the entire team continues to wear them. Uniformity is imperative. If a cadet fails the personnel inspection the cadet will not be allowed to participate in the meet. Military appearance and bearing are in effect during the meet and if a cadet is found to be unsatisfactory at a follow on event the cadet will be removed from the event.

8. Changing rooms will be provided for schools participating in personnel inspection only.

9. All members of competing teams will extend the proper respect and courtesies to other teams, judges, and unit staff from other schools, and the Tulane NROTC midshipmen staff at all times.

10. Each team is required to check in at Yulman Stadium no later than one (1) hour prior to their first scheduled competition. Any school that arrives late to their first scheduled event will be added to the end of the time matrix.

11. Each team will be assigned a Tulane NROTC Midshipman to be their guide. The guide will be the official point of contact for information concerning location of events, actions in the event of inclement weather, and any other instructions as necessary.

12. There will be no practicing in the competition area. If a team desires to practice, their assigned guide will take the team to a location near the competition area. There will be a small practice field available.

13. Tandem exhibition drill, field meet competition, knock out drill, and tug of war do not count towards overall score. In the event of a tie, the overall inspection score will determine the winner.

14. If a school elects not to participate in any event, their score for that event will be zero. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for each of the events 1-9 and 11, and overall winners. Medals will be awarded for event 10.

15. The judges will be Tulane NROTC midshipmen.

16. The cadet platoon commander must memorize the drill card.

17. There will be no communication with the judges at any time by any team member. The only two times to confer with the senior judge will be at the time of reporting in and reporting out during the competition and 2-5 minutes prior to the competition.

18. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a point deduction at the discretion of the senior judge.

19. During the competition, the judges may move to any position which best allows them to observe the unit performing.

20. The JROTC Advisors may file a protest or appeal of a decision or act believed to be unfair or in violation of the meet regulations. This must be voiced to the drill meet OIC within fifteen minutes of the incident. The senior judge must receive a written protest or appeal within thirty minutes of the incident. The decision of the Operations Officer will be final.

21. JROTC Advisors are encouraged to view their respective school's score sheets on a live updated online form.

22. Score sheets will be distributed following the competition. If this is not possible, they will be distributed by mail.

23. All schools will be notified regarding updates to the SOP. It is the responsibility of the schools to familiarize themselves with any changes.

24. If you have a question or comment that may affect other teams involved in this competition, please contact the Drill Meet OIC (Operations Officer). He can therefore make any necessary corrections and publish them for all participants. The commander's meeting is not the time to voice major concerns.

25. Teams are responsible for coordinating their own billeting and transportation. Tulane NROTC will be unable to provide transportation of any kind.

26. It is imperative to reserve rooms for billeting at an early date. It is recommended that teams do so as soon as possible; it is often the deciding factor in coming to compete.

27. Billeting and transportation information may be obtained by contacting:
Billeting Officer
Code N-2 Bldg. 22
Naval Support Activity
New Orleans, LA 70142
Tele: (504) 678-2598

28. If the JROTC Advisors have any questions or problems contact can be made with the Operations Officer at jswinkle@tulane.edu or by phone 872-223-1939. Contact can also be made with their assigned midshipman guide, the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at dwoody@tulane.edu or by phone at 315-885-7662, or the Marine Officer Instructor at kharrison2@tulane.edu or by phone at 619-948-9334.

29. Indemnity forms must be filled out by each cadet and turned in at the time of check-in.

a. Proportional scoring system

(1) The fundamental scoring system in use for the Battle of New Orleans Drill Meet is called "proportional scoring". Scoring in this manner will ensure all facets of the competition receive the exact percentage of points available in each of the events outlined above, while still factoring in the level of excellence each school displays in their raw score/time earned within competition event.

(2) The school that is the winner of any particular event receives the maximum points available within that event. For example, the school with the highest raw point total earned in unit personnel inspection will receive 1,500 points. The team finishing in 2nd place will receive a percentage of the 1,500 points identical to the percentage they finished behind the first place team. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc., to the final team all will receive points in the same manner.

(3) A practical example of this application is shown in the shortened table below. The judges' raw points earned are listed, along with the percentage each team finished behind the winner. These percentages then multiply into the total max points available to generate a points total for each school within that event.

U.P.I.	Judge Raw Scored Earned	Percentage of Winning Team Score	Proportional Scoring Points
1 st place team	1000 pts	100% (1000 out of 1000)	1500 pts awarded (100% of 1500)
2 nd place team	900 pts	90%	1350 pts awarded
3 rd place team	672 pts	67.2%	1008 pts awarded
4 th place team	500 pts	50%	750 pts awarded
5 th place team	408 pts	40.8%	612 pts awarded
6 th place team	300 pts	30% (300 out of 1000)	450 pts awarded (30% of 1500)

(4) All judge-scored events use this method. For the academic exam and push-up & curl-up totals, the team total is used. Within the relay event, the times are converted into seconds, then ranked fastest to slowest and the same methodology is used.

(5) Again, scoring in this method will reward schools who win an event by a significant margin over their peers, while also ensuring that low or high scoring judges, difficult/easy academic tests, or difficult/easy grading by judges do not artificially degrade the scoring percentages the competition maintains within each event.

(6) Points will be distributed between events as follows:

(a) Academic exam - one event: 1000 point maximum; academic test will be provided by NSTC.

(b) Unit personnel inspections - one event: 1500 points maximum.

(c) Drill events - five events: 2000 point maximum - 400 points per event: armed platoon basic drill, unarmed platoon basic drill, armed platoon exhibition, unarmed platoon exhibition, and color guard.

(d) Athletics - four events: 1000 point maximum, 250 points per event-curl-ups, push-ups, and 16X100-yd relay.