

Battle of the Carolinas

15 March 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Eligible JROTC Units from All Service Branches

SUBJECT: BoC JROTC Drill Team Competition Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

ANNEX A: General Instructions

1. **Purpose:** Establish standards, responsibilities and procedures for the conduct of the BoC JROTC Drill Competition. The meet is to be held at Clover High School, 1625 State Highway 55 East, Clover, South Carolina on Saturday, March 15th, 2025.
2. **Objectives:**
 - a. Provide cadets with the opportunity to compete in an All-Service Competition
 - b. Judge participating cadets and designate event-specific champions
 - c. Promote teamwork, encourage participation, and inspire self-confidence
3. **Responsibilities:**
 - a. **Clover High School:**
 - i. Act as host for All-Service competition
 - ii. Overall responsibility for conduct of the competition
 - iii. Coordinate and thoroughly brief judges before competition
 - iv. Provide awards for event-specific winners
 - v. Provide final authority for any grievances or disputes
 - vi. Fully comply with this SOP, no exceptions
 - vii. Judges should be college ROTC cadets, active duty, or reserves personnel
 - viii. Must provide guides and runners for each unit in participation
 - b. **Instructors, Coaches, and Advisors:**
 - i. Prepare participating cadets for competition described within this SOP
 - ii. Arrange for all matters associated with security, transportation, lodging, meals, emergency procedures, and accountability of personnel and equipment during the course of the competition
 - iii. Upon arrival at the meet or sooner, notify the competition coordinator of any changes regarding the team's competition schedule
 - iv. Ensure teams are in designated areas before the Awards Ceremony
 - v. Supervise cadets at all times, no exceptions
 - vi. Follow the meet schedule

4. **The Commanders' Briefing** will occur at 1630 on Wednesday, March 12. This event will be a virtual zoom meeting. Attendance is not mandatory but highly recommended. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the website. The purpose of this meeting is to give commanders and instructors a proper briefing, and a chance to voice any questions or concerns through the proper channels.

5. **Competitive Events:**

- a. **General:** The meet will consist of regulation and exhibition drill, as well as unarmed and armed knockout.
- b. **Events:** The following events are open to all schools upon paying the entry fee. There will be two overall sections, regulation and exhibition. The following categories will determine the Overall winners of each:

REGULATION OVERALL:

- i. Flight Armed
- ii. Flight Unarmed
- iii. Element Armed
- iv. Element Unarmed
- v. Individual Armed
- vi. Individual Unarmed
- vii. Color Guard
- viii. AS1 Element Unarmed
- ix. Armed Knock-Out
- x. Unarmed Knock-Out

EXHIBITION OVERALL:

- xi. Flight Exhibition Armed
- xii. Flight Exhibition Unarmed
- xiii. Element Exhibition Armed
- xiv. Element Exhibition Unarmed
- xv. Duet Exhibition Armed
- xvi. Duet Exhibition Unarmed
- xvii. Individual Exhibition Armed

- c. **Scoring:** Overall scores will be assessed by the Awards' Team. The judges of each event will fill out one drill-grading card per school that competed in that event. The score of the cards will be added together to attain the total score of the event.
- d. **Event Ties:** Ties will be broken using the flight commander's military bearing and presence score.
- e. **Uniforms:** The military regulation uniform of the service represented will be worn by the cadets. This will include name tags, ribbons, and ranks. Leggings, sashes, or other uniform items that are not regulated with service uniform are not permitted.
Cadets participating in Exhibition are exempted from this for the duration of their routine in accordance with service guidelines.

- f. **Penalties:** The following actions will result in a deduction of points from the team's final score, or in severe cases, disqualification from the competition:
- i. Approaching any judge or event official to influence the outcome or the operation of the drill meet in any manner.
 - ii. Any unsportsmanlike conduct which the Staff deems inappropriate
 - iii. Crossing any drill pad while another school is on the pad
 - iv. Not conforming to the rules and regulations specified within this SOP

6. **Logistics:**

- a. **Escorts:** Members of the Clover AFJROTC Cadet Corps will assist units throughout the duration of the meet. The escort assigned to a unit will stay with their respective units all day. Units will be met by their assigned escort before the commencement of the meet as they arrive. The escort will guide them to their parking location and give the unit instructor their Landing Package.
- b. **Parking:** Busses will park along the circle near the gym. A map will be provided on the website and in subsequent emails. Spectators parking will also be indicated on the provided map. Make sure to secure all valuables before leaving vehicles. Clover High School is not responsible for the security of any items belonging to competing drill teams.
- c. **Meals:** Pizza and a drink will be provided for \$7 per person. Schools can pay for meals in advance and will be given meal tickets to use. Meals will also be sold at the event for those that do not purchase them in advance. A courtesy meal will be provided for instructors and judges. Limited concessions will be available on-site.
- d. **Registration and Fees:** A \$200 entry fee includes both regulation and exhibition routines. Armed and Unarmed Knockout will be free for all competing cadets.
- e. **Weapon Regulations:** All weapons are required to be disarmed and non-functional; however, weapons will still be treated with respect. Poor judgment with a weapon (pointing a weapon at a person) is unacceptable. Unit commanders are responsible for their team's weapons. Weapons will be watched at all times. Clover High School is not responsible for damaged or lost weapons. Sabers are authorized for regulation armed events, including Platoon/Flight, Squad/Element, and Individual. No sabers are authorized for exhibition under any circumstances.
- f. **Personal Property:** Security of each school's gear is the responsibility of the unit or, more specifically, the instructor. Clover High School is not responsible for any lost or stolen personal property or equipment.
- g. **Injury or Damage:** Clover High School is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by competing teams, or visitors.
- h. **Awards Ceremony:** Awards will be presented after the knockout rounds. As awards are presented, schools will be allowed to perform their school chant. The commander will render the "shake-take-salute" acceptance. Trophies will be taken back to their respective school's formation and placed in front of the flight.

- i. **Knockout:** No fee is required to participate in either knockout round. There are no restrictions on the number of cadets that may participate in each knockout round. Cadets may participate in both armed and unarmed knockout. Every effort will be made to call service-neutral commands, and leeway will be given to commands which do not meet this standard. The event will be judged by the meet's judges.
- j. **Facilities:** The facility is a school district campus, and all must abide by certain rules. As guests, teams are expected to police their areas for trash. It is the unit commander's responsibility to ensure that their team members do not enter any restricted areas. Upon discovery, any damage to property must be reported to the OPRs or Admins of the event.
- k. **Officials:** An official is any member of Clover High School's JROTC Staff or any event judge. Clover High School's Staff can be identified as being a cadet wearing a ABU/OCP with a unit T-shirt. Cadet Officials (the Admins and OPRs) for the event will be in Uniform Combination 1 (Service Dress Uniform).
- l. **Schedule:** The drill matrix will be finalized and produced after the final registration date. The only requests for a change to the matrix that will be considered must be due to distance traveled and must be submitted by the registration due date. There is no guarantee on requests. If a unit misses an event, there may be no make-up time available in the schedule. In the event that there is time left between the end of routines and the beginning of the Awards Ceremony, the meet Officials may choose to allow make-up routines.
- m. **Weather Plan:** Weather will be addressed at time of event, and alternate arrangements will be made.