



## **Air Power Support Organization**

### **49er Classic Drill Competition**

## Preface

This document contains an outline of information and regulations concerning the 49<sup>er</sup> Classic Drill Competition. Please pay special attention to the first chapter entitled “**What’s New.**” This chapter discusses the major changes that have been made since last year’s competition. These changes have been constructed through careful examination of recommendations made from schools that attended last year.

Please note that the **University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC)** and **Air Force ROTC Detachment 592** may not be held responsible for **stolen** or **lost** property; nor may they be held liable for any personal injuries incurred during the competition. Drill meet registration constitutes knowledge and agreement with this warning and all operating procedures explained in this document. We want to make this an enjoyable and memorable experience for you.

Please mail the Participant Roster and Check to the following address:

*Drill Competition  
c/o UNC-Charlotte AFROTC Memorial Hall  
9201 University City Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28223*

***Please make check payable to Air Power Support Organization.***

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## 1 : What's New

1. **Clarification:** This competition will be scored in accordance to proper Drill and Ceremonies as outlined in AFMAN 36-2203 (FM 22-5 Ch. 4 Manual of Arms)
2. Changes have been made to improve the functionality of the drill sequences, be sure you are using this year's sequence.
3. **Commander Placement:** The placement of the commander is not a fixed position. The commander may float freely around the flight as needed to properly place themselves for transition between commands, as well as reporting out upon conclusion of the sequence. Even though the commander is allowed to float freely they must demonstrate complete control of their flight. The commander is not to turn their back on the flight. Backing up is also viewed as not being in control of the flight.
4. **TIME CLARIFICATION:** The competition will run off military time on our clock all other watches need to be synchronized off of our main clock. You will be able to check times at the Command & Control tent. If you need to sync up your timesheet please **send a cadet** to write down the official start time and the current time. If there are any questions about this please e-mail me.
5. Since this is both a competitive environment as well as a leadership opportunity for your cadets we highly encourage you put a cadet in charge of your time management and scheduling for the days events.

## 2 : Entrance Requirements

1. The competition is open to JROTC units of all service branches. Teams must be composed of students enrolled in the JROTC program at your school. Since we have a wide array of entries, the judging for the competition will be conducted according to the **Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36- 2203, Drill and Ceremonies (FM 22-5 Ch. 4 Manual of Arms)** (*see Judging and Scoring*).
2. Participants must meet the required size for each event:

Event	Minimum	Maximum
1. Color Guard	4	5
2. Individual Events	-	1
3. *Element Events	6	9
4. *Flight Events	10	13
5. Knock Out Competition	-	1

\*Includes Commander

- There are no restrictions on the type or weight of weapons.

Keep in mind that weight will be a factor in determining performance.

### 3 : Conduct of Meet

#### A. General

Safety is paramount! Although **UNCC** and **Detachment 592** may not be held liable for any injuries sustained during the competition, we ask you to abide by the following rules:

1. Be sure to prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of fluids. Beverages will be available at the concession stand.
2. Apply sunscreen onto exposed areas, such as face, arms, and neck.
3. A roster of participants that are competing is required. It must be submitted upon check-in. Remember, you won't be able to check-in if you do not have the roster. Please use the provided form (see pg. 7).
4. This year's Competition will be held throughout three parking lots. Signs will be posted for the restrooms, but no cadet is allowed outside the designated areas.
5. There will be certain areas that will be marked with yellow caution tape. **THESE AREAS ARE RESTRICTED.** This is due to either safety concerns or these areas are being used for operations and scoring. Please inform all members of your party of this. If a member of your school is found in these areas points may be deducted from your final score.

#### B. Rules of Engagement

1. The decorum and conduct of participants and coaches should be above reproach to ensure a smooth and well-disciplined drill meet.
2. The drill area and adjacent areas, such as the JROTC parking lot and crossing roads, are **no salute** zones. In any other area, saluting is required.
3. **7 minute rule** - If a unit is more than 7 minutes late for an event (past scheduled start time) they will be disqualified from that event. If for any reason your unit is going to be late due to a backup at a pad, a representative from your unit must immediately alert one of our cadets at the Command & Control tent as to the nature of the delay. Avoid enrolling a cadet in multiple events. Due to the amount of schools and drill pads, there will be several events going on at the same time.

4. To eliminate confusion of what school is next, we ask that when your unit is scheduled to go in a certain event, that you have your team fall in at ease, at least 3-5 minutes prior to your start time (your schedule permitting). When the unit ahead of you is finished with their sequence, place your team at parade rest. When the judges are ready, the team's commander will be approached by the line judge. They will take your unit's scoring packet for that event and instruct the commander as to whom they will report in to.
5. No equipment may be brought into or out of the drill pad to participants while performing drill sequences.
6. No personnel, other than judges and participants, are allowed on the drill pad while in use.
7. Coaching of participants from outside the drill area, either by audible or visual signals, is not allowed. Those schools found in violation will be disqualified from the event (*see Judging and Scoring*).

### **C. Competition**

1. The unit commander and participant commanders must report to the check in desk immediately upon arrival. Here, a welcome package and further instructions concerning the rest of the day will be issued.
2. The welcome package will contain a detailed itinerary outlining the day's events along with each schools scoring packet. The itinerary (*see Ch.11*) enclosed is a tentative schedule of what the hours of operation will be, this schedule is subject to change.
3. The events calculated for the overall winner are as follows:

1. Color Guard (In the event of rain, Individual. Reg. Armed will substitute for scoring)
2. Individual Regulation Unarmed
3. Flight Regulation Unarmed
4. Element Regulation Unarmed
5. Individual Regulation Armed (Unless under Rain Conditions/Substitute for CG)
6. Element Regulation Armed

The additional events which will not factor into the final overall score but individual awards will be given out are as follows:

7. Individual Fancy Armed
8. Element Fancy Armed
9. Flight Fancy Armed



## **5 : Event Descriptions**

### **A. General**

1. Each JROTC unit should have their competing teams to fall in at ease at least 3-5 minutes prior to the commencement of their event. For every minute that a team is late, 3 points will be deducted from their final event score. After 7 minutes have passed from the team's designated start time that team will be disqualified from that event. If there is a hold up at another pad a representative from your school must notify the head judge of the delay. Only in this case will you be permitted to go at the next open slot or be moved to the end of that pad's rotation.
2. During the regulation drill sequences the participants are not allowed to incorporate fancy movements; this will be seen as improper and points will be deducted.
3. A drill pad is considered in use until all personnel and equipment have completely cleared the pad.

### **B. Individual Drill**

1. One participant must call the commands while another performs the routine within the drill pad.
2. The participant calling the commands may use a score sheet or notes.
3. The participant calling the commands may not be in the drill pad, but may be situated anywhere outside the boundary at least 10 feet away from the judges.

### **C. Element Drill**

1. *Half Step* is not required after the execution of a column movement; therefore, a *Forward March* is not necessary.
2. The team must maintain full 24-inch steps.

### **D. Regulation Drill**

1. There are no time restrictions, however, the team must maintain full 24-inch steps and remain at 120 paces per minute. Points will be deducted for schools going under this standard.
2. The commander of the formation must give the sequence of commands in the exact order listed on the routine sheet.
3. These commands must be given by memory.

4. The Drill Area will be 70' x 70'. Honor Guard Drill Area is 50' x 50'.

### **E. Fancy Drill**

1. Must be executed within 3 to 5 minutes, with one point deducted for every 10 seconds under or over that amount. (*see Judging and Scoring*)
2. Individual schools create drill sequences.

### **F. Knock Out (Drill Down) Competition**

1. The Un-Armed knock out will be conducted in accordance to AFMAN 36-2203. The Armed knock out will be conducted in accordance to Army FM 22-5 Chapter 4 sections 1-11.
2. If the commander calls a command in error the participant should remain at the position that they were in. He/she will not come to attention to notify the commander of his/her error. If the participant does, he/she will be disqualified.
3. No questions are to be asked from a participant to a judge when dismissed from the competition.
4. Trick commands such as “**Present, ARMS**” followed by an incorrect command such as “**Ready, FRONT**” or “**Order, COLORS**” are considered fair game for the commander.

## **6 : Event Procedures**

- A. The formation or individual can enter and exit how they practiced
- B. When the judges have finished scoring the previous team, the line judge will approach the next commander and collect the team's scoring packet. The commander will be signaled when the judges are ready.
- C. Before entering the Drill Area, the Commander of the Formation must request permission to enter the drill area. (See Score Cards/Drill Sequences)
- D. The formation will then center on the Head Judge and Report In.  
Report In: “Sir/Ma'am, (Name of School) Requests Permission to Begin Drill Sequence.”
- E. When given permission, commence drill sequence.
- F. When finished, the formation or individual should be positioned exactly where they began the sequence, once again facing the Judge.

G. Report out in the following manner:

1. Salute

2. Report: “*(Name of School)* has completed drill sequence, Sir/Ma’am”

H. March off the drill pad to the judges left.

## 7 : Judging and Scoring

1. Judges will be selected from an elite group with drill competition experience.
2. The judges will use the standards set forth in the **AFMAN 36-2203** (FM 22-5 Ch. 4 Manual of Arms) (*see Website*) in their evaluation of the events. It is clearly understood that different branches perform movements in a different manner than the Air Force. These movements will be evaluated on the basis of uniformity, military bearing, execution, and snap.
3. Each event will be evaluated by 2 judges. Judges and timekeepers will be used to regulate boundary lines and time penalties.
4. At no time may participants or observers ask judges or scorekeepers questions concerning the scoring results. Everyone will know the final results at the end of the day. The official scores will be sent to the schools following the competition.
5. Participants will be evaluated as soon as they enter the premises. They will be evaluated in their professionalism, conduct, military bearing, and appearance. This event will be conducted in a professional manner. We represent the greatest military forces in the world, and should present a professional image. Anything that degrades the uniform is considered unprofessional, such as horseplay and public displays of affection.

**EVENT SCORES WILL BE AVERAGED. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE LOWEST SCORE WILL BE ELIMINATED AND REMAINING SCORES WILL BE AVERAGED TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THE EVENT. THE SAME RULES APPLY IN DETERMINING THE OVERALL WINNER, IN CASE OF A TIE.**

- Penalties will be assessed in the following manner:

Infraction	Deducted Points
1. Completing Fancy Drill Sequence under the 3- minute or over the 5- minute mark.	1 per 10 sec
2. Late for an Event	3 per 1 minute
3. Later than 7 minutes past scheduled event start time	Disqualified
3. Boundary Break	5
4. Deviating from prescribed drill sequence	5
5. Counting cadence during a regulation drill sequence	5
6. Incorrectly entering or departing drill pad	10
7. Reading commands off a “cheat sheet” while performing sequence	25%
8. Passing/removing any equipment in/out of drill pad while performing drill sequence	50%

9. Failure to remove all equipment from pad after completing routine	50%
10. Excess or shortage of cadets allowed in any sequence	50%
11. Coaching from outside of drill area	Disqualified

- Infractions on 7 thru 10 will be deducted from final score.

## **8: Awards**

1. The overall winner will be determined by the average scores obtained from the Color Guard, Individual Regulation Unarmed, Individual Regulation Armed, Flight Regulation Unarmed, Element Regulation Armed, and Element Regulation Unarmed. In the event of rain Color Guard will be substituted with Individual Regulation Armed for scoring purposes.
2. Separate events will be calculated separately and given separate awards. These events include Individual Fancy Armed, Element Fancy Armed and Flight Fancy Armed.
3. Recognition will be given at the end of the competition, after the results have been tallied. We'll have a computerized system to help expedite this process. Please let us know immediately if you discover any errors.

## **9: Food and Restrooms**

1. There will be a 30 minute lunch recess. Air Force ROTC will be provided concessions such as hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and candy. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will also be provided throughout the morning. It is suggested that cadets and spectators bring a few extra dollars for this reason.
2. Restrooms will be located within the Fretwell Building. Signs will be posted as to the direction in which restrooms are located and there will be personnel posted to assist cadets as needed. It is suggested that Cadets use their time wisely and use the restrooms quickly. There are Saturday classes that will be in session so Cadets must maintain their professionalism and show respect to these students and professors.

## 10 : Suggestions

1. Secure all of your gear (personal or otherwise). UNCC and Detachment 592 may not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. Bring lawn chairs to sit in.
3. Always stay calm and focused.
4. Maintain a professional military image.
5. Wear shirt garters, it makes a world of difference.
6. Hair should be trimmed and clean.
7. Uniform should be cleaned, pressed, and free of lint and cables and worn properly.
8. Shoes should be shined.
9. You should not sit on the ground or play around in uniform.
10. You should not speak vulgarly in uniform, it's unprofessional!
11. Be motivated and have fun!
12. T-shirts, food, and drinks will be available for purchase; bring cash.
13. Check the website:  
<http://afrotc.uncc.edu/afcadets/CadetWeb/DrillCompetition/DrillComp.html> for the concessions pricelist and drill competition updates.

## 11. FAQ's

Here are a series of frequently asked questions that we have encountered over the years. If you have any more questions, please feel free to e-mail them to [49erClassicDrillComp@gmail.com](mailto:49erClassicDrillComp@gmail.com).

Q. Can our unit wear citations, cords, service caps, berets, etc.

A. Yes. We realize that your unit may have certain awards, or special uniform items to denote your cadets' position or participation on drill team and color guard. These items are okay as long as they fit within uniform regulations, and are worn properly.

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Q. There is a hold up on a pad and we are going to be late for our next event. What to do?

A. Send a cadet or instructor to the Command & Control tent and alert one of the cadet staff on post. That cadet will research the conflict on said pad and adjust your slot in the following event. The cadet will alert all judges to the conflict.

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Q. Where does my unit enter and exit the drill pad?

A. Enter on the head judges right and exit on their left.

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Q. Can our unit march inverted? (element leaders in the back)

A. Yes... but each sequence has been checked and all inversions due to the sequence of commands have been eliminated (exception: Element & Flt. Regulation Unarmed commands 4-5) otherwise if your unit is inverted then you should review your sequence.

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Q. Will our unit get points deducted for not using all of the drill area?

A. No, but use of the entire pad is recommended due to the fact that these sequences have been designed with the entire pad in mind.

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Q. Will the judges know the difference between branches of service in the way we perform [Blank] command? How will it be judged?

A. We have gone through great lengths to inform our judges in the differences of drill between branches. The judges should be familiar with the general differences in execution and command voice. If for any reason a judge does not know the difference they will view the unit as a whole and look for uniformity of execution. Note: Fancy movements during regulation drill are considered inappropriate and will be graded accordingly. Stick to the basics.

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Q. Can sunglasses be worn while performing fancy routines?

A. No. Sunglasses are never to be worn in formation. Since the individual is being judged on a military basis Individual events are included.

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Q. Can our individual fancy cadet wear a blindfold while performing?

A. Yes. If they can do it, good for them. It will definitely count towards their score. However no extra gain will come from attempting it, if they drop the rifle, go out of bounds, etc.

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Q. Is running allowed in uniform?

A. Absolutely not. Adjutants pace is allowed.

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Q. Will we be allowed to leave to go for lunch?

A. Yes, but take into account there is only 30 minutes allowed for lunch.

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Q. How do I address the head judge?

A. Sir or Ma'am no exceptions. No sir sandwiches, (e.g. Sir, yes sir. Sir thank you sir) (see score sheet for proper reporting procedures)

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Q. Our team has a traditional way of reporting in, is it allowed?

A. No. Stick to the reporting in/out sequence at the top of the score sheet. Points will be deducted for any variation from this.

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## 12: Feedback Form

1. How much notice were you given for this competition? When would be better?

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2. In what ways can we improve our process for sending out competition packages and information?

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3. If your team experienced a scheduling conflict with this event, how can our planning committee help alleviate conflicts in the future?

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4. Was the competition run professionally and fairly?

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5. What aspect of the competition do you believe needs the most improvement?

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6. Did the Inspectors and Judges appear to be consistent in their evaluations of the cadets?

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7. Aside from the information contained in the Standard Operating Procedures, is there anything else that should be integrated into that document to make it easier for you to prepare for next year?

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8. Please include any other comments or suggestions that you can about any facet of our drill competition. *(Please also use the reverse side.)*