



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
Headquarters, US Army Junior ROTC Department  
Putnam County High School  
300 War Eagle Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

MEMORANDUM: FOR ATTENDEES – AREA 12/PUTNAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL JROTC  
COLOR GUARD DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

SUBJECT: Georgia Area 12 / Putnam County High School Color Guard, Drill Team Competition  
Memorandum of Instruction (MOI)

1. References:
  - a. HQ, 6th Brigade (ROTC), U. S. Army Cadet Command memorandum dated 24 January 2022  
Subject: Georgia State JROTC Armed Drill Team and Color Guard Meet, Memorandum of Instructions (MOI).
  - b. Sixth Brigade Memorandum of Instruction (MOI), 20 Dec 2022
  - c. Cadet Command Regulation (CCR) 145-2, subject: Personal Appearance, para 10-6.
  - d. US Army Field Manual, TC 3-21.5, Drill and Ceremonies, 20 January 2012
2. This memorandum provides instructions and guidance for the conduct of the Georgia Area 12 / Putnam County High School JROTC Drill Team Competition.
3. JROTC units in Georgia Area 12 are invited to compete in the Putnam County High School Drill Meet.
4. The Meet will be held at **Putnam County Middle School** on Saturday, 2 March 2024 from 0830 until approximately 1400 hours and will be the Georgia state qualifier meet for Area 12. Top three (Area 12) teams in each event will qualify to compete in the 6<sup>th</sup> BDE, GA State Drill meet.
5. The Meet will be conducted using the policies, rules and drill routine formats contained in Sixth Brigade Memorandum of Instruction (MOI), dtd 20 Dec 2022. Schools will be limited to one team per event for each category (Male/Mix and Female) for team events, and up to 3 individuals/duel teams for exhibition events. The Meet will include the following categories and events:
  - a. Color Guard
  - b. Female Color Guard
  - c. Regulation Armed Platoon
  - d. Female Regulation Armed Platoon
  - e. Regulation Unarmed Platoon
  - f. Female Regulation Unarmed Platoon
  - g. Regulation Armed Squad
  - h. Female Regulation Armed Squad

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- i. Regulation Unarmed Squad
- j. Female Regulation Unarmed Squad
- k. Exhibition Armed Platoon
- l. Exhibition Armed Squad
- m. Female Exhibition Armed Squad
- n. Exhibition Armed Individual
- o. Female Exhibition Armed Individual
- p. Exhibition Armed Dual
- q. Female Exhibition Armed Dual

6. Eligibility:

a. A cadet may only compete in one category in like events. Female cadets may participate in either Male/Mix drill events or Female drill events but may not compete in both. Females cannot compete in both Male/Mix Color Guard and Female Color Guard.

b. Units may enter only one team per event (squads and platoons), one Color Guard, one female Color Guard, three individuals in exhibition armed individual drill, three individuals in female exhibition armed individual drill, three dual teams in exhibition armed dual drill, and three dual teams in female exhibition armed dual drill.

7. Units must be present at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled event. Because of the number of teams expected to compete and the need to complete the meet at a reasonable time (approximately 1400), all events will be conducted outdoors, weather permitting.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

a.. Recruiters from the Army and Army National Guard will provide judges. JROTC instructors from each of the schools attending may be required to judge an event if needed.

b. Coaches/Judges meeting will be held at 0730 hrs, at the top of the stadium next to the entrance.

c. The drill meet will be held at the Putnam County Middle School football stadium. The Putnam County Middle School & stadium is located at 140 Sparta Highway, Eatonton, GA 31024. Concession stand will be available for all participants and spectators.

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e. Putnam County JROTC will provide cadets as runners between the various events and the Meet HQs. Uniform for these cadets is the OCP uniform or the battalion t-shirt/sweatshirts.

f. Entrance Fee: **There will be an entrance fee of \$100.00 for the cost of Streamers and awards. Make check payable to Putnam County High School JROTC, address: 300 War Eagle Drive, Eatonton, GA. NLT the day of the event.** A receipt will be provided to all participating teams the morning of the Drill Team and Color Guard meet.

9. Uniforms:

- a. The Senior Army Instructors (SAIs), coaches, and JROTC instructors may wear the Army Combat Uniform (OCP) with patrol cap.
- b. Judges uniform will be the Army Combat Uniform (OCP) with patrol cap.
- c. Cadets will compete in the ASU or Class A or B uniform with authorized accessories including rank, name plate, and ribbons. The Low quarter shoes and garrison cap or authorized berets will also be worn. Additionally, the Color Guard may wear white, green or black belts and harnesses. Schools will be given three minutes to take corrective action prior to moving on to the field or may be penalized up to and including disqualification. Personal items such as watches, bracelets, ear rings as allowed by regulation may be worn by individuals. Hair styles will be in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6. Hair ornaments may be used to secure the hair of female cadets, but must be in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6. All participating teams/cadets competing will remain in uniform at all times to include the awards/closing ceremony.

10. Parking: Bus and other vehicle parking will be available in the in the main parking lot adjacent to the Middle School. We will have road guards in uniforms and reflector vest directing traffic.

11. Miscellaneous:

- a. The drill area is not to be entered by anyone except drill team members or participants during their scheduled performance times. Coaches are cautioned not to enter the drill area during performances.
- b. Judges are off limits to all drill team members and cadre with the exception of drill team commanders prior to beginning each event. Please do not speak to the judges.
- c. The scoring area is off limits to all personnel. Scores may not be viewed by anyone at any time. Score sheets and a drill meet wrap-up will be given to all team coaches at the end of the awards ceremony. The package will include all team score sheets as well as the overall final ranking.

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#### COMPETITION EVENTS.

##### 1. Regulation Drill:

a. Drill Team Competition (All Divisions): All teams will perform a specified series of marching and rifle movements in strict accordance with the Sixth Brigade Memorandum of Instruction dated 3 January 2017, Subject: Sixth Brigade State Drill Team and Color Guard Meets Annexes A-E (provided).

b. As a minimum each platoon must consist of 12 cadets plus a commander (13) and squads will consist of no less than six cadets plus a commander (7).

c. Drill Teams will enter the drill area when notified by the head judge and march their unit so as to be front and centered on the head judge. The unit commander will then report in to the head judge. Commanders should report, as a minimum, the name of their school and that they are prepared for competition. All commands are sequenced so that the unit can be front and centered back on the head judge after completion of the commands so that the unit commander can then report out.

d. The sequences of Drill Competition are provided. Sequences must be memorized in order and no assistance will be given to the drill team commander once the competition begins.

##### 2. Color Guard:

a. Color guard will consist of four cadets. The Color Guard will carry the U.S. flag and either the Georgia or JROTC flag. The flag staffs for male/mix Color Guard will be the standard 9.5 or 8-foot Army issued wooden staffs. The female teams may use the aluminum staffs that are 8 feet or 9 ½ nine and one-half feet in length.

b. Color guard will enter the ready area with its Colors cased and assume the position of parade rest. At the direction of the event head judge, the color guard will come to attention, carry Colors and enter the drill area. The Colors will be uncased and cased as part of the color guard competition.

c. The sequence for the Color Guard is in Annex E of the BDE SOP. Sequence must be memorized in order and no assistance will be given to the Color Guard commander once the competition begins.

d. The cadence for the Color Guard will be 120 steps per minute.

e. The Color Guard will not have a Color Sergeant present to give commands. All commands will be given by the senior color bearer (National color bearer).

f. All members of a team must use the same type of rifles. Judges will inspect rifles in the ready area prior to a team competing to confirm that they are similar in weight.

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g. Judges will conduct a walk through or walk-around inspection of cadets. If a cadet is not in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6, the coach will be asked to replace him or her. If this is not possible, the team will be disqualified.

3. Individual Knockout Competition: (Armed/Unarmed)

- a. This competition is open to all participants and will take place immediately after all other competitions are completed.
- b. Tickets for the Knockout drill unarmed regulation will be sold for \$1.00. Knockout tickets will be available at the concession stand.
- c. Cadets must have a ticket to participate.
- d. Individuals will be judged on the manual of arms for the rifle and/or facing movements.
- e. The knockout method will be used down to the last five competitors. The competition will end on the command of the senior judge and winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

4. Penalties:

a. The penalties for each event are part of the score sheets provided. In addition to the penalties on the score sheets, a cadence/penalty sheet is provided for platoon/squad regulation and color guard.

b. Poor Conduct: Any individual or member of a team who acts in any manner unbecoming a representative of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps and his/her respective school may, on the decision of the Drill meet POC, cause a fifty-point penalty and or/be disqualified from the competition.

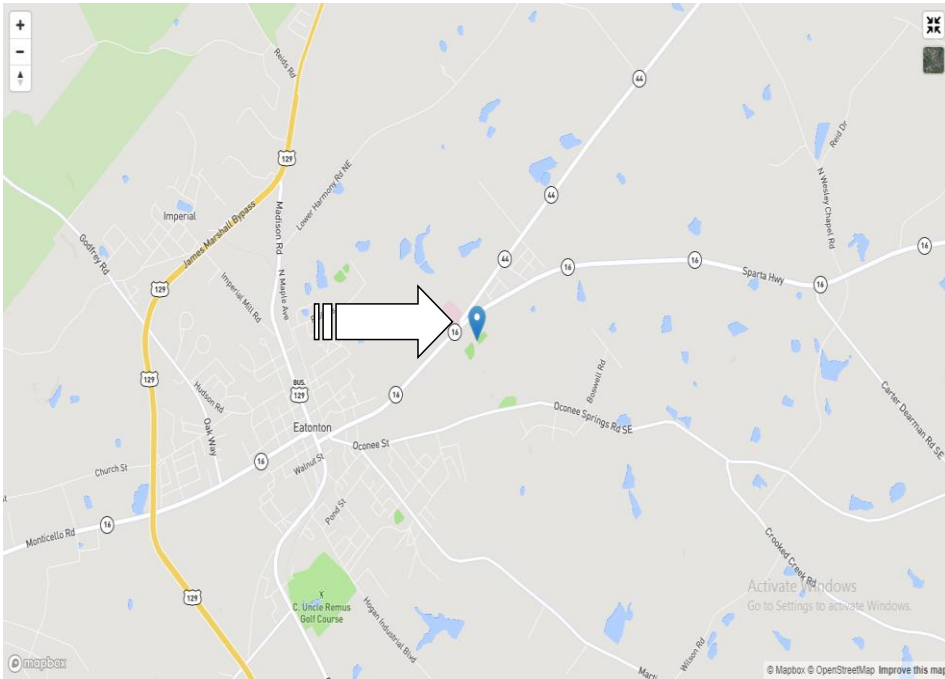
5. Tie Breaking Procedures.

- a. The team with the least penalties will be declared the winner.
- b. If a tie still persists, the team with the highest score on the Head Judges score sheet will be declared the winner.

6. Streamers will be awarded to the top three finishers of each competition event. The top three teams from each event will be eligible to compete at the 6<sup>th</sup> BDE, GA State Drill Meet. Results will be forwarded to 6<sup>th</sup> BDE POC.

7. Questions should be directed to NCOIC MSG Taylor @ [michael.taylor@putnam.k12.ga.us](mailto:michael.taylor@putnam.k12.ga.us). OIC LTC Frank Adkinson at [frank.adkinson@putnam.k12.ga.us](mailto:frank.adkinson@putnam.k12.ga.us).

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