

HART COUNTY JROTC RAIDER CHALLENGE STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES 20 September 2025

1. **Purpose:** This SOP outlines rules and requirements for all events in the raider challenge competition to be held **20 September 2025** at the Hart County High School, located at **59 Fifth St Hartwell, GA 30643**.
2. **Entry Fees:** \$100 for 1st team - \$25 per additional teams (no more than 2 teams per school per division, with a total of no more than 3 teams from any one school).
3. **Team Rules:** Each event will consist of 12 cadets but only 10 will participate at one time in each event. Mixed teams must have at least 4 female cadets participating in the event. Female teams will have 8 females per event
 - a. **Sandbag Relay:** Each ten person team will relay sandbag(s) a set distance.

OR

Tire Flip: Ducks in a row. Flip down and flip it back one at a time
 - b. **Rope Bridge:** Standard one rope-bridge according to FM 3.97.61 (Military Mountaineering). Rope length must be at least 120 feet. Low stretch ropes (Kermantle) may be used.
 - c. **Obstacle Course:** Raiders will have one attempt to negotiate each obstacle; they will receive a band if successful. When the first cadet clears the first obstacle the next cadet will be sent. The team that gets the most “go’s” (bands) with the fastest time will be the winner of the event.
 - d. **Team Run:** 2 laps around the school block start as a team finish as a team. Uniform is OCP/ACU and running shoes. Last person across stops the clock
 - e. **Team Chain relay:** move designated items a certain distance as a team and back
4. **Schedule of Events:**
 - a. 0700 - 0725: Team check in and registration. All forms for each event will be filled out and turned in at check-in.
 - b. Raider Brief at 0730
 - c. The meet will start after brief.
 - d. **The Team Run will be first**

- e. Lunch break will be up to each team. We **will** have a concession area and will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, chips, candy, etc.
- f. An awards ceremony will be conducted ASAP after competition is finished.

5. Grading and Scoring: **Instructors, Recruiters and/or ROTC Cadets will assist in grading. Tallying and recording scores will be completed by meet officials. All score sheets will be given to each school after the awards ceremony.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Latrines are located in the High School Track.
- 2. Parking will be at the Hart County High School or Hart County Middle School.
- 3. Each school is required to provide their own forms (power of attorney/medical release, covenant not to sue).
- 4. Schools may enter more than one team but not more than three and **no more than 2 teams in each category and only one team may compete for trophies**
- 5. If you have any questions please contact MSG Fagan (706-856-7256) cell 864 -421-7060 or Hart JROTC (706-376-5461 ext 7031). **Email is the preferred means of communication.** Email POC is sfagan@hart.k12.ga.us.
- 6. Trophies will be presented to the top three male, top three mixed (have to have 4 female members minimum), and to the top three female teams overall and in each event.

ENCLs

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ARMY INSTRUCTOR





RAIDER TEAM RUN

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Grader: _____

Team Run is in OCP Pants, Running Shoes and Choice of Tops

Start Time	
End Time	
Penalties	O Less than 10 Raiders/8 female - DQ O Wrong uniform (shorts instead of pants)1 minute per penalty O Mix team less than 4 females – DQ O Taking short cuts - DQ
Official Time	(Example 9:45:30)

ONE ROPE BRIDGE

1. Each team has **ONE ATTEMPT** to construct a one-rope bridge during this event. A 120ft rope will be needed for this event. Swiss seats must be used for all team members crossing the bridge. An over the shoulder figure 8 or bowline or snapped in with carabineer will be used for those team members not crossing the bridge. If a bridge is deemed unsafe by a grader the team will have the opportunity to fix the bridge without any penalties. Bridge will be built **IAW TC 3-97.61 (FM 3-97.61) Military Mountaineering (AUG 2012).**
2. There will be no pre-tied knots used on the bridge
3. A briefing will be given at the start point on the route.
4. Uniform will be OCP/ACU uniform (tops or shirts) and boots.
5. Scoring will be based on total time to negotiate the course by the team.

EXECUTION: Teams will not receive instruction on knot tying nor construction of the one rope bridge.

1. No pre-tied knots in the main rope.
2. First and last Raiders are not required to wear Swiss seats and can wear Aussie seats.
3. All other members must wear Swiss seats and a snap link.
4. Scores will be based upon the event completion time plus penalties assessed as described further in this briefing.
5. All knots used in constructing the bridge must be approved IAW TC 3-97.61 (FM 3-97.61) Military Mountaineering (AUG 2012).

NOTE: Team will be disqualified if bridge is not crossed within 10 minutes.

One Rope Bridge Score Sheet

SCHOOL:		
	Penalty	# of Penalties
EQUIPMENT/PREPARATION/INSPECTION: 5 MINUTES.		
Improper Aussie Seats on far and near side Raiders. (on-the-spot fix)	10 SEC	
Improper SWISS SEAT; Snap link must surround all ropes and when rotated to the "UP" position, gate opening is "away from Raider" (on the spot fix)	10 SEC	
Steel Snap link, not 9kn or higher / Rope, not 7/16 diameter (on-the-spot fix)	NP	
Team competing with less than required, Male Teams 10, Female Teams 8, Mixed 10 (min. 4 females)	DQ	
CONSTRUCTION OF ROPE BRIDGE		
Far Side Raider –Improper Bowline w/overhand knot bite or Figure 8 when crossing	20 SEC	
Far Side Raider not clipped in with snap link prior to entering dead zone (VERIFY)	10 SEC	
Far Side Raider not belayed properly across the dead zone	10 SEC	
Dead zone violation (touching obstacle during loading/unloading, equipment dropped)	10 SEC	
Use of Speed Tighteners, twisting of the snap-links or stick. (Judge tells Raider to release)	1 min	
Far Side anchor knot, not 2 round turns w/2 half hitches or tensionless anchor. Time continues to run.	STOP & FIX	
Improper Transport Knot: wireman's knot or figure 8 slip knot, both with a bite. Time continues to run.	STOP & FIX	
Near-side not secured w/round turn, 2 half hitches with or without quick release. Time continues to run.	STOP & FIX	
Two half hitches on near side knot not between the anchor point and steel snap link. Time continues to run.	STOP & FIX	
CROSSING		
Any Raider hooked up before the near side or far side is complete	20 SEC	
More than three (3) Raiders clipped into the bridge rope at any one time	20 SEC	
Dead zone violation: (touching obstacle during loading/unloading before being snapped into rope)	10 SEC	
Crossing Raiders FEET or HANDS touch the dead zone to gain an advantage	20 SEC	
Transport Tightening System steel snap link opening gate not positioned up and away from knot loop	10 SEC	
Transport Tightening System snap link not locked during the crossing	20 SEC	
Rope Bridge Failure (no tension on the rope)	DQ	
BREAKDOWN OF ROPE BRIDGE		
Breaking down rope bridge before the last Raider is off the rope	20 SEC	
Near Side Raider not clipped in with snap link prior to entering dead zone	10 SEC	
Near Side Raider not belayed properly across the obstacle	10 SEC	
Near Side Raider bowline w/overhand safety or figure 8 incorrect while crossing (If using)	20 SEC	
Near Side Raider not snapped into Transport Tightening System Knot, end of line Figure Eight, or end of line Bowline w/overhand safety when crossing	20 SEC	
Rope or any item left in the dead zone OR Far Side after time is called	20 SEC	
Knots or snap links left in the rope after "TIME" is called	20 SEC	
ADDITIONAL PENALTIES AND NOTES		
Improper markings (tape, dye, etc) on the rope that are obviously used to gain an advantage. (cheating)	DQ	
Coaching from a non-team member (warning before penalty)	1 MIN	
The team exceeds the 10-minute time limit	DQ	
Sportsmanship violation (profanity, disrespect, etc) Penalty at the discretion of the judge	30 SEC/ DQ	
Time		
Penalties		
Raider CDR Signature	Final Time	

Obstacle Course

Raiders will have “**ONE**” attempt to negotiate the obstacle; they will receive a band if successful. When first cadet clears the first obstacle the next cadet will be sent. Team that gets the most “go’s” (bands) with the fastest time will be the winner of the event

RAIDER OBSTACLE COURSE

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Grader: _____

Raider		Bands
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
Only 8 females on female team		
TOTAL		

Time: (Example: 9:45:30) _____

Obstacle Course
ONE attempt at each obstacle
(I will send Power point if wanted)

- 1. Low Crawl**
- 2. Rope Swing**
- 3. Stairway to Heaven**
- 4. Incline wall**
- 5. Monkey Bars**
- 6. Over under**
- 7. Belly Buster**
- 8. Balance Log**
- 9. The Pit**
- 10. Wall**

Team Chain

1. The 5 person Raider Team will move through the path with everyone carrying something in each hand/arm while wearing 30lb Ruck Plate Carrier
2. The team can reconfigure anytime as many times needed
3. At the halfway point all equipment must be set down and the next 5 will pick up equipment and move out
4. There are various obstacles along the path
5. Raiders will stay linked together by equipment.

RAIDER TEAM CHAIN

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Grader: _____

*****Raiders will stay together*****

Start Time	
End Time	
Penalties	O Less than 10 Raiders/8 Female - DQ O Mix team less than 4 females - DQ O Dropping Equipment – 30 seconds per O Using a device to help carry equipment – 1 minute O Knocking over water can – 10 seconds per can O Knocking down equipment - 3 minutes O After 15 minutes - DQ
Official Time	(Example: 9:45:30)

*****Raiders will stay together*****

TEAM CHAIN EQUIPMENT LAYOUT

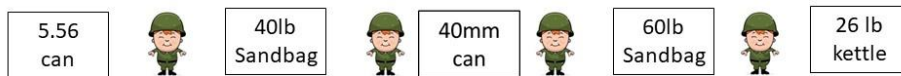
Male Raiders



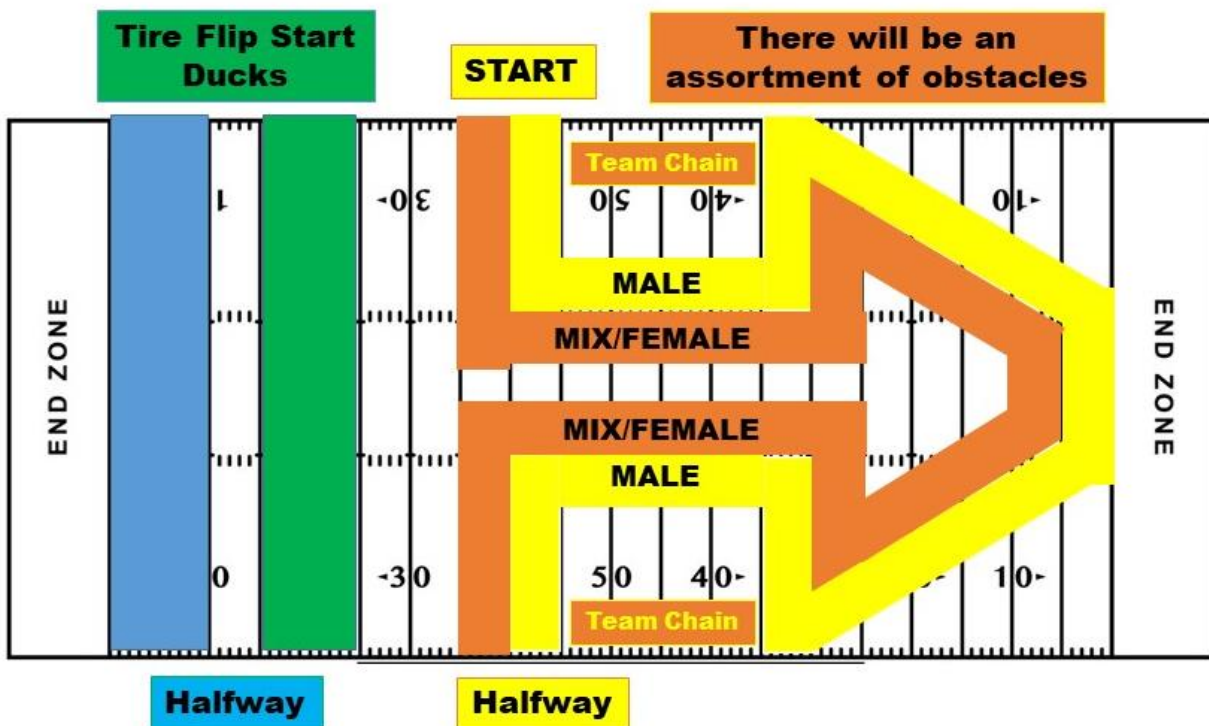
Mix Raiders



Female Raiders



Every Raider will wear a 30lb Ruck Plate Carrier



TIRE FLIP

1. Each ten person/8 female team will line up at the designated start point. The team will line up behind the tire and on the command “go” and flip the tire a designated distance and return to the start point. Time will stop when the last person is across the finish line.
2. Members cannot use any devices to flip the tires other than their hands and muscle power. If a tire is rolled during the race then the tire will be put back where it was rolled from and then continues. Time will not be stopped.

TIRE FLIP

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Grader: _____

Start Time	
End Time	
Penalties	O Less than 10 Raiders - DQ O No rolling of the tire O Mix team less than 4 females - DQ O Using a device to help flip the tire DQ O If Raider can't flip tire - 10 second penalty O Tire goes out of bounds - 10 second O Raiders must stay in order O Only one (1) flip per Raider
Official Time	(Example 9:45:30)

**HART COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
BULLDOG BATTALION
HARTWELL, GA 30643**

REGISTRATION FORM

From (School) _____

POC (Please Print) _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

Number of Teams: _____ (Three team limit)

Name of Teams: Team 1 _____ (\$100.00)

Team 2 _____ (\$25.00)

Team3 _____ (\$25.00)

write male – female or mix in the blanks

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Make checks payable to: Hart County JROTC)

Signature of POC: _____

**** No refunds will be returned after 20 September 2025.

Mail checks and forms to: Hart County High School
Attn: JROTC Department
59 Fifth St.
Hartwell, GA 30643