

**Clarke Central High School**  
**350 S. Milledge Avenue**  
**Athens, Ga 30605**



January 28th, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR All Drill Team and Color Guard Coaches

SUBJECT: Clarke Central High School Drill Team and Color Guard Competition // Area Qualifier

1. REFERENCES:

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade State Drill Team and Color Guard Memorandum of Instruction (MOI); 4 January 2023.
- b. 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Drill SOP - Drill Sequences, 22 September 2025
- c. US Army Field Manual, TC 3-21.5, Drill and Ceremonies, May 2021.
- d. Cadet Regulation 145-2, August 12, 2022.
- e. AR 840-10, 15 June 2017

2. PURPOSE:

a. Prescribe the rules for Clarke Central High School Drill Team and Color Guard Competition on March 7, 2026

b. To provide Army JROTC Drill teams an opportunity to demonstrate their team and individual military drill proficiency. The Drill Team and Color Guard Competition will follow the same guidelines as the State and National Drill Meet Competition.

3. OBJECTIVE: Judge participating teams and individuals and select teams/individuals to compete in State-level drill meets.

4. CONCEPT AND POLICY: We will adhere to standards published in the **Sixth Brigade State Drill and Color Guard MOI**. This document will govern all matters concerning the conduct, judging, and scoring of this drill meet. All JROTC personnel concerned must procure the current copy of the Sixth Brigade MOI / SOP and become familiar with it. We will NOT deviate from the published MOI.

5. **Clarke Central High School Drill meet** will be held on **Saturday, 7 March 2026, beginning at 0830, located at 350 S. Milledge Drive, Athens, GA, 30605**. The drill events will be held on the Main football

field. In the event of severe weather, the competition will be conducted inside both gymnasiums. A copy of the finalized schedule will be forwarded to you later.

There will be **no opening ceremony**; however, teams are required to be on time for their scheduled event on time.

- a. Judges/Graders/Coaches meeting at 0800. The program coach or his/her representative must attend. **COMPETITION BEGINS AT 0830**
- b. **Score Sheets: Male will use Blue and Female will use pink.** This will make it easy when score sheets come into the score room.
- c. All events must be completed by 1430. Area competition is not a place to conduct extended practices. All boxes will close at 1400.

## 6. Uniform and Grooming Standards.

- a. JROTC instructors will wear the Class B uniform with a beret IAW Cadet Command policy. Judges will wear the OCP uniform with a soft cap.
- b. Cadets will wear the Army-issued JROTC Class A service uniform with all authorized accessories (to include rank, nameplate, and ribbons)—nameplates must be worn during all competition events. Authorized accessories are grey berets, scarves, gloves (with full fingers), for regulation drill. Additionally, Color Guard may wear white, green, or black belts and harnesses. Authorized accessories are scarves, solid white or solid black gloves (with full fingers) for regulation drill and exhibition drill. Additionally, Color Guard may wear white, green, blue or black belts and harnesses. **Dress Blue and non-standard uniforms are not authorized.**
- c. Unauthorized Clothing items for cadets: Cadets will not wear wrist/sweat bands of any type or color, spats, colored shoelaces (other than black), masks/blinds, multi-colored gloves, dark blue (almost black) berets, green, maroon, or the tan colored berets. Schools will be given three (3) minutes to take corrective action before moving on to the field, or may be penalized up to and including disqualification. Personal items such as watches, bracelets, and earrings, as allowed by regulation, may be worn by individuals. Hair styles will follow CCR 145-2, para 8-6, and IAW 6<sup>th</sup> BDE MOI. Cadets. Scrunches of black or neutral color may be used to secure the hair.

## 7. Schedule of Events and Team Composition.

- a. **Each school will not have the opportunity to compete in any box at any time.** There will be a prescribed time to report to each scheduled event. Participating teams are required to complete all events no later than 1430.
- b. Upon arrival at the meet site, the coaches or SAIs will provide a memorandum certifying that all participating cadets meet the minimum requirements to participate in

extra-curricular activities for the State of Georgia as outlined in the Georgia High School Activities Association (GHSAA) handbook (see **Annex F to BDE MOI**). Failure to provide a memorandum will result in disqualification. Fifth-year seniors are not eligible to compete in Area or State qualification meets.

- c. **A drill platoon** will consist of no less than 13 members—Team Commander and **three squads of four cadets.**
- d. **A drill squad** will consist of no less than seven members—Team Commander and six cadets; the maximum number of cadets is 11.
- e. **The Color Guard** team will consist of four cadets. The Color Guard will carry the U.S. flag and either the Georgia flag or the JROTC flag. The flag staffs will be 9.5 or 8 feet long wooden poles. No flag smaller than 3’X 4’ or larger than 4’X 5’ may be used in the competition. **Flag cases will be Army issue cases.** (See pg. 9, para (4) of BDE MOI).

**8. Competition Events.**

**Category 1 (male/mix)**

**Events**

- Color Guard Regulation**
- Regulation Armed Platoon Regulation**
- Armed Squad Regulation**
- Male Individual Armed Exhibition**
- Unarmed Platoon Regulation**
- Unarmed Squad Regulation**
- Dual Exhibition**
- Knockout Drill (Unarmed) Regulation**
- Knockout Drill (Armed) Regulation**

**Category 2 (female)**

**Events**

- Female Color Guard**
- Female Armed Platoon Regulation**
- Female Armed Squad Regulation**
- Female Individual Armed Exhibition**
- Female Unarmed Platoon Regulation**
- Female Unarmed Squad Regulation**
- Female Dual Exhibition**
- Knockout Drill (Armed) Regulation**
- Knockout Drill (Unarmed) Regulation**

- a. **A cadet may compete in all events in Category 1, Category 2, or a combination of both. However, a cadet CAN NOT compete in like events in both categories.**
- b. **Male cadets MUST compete in only Male/Mix events; females may compete in either. Females competing in Male/Mix events MUST use standard weight drill rifles. Coaches are responsible for monitoring their own teams and individuals for compliance.**
- c. **Drill team and Color Guard commanders will be required to memorize drill sequences. Note cards are not authorized. Time limits, reporting in/out requirements are IAW BDE MOI.**
- d. **The ‘Description of Events’, ‘Drill Field Layout’, and ‘Event Score Sheets’ will be the same as those outlined in Sixth Brigade MOI Annex C, D, AND E. Be sure to review these closely.**

- e. Weapons: All members of a drill team must be armed with the same weapon. All rifles must have a sling on the rifle; however, the rifle slings may be taped for Regulation and/or Exhibition events. **Authorized weapons are:**

**M1903-A3 rifle**

**9. Meet Overview**

- a. **Each school must email the list of events they are competing in to 1SG Clark, A at clarkan@clarke.k12.ga.us no later than 26 February 2026.** This is essential to finalize judge/ evaluator requirements, trophy requirements, and scheduling of events for each school.
  - (1) Teams should arrive at the drill meet site before the start of the competition. Arriving teams will assemble in designated parking areas. The awards/closing ceremony will be conducted in the competition area. All competition sites must be checked out by site Head Judges before the start of the competition.
  - (2) Teams should be in the vicinity of the competition area in preparation for the start of the competition. It is the responsibility of each coach/advisor to ensure teams are available for scheduled events. The sequence of competition and times will be determined by 1SG Clark, A.
  - (3) Competing cadets should remain in an appropriate uniform throughout the day, including the awards/closing ceremony.
  - (4) There will be a **concession stand** available in the vicinity of the competition site.
- b. **Judges** for the meet will be US Army Recruiters, National Guard Soldiers, and JROTC instructors from our respective Areas. There will be 2-3 judges per box.
- c. **Streamers** will be awarded to the top three finishers in each team competition.
  - (1) 1st place in individual exhibition and dual exhibition competitions; a medallion will be awarded to second and third place finishers.
  - (2) Medallions will be awarded to the top five individuals in knockout drill for both categories (armed and unarmed).
- d. Each school is highly encouraged to compete in as many events as possible. **However, only one team per event (i.e., one female CG, one male/mix CG) can compete. Exception is individual and dual exhibition-No more than 3 entries per each of those events.**
- e. **Scoring:** The sequence for regulation and the color guard categories will be IAW the 6th Brigade scoring sheets. The sequence of events must be memorized in order, and no assistance

can be provided to drill team members during the execution of each event. All complaints must be registered with the Senior Army Instructor, 1SG Clark, or any Army Instructor from the Host School. SFC Washington, K, or SFC Hollman, D, by the Cadet Commander / Team instructor only.

f. **Tie Breaking Procedures:** All ties will be broken by the results of the head judge's scoring sheet. If the tie is not broken by this method, the highest judge's score will be dropped, and the scores recalculated, and the highest recalculated score will be the winner.

g. Drill Area Dimensions: Below are the dimensions for the competition drill team/Color Guard areas: (For schematic see ANNEX D).

- (a) All Platoon Drill areas: 95 feet X 85 feet
- (b) All Squad Drill areas: 95 feet X 85 feet
- (c) All Color Guard areas: 55 feet X 55 feet
- (d) Individual Exhibition area: 33 feet X 33 feet

h. Drill Teams/Individual: Time for Regulation and Exhibition Drill events begin when the Drill Team/individual enters the drill area and ends when the Drill Team/individual exits the drill area. The Drill Team Commander/Individual will verbally announce, as a minimum, "School name prepared to conduct Drill Team sequence," and upon completion, he will verbally announce, as a minimum, "School name completed Drill Team sequence." Once in the immediate vicinity of the competition area, ready box, or entry/exit box, there will be no motivational chants, etc. This is distracting to judges and other competitors on the field and delays the competition sequence. The Head Judge may assess penalty points.

**g. THE ENTRY FEE FOR THIS DRILL MEET WILL BE \$150.00 per school. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Clarke Central High School ATTN: JROTC**

Point of contact: SFC Washington, Kenneth @ 706-357-5200 ext 17248; WashingtonK@clarke.k12.ga.us

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REGISTRATION INVOICE

GLADIATOR DRILL INVITATIONAL (7 March 2026)

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Check which events you are entering (team event fees not to exceed \$200.00):

TEAM EVENTS

- Platoon Regulation (Armed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Platoon Regulation (Unarmed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Squad Regulation (Armed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Squad Regulation (Unarmed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Color Guard #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Platoon Exhibition (Armed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Squad Exhibition (Armed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Platoon Exhibition(Unarmed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Squad Exhibition (unarmed) #OF TEAMS Male/Mixed\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ (\$25 PER TEAM) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- Knockout # OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2 Per Cadet) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual Exhibition # OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5 Per Entry) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Dual Exhibition # OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 Per Team) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Schools that enter in their respective divisions are eligible for the overall champion trophy in the division. All others are competing in their respective events only and are eligible for the awards in that event only.

Please make checks payable to GLADIATOR JROTC BOOSTERS OR CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Email entry form and hand-carry or mail a check:

Clarke Central High School

ATTN: JROTC

305 S Milledge Ave.

Athens, Georgia 30605

Drill Coach/POC Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_