

# UNIT INSPECTION GENERAL INFORMATION

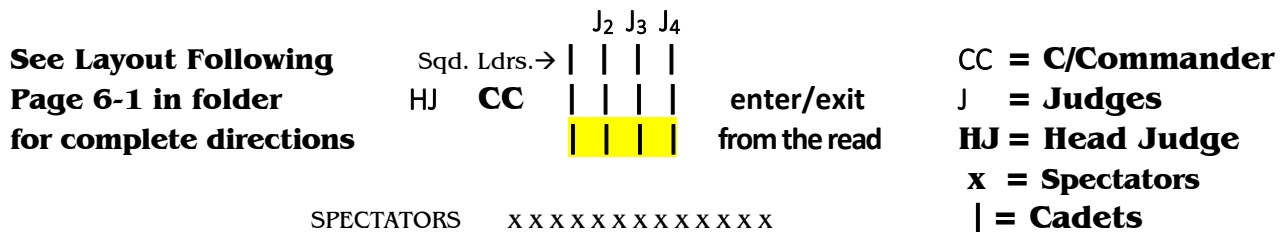
## *A. General Information*

1. Teams will formulate their Unit Inspection team in the same way that they do every other team at the RMDC. The team selects the cadets who stand Unit Inspection, as well as select the Cadet Commander for the detail. The event is executed COMPLETELY UNARMED BY ALL MEMBERS TO INCLUDE THE CADET COMMANDER (without rifle, sabre or sword). The team will maintain 8-12 cadets in "the block" with a single Cadet Commander as well. Cadets should be as evenly dispersed as possible into FOUR RANKS.
2. Inspection at the RMDC can be a relatively intense experience depending on your background and experience. The judges will be briefed, trained and monitored to ensure a common standard is displayed. Inspection questions will come from FIVE primary areas. These will be military, governmental, historical, current events and first aid. These questions will NOT be given to the teams in advance. There will be TENS of THOUSANDS of questions available to the judges for use and therefore they will likely not be many except the most basic that could be repeated throughout the day. Judges will also be encouraged to ask cadets thought provoking questions involving moral issues, likely ending with, "and WHY" where the cadet will be expected to explain their logic, reasoning or answer in detail to the judge.
3. The Head Judge will be centered in the room on the wall directly on a cone with a yellow "X". This is the report-in/out point for the team.
4. Judges will likely use more difficult questions if a team seems to impress on the basic questions. All cadets should maintain solid bearing and be well versed in the target questions that all good citizens should know.
5. Judges will provide immediate feedback on deficiencies to the cadet during the review.
6. The scoresheet should be studied to see how your performance can receive the max score in each area.

## *B. Inspection Procedures*

1. Just prior to the Inspection, spectators with the performing team will be asked to enter and sit inside the Inspection area in the spectator seating area. The unit forms outside the Inspection area near the entrance. .
2. The Head Judge will approach the cadet commander in the ready area as the parents and spectators are entering the inspection area, They will likely introduce themselves, tell you how they wish to be addressed, impart a few words of wisdom, ensure the unit is ready, and then return back into the Unit Inspection area. The Head Judge will ensure the other judges are ready, and then command in a loud voice, "**XYZ High School, REPORT!**" The Cadet Commander will then verbally command the unit to enter the Inspection area. No pictures or p[reparation is to be provided. Commanders will see and do on site.
3. **The unit will be formed with 4 squads/elements of 2-3 cadets each and centered on the Head Judge in the formation as shown on the next page.** Teams forming into three squads will be scored lower by the judges for using improper procedures! Teams should NOT command "Fall In". Judges want to see a unit **commanded and marched** into the inspection room. How you choose to do this is up to your team.
4. Once inside the room, the Cadet Commander will command, "**Open Ranks, March**", "**Dress Right, Dress**" "**Ready Front**", execute an About Face, salute the Head Judge, and Report In to the Head Judge with the unit at attention. Units should not "crowd" the Head Judge when executing "Open Ranks". Done correctly, the C/CDR should be **2-3 paces** away from the Head Judge upon completion.
5. To Verbally report in correctly, the Cadet Commander should state: 1)school name & team name; 2)city & state you are from; 3)the drill manual you will perform in accordance with and 4)the military "reg" your uniform is inspected under (AR 670-1; MC Order P1020.34F; AFROTC 36-9, etc.). **NOTE: DO NOT have the entire formation salute the judge – this will likely be considered an exhibition movement!**
6. After Report-In, the Head Judge will inspect the commander briefly (commander remains at Sling Arms). The Head Judge will state to the commander, "**PRECEED ME through the Inspection**" or similar. The head judge will step off and begin the inspection with the rank 1 squad/element leader. Cadet Commander will simply about face and move in front of cadet #2 in rank #1. Doing this, the Cadet Commander will LEAD the Head Judge, staying one cadet slot ahead of the judge during the face to face inspection. The remaining three judges will concurrently step off and begin their Inspection of the other squads.
7. As an inspector halts in front of each cadet, the **Cadets in ranks should provide a very brief greeting to the Inspection judges when a judge halts in front of them.** An example would be, "Good morning Staff Sergeant, Cadet Phillips ready for your inspection" or similar. (NOTE: The name/rank of each judge listed by the squad they will be inspecting will be posted just outside the competition area.

8. When the Head Judge inspects the final cadet of the 1<sup>st</sup> squad, the cadet commander is “in space” to the judges right. When completed with the final cadet inspection in their rank, the head judge then cuts in front of the cadet commander and moves to the rear of the 1<sup>st</sup> squad. At that point the cadet FOLLOWS the head judge. When the judge reaches the end of the rank, both the judge and the cadet move to their original positions at the front of the formation. The cadet **may** then execute About Face to see the formation to ensure ALL judges have completed their inspection.
9. When the Cadet Commander is sure all judges have completed their inspection, the cadet commander will then face the judge and **FIRST** verbally report out to the Head Judge. Upon reply by the judge, the cadet commander will THEN execute “About Face”, execute “Close Ranks, March” and then execute “Column of Files/Files from the Left” (squad/element leaders give appropriate supplemental commands) to exit. The Cadet Commander should remain inside the room and follow the 4th squad out the door as they leave.
10. After exiting, the team should move away from the entire area and QUIETLY bring the unit to a halt, then quietly dismiss the unit. All parents & spectators leave immediately after the team. **The unit instructors are encouraged you to thank the four judges.** It is not a time to have any real discussion, but instructors should see the non-adversarial appearance of the judges and their team.
11. A single instructor or other designated team representative is encouraged to wait for the runner to execute the Scoresheet Review in the hallway area outside the exit door in the hallway.



### ***C. Related Inspection Matters***

1. Hair length and other grooming issues should correspond to the team's particular service regulations. General appearance should be well-groomed and uniforms should be impeccably clean.
2. Teams will be inspected using their own uniforms as “the standard”. The way one looks, is the way they all should look. The difficulty any given uniform takes to ready itself for Unit Inspection (amount of brass and other peripheral items) will certainly be taken into consideration when judging the appearance of a cadet. Cadets ARE EXPECTED to wear THEIR uniform to include ALL authorized ribbons, etc. appropriate for that uniform – no exceptions!
3. Leather shoes or corfram shoes are appropriate wear for all portions of the **NHSDTC**. While corframs are comparatively easy to maintain, leather shoes require more effort to achieve the same appearance and must be so maintained. Should corfram shoes be worn, absolute perfection will be needed to achieve the same score as a well-maintained leather shoe due to the additional difficulty involved.

### ***D. Cadet Verbal Responses***

1. **Unit Inspection will include roughly 3-4 questions for each cadet to determine a cadet's poise, confidence, and overall military/governmental/historical/first aid/current events knowledge.** Again, judges will be strident and possibly imposing to a high school cadet, however they will not be screaming, nor touching the cadet or anything on the cadet. Study, but know that a Nationals' Inspection will test knowledge, thinking on your feet and bearing!
2. If a cadet doesn't know the answer to a question posed to him/her, a confident, "*MSgt., this cadet does not know at this time!*" or similar is the best response.
3. If a judge incorrectly applies a regulation to your team's service branch or other type of mistake, do not belabor the point with the judge during Inspection! If the judge presses a point a cadet knows is incorrect, the correct response should be "Sir, this cadet has been instructed that "thus & so" is correct, sir". Do not lose military bearing! After ending the Inspection process, immediately reach the SNI judging director and the issue will be resolved.

### **Important Note!**

*Instructors, you control the Inspection area! Only those spectators with your program should be at your inspection.* An SNI staff member or score sheet runner yes but they will be clearly identifiable. If someone attempts to enter your inspection area and after speaking with them you want them to leave, tell the head judge to ask this person to be removed from the room. If this proves unsuccessful, radio for the Competition Director and that individual will be removed from the area immediately and likely from the competition site.