

# **WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)**

*“Where the finest post-high school drillers in the world meet to compete!”*

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## **SECTION 1: EVENT OVERVIEW**

### **a) The World Drill Championships SOP**

1. The World Drill Championships (WDC) remain the world's leading competition for post-high school solo and group (two to four) drill competitors. This international event is operated for any post high school driller from any background - independent, college, military reserve and/or active duty. With the motto, "Dare Mighty Things", WDC serves to take drill to the next level beyond the high school arena.
2. The event ACTIVELY seeks to include drillers with a passion for skill and the desire to compete and be featured in a showcase of the best drillers in the world.
3. The World Drill Championships are designed as a one-day competition format, with the winners announced the following evening during the legendary Masters Level Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships.
4. This SOP will include all information that is pertinent to the competition and necessary for your preparation and attendance at the World Drill Championships. Along with the rules & regulations of the meet, there will also be extensive information on the management of the event by Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI).
5. SNI is available often seven days a week to answer your questions or assist you in your attendance in any manner needed via telephone, email or social media message. Once you have read this SOP and agree to all of its terms & conditions, you may register online. No person may compete at the WDC without the proper submission of all required finances & paperwork found only on the SNI registration site. Therefore, a functioning email & internet are required to attend this event.
6. All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules and procedures of this SOP and of WDC. Any items not specifically covered by these regulations are at the sole judgment, discretion and determination of the Judging Director, Justin Gates of SNI or his direct designee.
7. It is possible unforeseen items may arise that are not directly covered by these rules. If this were to occur, SNI will make a ruling to maintain the spirit of the rules herein and to provide to all of the competitors the most fair and impartial competition possible. In any case where this occurs, their decision is non-reviewable, not-protestable and will stand as a final judgment.



### **b) Event Management & Sponsorship**

1. The World Drill Championships were founded by drill enthusiast Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan over a decade ago. While he is no longer involved in the competition, his efforts to raise the level of post high school drill will never be forgotten.
2. The WDC event is a part of the weekend festivities involving the grand National High School Drill Team Championships and the National JROTC Fitness Challenge which is managed and produced by Sports Network International, Inc.. As the Event Manager of the overall competition weekend, SNI will be responsible for organizing all aspects of this competition, from setting up the rules and procedures, to securing all necessary judges, competition sites, etc. as well as managing the WDC event.
3. SNI works with key members of the post-high school drill community for guidance and support. With the event hosted during the NHSDTC, all WDC competitors are urged to show deference and respect to all aspects of the weekend activities, and understand that minor children will be surrounding all aspects of the WDC as spectators and often admirers.

## SECTION 2: GENERAL EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

### a) The WDC Competitor

1. The WDC competition is designated to crown the world's best professional drillers. The event is open to all who desire to display a love and glorification of military-style competition drill.
2. You are ambassadors of the sport and will be treated as such by SNI. This lofty treatment will require from you a greater responsibility than the average attendee. Your attitude and demeanor in this area will be essential to your successfully competing within and then returning to the WDC in future years.
3. This competition is not open to high school drillers. You must be a high school graduate or equivalent by at least 120 days to compete. Please do not ask for an exception as it will NOT be granted under any circumstances. Your entry will be subject to verification.

### b) Competition Overview

1. The WDC competition is slated to be held on Saturday early afternoon in the Expo Hall area of the competition site, the Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center (detailed later within this document). If a pool system is implemented, the Medal Round Finals will likely be held in the main arena later in the early evening.
2. The WDC is designed as a one-day competition format, with the winners announced the following evening during the legendary Masters Level Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships. However, ***If greater than 30 entrants are accepted into the WDC, a pool system with top finishers advancing may be implemented.*** This would have a number of top finishers from two different pools of competitors with separate judges qualified into a final round held immediately after the pool competition. All attendees must plan to attend the event both Saturday & Sunday to ensure they can compete & attend the Awards.
3. Competitors within the WDC event may stay anywhere in the greater Daytona Beach area, however SNI will maintain a preferred hotel list for those looking for accommodations. SNI also maintains information on area attractions, parking info, maps and other items of interest to the WDC competitors or spectators. Please go the [NHSDTC Spectator Page](#) to learn more.

### c) Competition Areas

1. The WDC competition will consist of two areas: **Solo Exhibition** and **Group Exhibition**.
  - a. **Solo Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by **one** individual. This division requires the use of a demilitarized or replica rifle weighing at least 8 lbs. A competitor may use more than multiple weapons (rifles and sabre/swords authorized, other items must be authorized in advance by SNI). However, competitors must at least use one weapon.
  - b. **Group Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by between **2-4 drillers**. This division requires the use of at least one demilitarized or replica rifle weighing at least 8 lbs. However, unarmed drillers and other weapons may be included. Again, nonstandard items other than rifles and sabre/sword must have advanced approval by SNI).
2. The SOLO Division competition is hosted and completed first before the GROUP competition is begun. Therefore those individuals entering BOTH sides of the WDC event will have a limited timeframe to recuperate before their GROUP performance(s).
3. Individual performers may compete on a maximum of TWO GROUP Division entries and only ONE competition entry within the SOLO Division. Within the Group Exhibition Division, each entry stands alone with any entry costs being per entry as well. Therefore a single individual can win two top finishes as well as a part of on two different entries!

#### d) WDC Entry Costs & Deadlines to Enter

1. In the past, entry costs and the status of entrants have been confusing and based on many arbitrary factors. Additionally as the competitors are adults, many things made the chase for entry status time consuming and geographically biased. This has been largely eliminated for ENTRY COST purposes for this year and all future years.
2. **REGISTRATION FOR ALL COMPETING ENTRIES WILL BE JUST \$50 PER ENTRANT if the official entry and payment is received by 1 April.** For those SOLO ENTRIES who choose to enter AFTER 1 April, **the fee will rise to \$75 per entrant.** Official entry into the competition will end on 15 April annually. Certain circumstances MAY allow SNI to accept a Solo Ex entry AFTER the 15 April deadline. If this happens, **the cost to do so will be a flat rate of \$100 per cadet.**
3. SNI knows that planning a team entry is more difficult. Therefore for all “Group” entries, the entry cost REMAINS AT \$50 PER ENTRANT THRU 15 APRIL (therefore a four person team would be \$200 total entry cost if registered by 15 April. Certain circumstances MAY allow SNI to accept an Group Ex entry members AFTER the 15 April deadline. If this happens, **the cost to do so will be a flat rate of \$75 per cadet.**

#### e) Entry Classifications

1. No longer is entry status tied to entry COST. Entrants will be classified only as “OPEN” or “QUALIFIED”. A **QUALIFIED ENTRY** will be gained by one of three ways:
  - a. If you are a recent high school student and while in high school you received **an official invitation** to participate in the WDC, you are QUALIFIED and GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE into the WDC event so long as you register by the 1 April deadline and meet all other entry requirements. (NOTE: In the event that you lose your invitation, it will likely be considered rescinded and you will enter as just an open competitor. Treat this invite with the respect and care it deserves!)
  - b. If you are a Solo Ex driller that participated within the WDC in the immediate year prior and you made the cut to compete within the Final Round (or competed ANYWHERE within the Group/Special category), you will be considered to maintain a Qualifying Entry Status for all aspects of the WDC Solo Ex competition the following year.
  - c. If you are a driller that has participated “with distinction” (generally a top finish or even 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or more depending on the strength of the competitors in a regional or national competition in the year immediately prior to the upcoming WDC AND SNI determines the meet has a competitive level that denotes excellence is on display (TXDC or other noteworthy events) either on-site or on-line, your quality finish can allow you to be granted Qualified Entry status. **This is completely subjective with feedback coming from the meet host in consultation with SNI. This WILL reward those drillers involved in the sport entering these events and gaining top finishes.**
2. **Any entry that does not fall within any of the above categories will be classified as an “OPEN” Entry.** As stated previously, these entries do not have any bearing to costs or any denotation to the judges and will be looked at just as any other entry. However, they will maintain certain disadvantages when it comes to performance time draws explained under Competition Draw mechanics explained later within this document.



3. At the time of registration, please include your qualifying credentials sought (QUALIFIED or OPEN) AND WHY you believe you deserve that denotation in the appropriate location on the registration form. Once we verify your entry as complete and accurate, you will be added to the competitor roster and your entry into the WDC will be solidified.

#### **f) Competition Draw Mechanics**

1. As you have read previously, the WDC competition will maintain two entry classifications: OPEN and QUALIFIED. These classifications will be used in formulating the competition order as well within the SOLO Division competition only.
2. **FOR THE SOLO DIVISION ONLY:** Those who maintain QUALIFIED status will be granted PREFERRED placement status for the competition draw and GUARANTEED a draw within the later competition slots for the event. Additionally, if there is POOL competition, these QUALIFIED drillers will be evenly split between the two pools to best disperse the talent. The EXACT number of these lofty slots will be determined by the total number of OPEN entries and the total number of QUALIFIED entries but know the OPEN status drillers will be randomly drawn to fill the EARLIEST competition slots FIRST, with the QUALIFIED drillers filling the premium draw positions afterwards.
3. To determine your previous year placement status at the WDC, in years where no pool system/ finals are used, a top 10 placement OVERALL within the entire competition entry field will earn the Qualified status.
4. Judges will NOT have any awareness of how the competition field is drawn nor will it matter to them. The judges at the WDC do not care when you compete or what you have done previously – they only care about what you do in front of them during your performance THAT DAY.
5. If a pool system is used within the Solo Division competition, all competitors who finish in the TOP FIVE PLACEMENTS within their pool will advance to the Medal Round Final. All scores are then thrown out and COMPLETE random draw would be in use for the medal Round Final event competition to immediately follow the pool event.
6. Formulating the competition order within the GROUP Division will be a blind draw however entries may be adjusted slightly to ensure those competitors who are entering on two different teams DO NOT COMPETE BACK TO BACK but maintain a minimum one competing team gap between their entries.

#### **g ) Entry Details and Refund Policy**

1. An entry into the WDC will only be considered official when the official on-line registration paperwork and registration fees have been **completed and received in full by SNI**. Registration not completed and paid in a timely manner will likely result in your forced withdrawal from the event without refund or recourse. **Do not enter if you cannot complete BOTH the financial and paperwork aspects AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION as this will NOT be an official entry!**
2. Registration/payment will be conducted online at <http://www.worlddrillchampionships.com> in the Registration section. Other registration methods (mail, fax, e-mail) should be utilized only in the event that the registrant needs additional avenues due to circumstances beyond their control.

3. While the competition is open to all to enter, all registrations will be reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee on their merits and determine if an applicant is suitable for the WDC competition. Some applicants MAY be asked to submit a performance video or other means to allow your inclusion. This acceptance process will take no more than five business days from receipt by SNI. Any WDC applicant that is not approved will be notified within this five day window and have their registration fee completely refunded.
4. Interest is high and it is expected people will register now through early Spring from all parts of the globe. **The 1 April annual deadline will be considered the Standard Entry Deadline.** Anyone NOT fully entered into the event by this 1 April deadline will automatically LOSE their QUALIFIED ENTRY status and will become an open entrant (ramifications of this decision will be listed under Section 3c "Competition Draw Mechanics").
5. Should an emergency preclude any registered entrant from attending, the competitor should immediately contact Sports Network International. While the Registration Fee remains non-refundable, your prompt notification will keep you in good standing for future WDC events. Depending on the NATURE of the issue, **SNI has allowed the entry fee to ROLL-OVER to the following year for that entrant.**

#### **h) Competition Discipline and Event Conduct**

1. Although discipline problems are not expected at a drill competition of this caliber, addressing problem situations now is the best way to halt unpleasant issues. SNI reserves the right to remove any individual from the event for destructive, profane or other conduct detrimental to the WDC. This includes bad conduct in or around the competition site and/or hotels.
2. The World Drill Championships are designed for adults and as such, entry and/or inclusion within the World Drill Championships is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked at any time for conduct which the event host SNI believes is criminal or simply detrimental to the competition or to the sport of competitive drill as a whole. This may include actions, inactions, or statements made that detract from the competition or cast either the event or those involved in a negative public light. Any competition ban or event removal will not be subject to review nor protest in any manner and the decision of SNI will be final. ***NOTE: This action has never been taken nor do we ever expect it to be.***
3. All areas within the facility are totally unsecured. Competitors using these areas should not leave personal belongings unattended. Any abuse of these facilities will not be tolerated. While at the Ocean Center, competitors should only dress in dressing rooms or restroom facilities. Do not dress in the bleachers or other common areas.
4. Competitors should bring with them all equipment needed to clean/shine shoes, belts, buckles, uniforms etc. Hotel towels, etc. are not to be used to polish shoes or otherwise ready the uniform.
5. Always remember you are role models to the high school competitors involved.
6. **ONLY designated areas marked for practice may be used within the Ocean Center facility for any form of drill prep, warm-up or similar.** This is especially true for WDC competitors as you are the ONLY competition division at the entire event allowed to maintain a bayonet! SNI has several areas inside the Ocean Center designated for practice. Please contact SNI for details on their availability for you to use.





### i) WDC Awards Ceremony

1. The WDC Awards Ceremony will occur on Sunday evening near the beginning of the overall NHSDTC Masters Level Awards Ceremony. No final placements will be announced in advance under any circumstances. The Awards Ceremony is as much a part of the WDC as any event. All WDC competitors are expected to attend in their competition uniform.
2. All competitors are expected to attend the ceremony that evening. WDC competitors and their invited guests will have reserved seating at this ceremony and will enter as a group and be recognized by the assembled teams as they move to their seats.
3. Failure of participants to attend the ceremony without sufficient cause will be construed as a lack of interest in supporting the event and may forfeit your trophies/awards and/or preclude your invitation in the future. Should a true emergency keep you from attending the ceremony, arrangements will be made to ship any awards, scores sheets, pictures, etc. to you, COD.
4. The special section of seating reserved and identified above for seating WDC competitors and their guests will display supportive and enthusiastic commentary and a great time for all! **The conduct displayed by this group as a whole should be self-policing.** Any form of less than professional output will be met with severe actions on the part of Sports Network International.

## SECTION 3: COMPETITION AREA SPECIFICATIONS

### a) The Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center

1. The WDC competition will take place onsite at the Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida (<http://www.oceancenter.com>). The Ocean Center has full concession facilities, dressing rooms, ample car/bus parking areas. With a recent renovation and expansion, the facility maintains an elevated seating "Arena side" and a massive convention-style area that will be known as the "Nationals Village".
2. The NHSDTC will utilize this entire facility and the WDC is a part of this JROTC weekend! You will find the facility and the entire weekend to be the largest glorification of military drill you have personally ever been a part of! It is unlike anything else you have ever seen or experienced.
3. The WDC does not provide advanced medical services onsite. However, emergency medical services can be summoned at any time for major medical trauma within minutes. SNI does maintain a basic first-aid kit and medic for those needing band-aids, ice, or other basic medical attention may come to the information desk to receive your needed supplies. If you wish to have medical personnel with you, please feel free to bring these people with you and we will ensure they maintain unlimited floor access. Again, should you require immediate medical assistance while at the event, please get to the Information Desk where we can call for an ambulance, if necessary.
4. A member of the SNI Team will be on site during the entire WDC competition and they will be serving as the event supervising authority. While rules and regulation that need to be put in play within the competition area are largely handled by the event head judge, there are items that could arise that will require this SNI event supervisor to make a judgment call. In cases where this occurs, their decision is non-reviewable, non-protestable and will stand as a final judgment.
5. There is ample seating at the Ocean Center, therefore no reserved seating is in effect for the days of the competition. SNI does maintain reserved seating for WDC competitor and their invited guests at the Masters Level Awards Ceremony (details are located under Awards Ceremony).

## **b) Drill Area Specifications**

1. All drill areas in use for the WDC are indoors within the Ocean Center and have a flat, hard concrete surface. Due to the 80' high ceiling heights (minimum) and ceremonial nature of the event, outdoor regulations are in effect throughout all facets of the WDC.
2. The WDC Solo and Group competition areas are the same size for both events: 40' x 40'. Entry points and other required items will be shown on the official WDC Competition Floor Diagram which is posted on the official event website.
3. Drill areas are made using fluorescent tape connected to 20" traffic pylons standing on the floor. All drill areas use a single entrance/exit point. The exact size and location of these entrances are found on the WDC Competition Floor Diagram. This is the only point where you may enter/exit the drill area, no exceptions. Please do not call and ASK for an exception!
4. Boundary violations are penalized when a competitor or his/her clothing comes in contact with any part of the boundary tape or the support cones when properly set or makes contact with the ground OUTSIDE this boundary. Should the boundary tape or cones become dislodged, a violation will occur when a competitor crosses the point where the tape/cone should have been were it not displaced.

## **c) Ocean Center Parking**

1. The Ocean Center parking is controlled through a paid parking garage next to the facility. A very limited amount of street parking (metered) is also maintained. Parking is strictly enforced and we encourage all attendees to share rides to/from the facility or walk when possible. For info about the costs and limitations on vehicle size, etc., please go to Ocean Center Parking Info on their site: <http://www.oceancenter.com/exhibitors/directions-map-parking.stml> or for the latest cost info: <http://www.parkme.com/lot/94786/ocean-center-daytona-beach-fl>.

## **SECTION 4: COMPETITION RULES**

### **a) Commander's Call - Information Distribution**

1. **No Commander's Call will be utilized for this event.** Instead, start times and event briefing information will be posted herein and on the event website in advance. Therefore, your active participation with the WDC website and electronic communication (email) will be required to best prepare for your entry. This will include your competition draw which will be done live likely on Facebook or similar one week prior to the competition start.
2. On site, competitors will check in at the NHSDTC Event Registration Desk upon arrival the morning of the WDC. At this time, each competitor will receive an event schedule book with competition times. It also allows SNI to know you have arrived at the event and you are ready to compete. Event Registration is the first thing you must do upon your arrival at the Ocean Center.
3. With no Commander's Call, all questions should be asked in advance via email or telephone whenever possible. This is critical to ensure you are fully prepared to attend and compete at the WDC.
4. Competitors should plan to be at the Ocean Center at least 30 minutes before their scheduled performance time. Adjacent warm-up area is provided to all competitors. Please do not monopolize this area as your own all competitors need access to this warm-up area. *Note: Competitors must be ready to perform at their scheduled start time. Any competitor who delays a competition area due to tardiness may be removed from the event.*



## **b) Judging**

1. Judges will be knowledgeable and trained within the skills and art that make up quality exhibition drill. These judges may be a mix of active duty military, recently retired military and civilians with extensive drill and ceremony background. The exact number of judges will be between 4 - 8 and they will be not be identified to anyone by Sports Network International in advance of the event.
2. All performers should take into consideration when designing their routine that drill is inherently a military event with roots traveling back to before the Continental Army. If you believe simply the movements you can do with a rifle will win this event, you are likely mistaken. Poise, bearing, marching and dozens of other related items will comprise your score. Performers serious about doing well should study the score sheet to design a routine that maximizes scores in ALL areas.
3. Most all judges prefer to be addressed by the rank they have earned. If you are unsure, simply ask the judge before entering the area.
4. Many competitors effect little or no marching between movements. As this is a military event, competitors should ensure they maintain segments of marching at numerous points in their routine regardless of what style of drill is in use.

## **c) Uniform Regulations & Information**

1. All competitors at the WDC are required to wear clothing that represents a military flavor while competing. **This does not require competitors to compete in military uniforms** , but a military flavor needs to be fully on display in any uniform choice to receive a maximum score in that score sheet segment.
2. **All competitors must compete with military headgear of some kind** . A specific type or style of military uniform is not required. We will allow and instruct all judges that any name tags and medals/ribbons that may normally be worn are encouraged to be removed during competition for safety reasons.
3. The type/style of military uniform chosen is up to the competitor. However, in choosing a uniform, competitors should be aware that the BULK of the judges are active duty military personnel with many years of experience. Dressing in a less-than-military fashion (tuxedo, t-shirt, ball caps, etc.) will most likely negatively impact the scores you will receive in the "Uniform" section and likely the overall section as well.
4. While most services have specific regulations regarding what are acceptable colors for berets, the WDC will maintain no such regulations.

## **d) Weapon Requirements and Regulations**

1. To compete at the WDC, the performer's weapon must fit a series of standards that qualify it to be "demilitarized". These criteria include the following:
  - a. A weapon must be rendered demilitarized by leading the barrel or removing firing pin (non-firing weapons allowed ONLY. Any weapon found not in compliance will render and automatic disqualification if discovered by a judge)
  - b. A weapon must weigh a minimum of 8 lbs. (digital scale will be used on site as needed).
  - c. A weapon must contain both a trigger guard (if trigger is present) and a sling which can be held down in any manner deemed appropriate by the performer – tape, rubber bands etc. and may be decorated if desired in any manner by the performer.
2. Should a weapon fail to meet ANY of the above criteria, the entrant will not be allowed to compete. (NOTE: The use of front/rear sights are strongly discouraged by SNI on any weapon used for an exhibition performance. They can cause severe injuries and serve little purpose.)

3. **Bayonets are allowed on rifles in the WDC competition.** If a bayonet is used, the following items are rules in play:
- Must be unsharpened and be able to be grasped tightly without sharpness to the hand.
  - Must be attached in a standard fashion to the end of the barrel (Bayonets must be attached to an upper band that is not compromised and without the bayonet clamping stud missing).
  - Must have a secondary attachment for safety (Tape, pull-tie or another high strength method must be in place. There is no limitation on the style or color of this attachment).
  - Must be in place prior to the start of the routine so that it can be visually inspected by a judge to determine that it is safely attached.
  - Bayonets can be REMOVED during the routine, but CANNOT be reattached.
  - Should the bayonet become unintentionally separated from the rifle, the routine will be automatically halted **and the driller(s) will be disqualified immediately at that point.**
4. **Performers may use a rifle/sword combination or simply sword(s) of any kind at the WDC competition.** However for the safety of the driller, judges and of the spectators, the sword or similar bladed object **is NEVER to leave the "grasp and control" of the driller at any time.** This generally means hand grasping the item, tucked under the arm for a certain movement or placed within the scabbard if used. IF THE SWORD IS SOMEHOW NOT CONTROLLED AT ANY POINT, the performance will end **and the driller will be disqualified immediately at that point.**
5. Competitors may switch rifles during their routine, as well as use multiple rifles or other approved weapons.
6. Pre-placement of rifles or swords within the drill area is allowed beginning this year or these items can still be introduced by HANDING the performer a replacement over the boundary tape (not tossing in any manner). Of course, drillers may receive a replacement rifle in the same manner (handing over the tape) as replacement for a broken rifle.
7. The definition of a "dropped" weapon is that if the rifle accidentally hits the deck with a total loss of weapon control. Should this occur, a specific, 25-point per occurrence penalty will be added to the score sheet. Bobbles and other loss of control actions may cause deductions as well but will NOT be considered a drop.
8. Should a weapon break or become unusable during any performance at the WDC, a backup weapon may be utilized by the performer. Smart pre-planning has this back-up weapon pre-positioned by the competitor and made available by an assisting cadet. Under no circumstances may the performing competitor leave the floor and return AND no non-performing competitor may enter onto the drill floor. No added time will be allowed for such an occurrence. This can be done as many times as you wish or that need dictates during a performance.
9. A broken weapon that could be a danger to a competitor, judge and/or spectators MUST be replaced during the routine. When this occurs, the performer should replace the broken rifle as prescribed above immediately. **Under no circumstances should the weapon be spun or otherwise moved in a dangerous manner when broken.** If you drill with a broken weapon, the judges will END YOUR PERFORMANCE if the weapon is not replaced immediately.
10. Judges may visually inspect and/or hand weigh any competitor's weapon at random either in the event ready area before competing or after the performance.



## e) General Performance Regulations

1. All exhibition routines consist of stationary/marching drill movements as well as trick rifle maneuvers that are limited by the imagination and creativity of the performer, and the rules of the WDC. Please keep in mind that this is a military competition with military judges.
2. Competitors may not use a thrown or flip dismount, basket catch/basket toss or other "cheerleading-style" moves during any facet of exhibition drill. Competitors may NOT be elevated in any manner by climbing on other competitor's shoulder, backs, etc., or on top of rifles held by competitors, or other similar maneuvers. Competitors may not be thrown, flipped or propelled in any manner. Please use your clean and talented drill to impress.
3. During both the Report In and Report Out, each competitor must verbally announce **his/her name, as well as where they are from**. Other items may be mentioned during report in/out but are not required. The report out should verbally make clear the performer has completed their routine.
4. No handguns, special effects, props, music or musical instruments, (bugles, drums - ANY musical instrument), pyrotechnics or banners/flags are allowed to be used at the event. Additionally, no horns, whistles, or any other artificial noise-making or other non-drill devices may be used inside the Ocean Center by anyone at any time. During all facets of the WDC, competitors MAY utilize blindfolds and/or hoods (contact SNI in advance should you wish to use something other than these two enumerated items). These are the only props allowed to be used currently. If you are unclear, ask in advance.
5. It is common practice by many competitors to have spectators deliver signals to let their unit on the floor know they are approaching their performance time limit. This is not prohibited by SNI so long as the guidelines described above on whistles and other artificial noise-making devices are followed. Competitors failing to follow rules shown previously may be removed from the event.
6. While routines are generally scored only during the time competitors are inside the competition area, for gross displays of bearing loss (destructive behavior, loud, foul language, rifle tossing, etc.), judges may decide to reduce scores further (up to and including after score sheets have been turned in) within the Overall Impression segment of the sheet. NOTE: In recent years, several drillers have begun advertising for commercial entities during the WDC event. This has taken the form of wearing certain clothing and/or verbalizing support for these companies during Report In/Out. While there is no prohibition against it by SNI, several judges have stated they don't like it as it is out of place. Do these items at your own risk.

## SECTION 5: WDC SCORING and TIMING

### a) Event Timing

1. Time limits are as follows: **Solo and Group Exhibition: 3 - 5 Minutes**. The penalty assessed for a performance not falling between these time periods is one (1) per second over/under time limit range. Time starts on entry and ends on exit from the drill floor through the entry/exit area.
2. Exhibition performances can often maintain motivation displays prior to the actual performer entering the drill area and therefore before the official event timing begins. These displays can be quite involved and therefore are actually part of the exhibition display. Because of this, competitors performing any "display" just prior to entering the drill floor will have the clock start and judging will begin. We are not discouraging this action, we are just ensuring this display is judged, graded and timed as a part of the routine. Please ensure your performance does not go over the maximum time limit if you plan to do this. The official time will end when the performer exits the drill area (because judges have finished and are already scoring).

## b) Score Sheets

1. Score sheets in use for the WDC will be posted to the event website well in advance of the event. Complete scoring packages will be given to each competitor immediately following the Awards Ceremony Sunday evening. Questions regarding scoring or score tabulation are addressed following the event by telephone, writing or email.
2. Every score sheet is triple checked by SNI personnel, as well as inputted and totaled on a computer program designed for the WDC by SNI. The score sheets to be used at the WDC are located on the web and available for download by each competitor.

## c) Tie Breaking

1. All efforts are made to prevent scoring ties at the WDC. All event and Overall Championship scoring ties will be broken by retotaling score sheets utilizing the applicable tiebreaker in the following order:
  - a. Level #1 totaling only overall evaluation scores
  - b. Level #2 totaling only Head Judge's scores
  - c. Level #3 totaling only Judge #2, then Judge #3, etc.

## SECTION 6: AWARDS

### a) What Do the Top Finishers Receive?

1. At the inception of the WDC, cash awards, plaques, and precious event medals were presented exclusively by Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan, the event founder. His departure from the event has minimized the cash prizes but we continue to make the glorification of the WDC champions high!
2. The WDC does still provide both trophies and modest prize money to the top finishers funded by the entry fees of the competitors. The winners will receive the following:



#### i) Solo Exhibition Awards

**1st Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A platinum-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 10% of the total entry fees.

**2nd Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A gold-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 5% of the total entry fees.

**3rd Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A silver-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 5% of the total entry fees.

#### ii) Group Exhibition Awards

**1st Place:** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- Platinum-plated medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 20% of the total entry fees

**2nd Place:** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- Two Gold-plated event medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 10% of the total entry fees.

**3rd Place:** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- Two Silver-plated event medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 5% of the total entry fees.

*NOTE: Group Division cash prize awards will **ONLY be guaranteed to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers** should FIVE competition teams or more compete at the WDC in that Division.*

### iii) The Paul Naki King's Guard Award

- i. The Paul Naki King's Guard Award, named after the legendary leader and for the King's Guard Drill Team of Hawai'i, is given to the WDC competitor or other drill enthusiast, who in the opinion of the WDC Competition Director, has demonstrated the highest unique levels of creativity and talent, as well as great artistic theories and/or work toward the art of drill. They will receive this award at the WDC Awards Ceremony.
  - ii. This award is completely subjective and based as much on the glorification of the art of drill throughout the entire year as it is for the performance done on the WDC floor. It is the highest honor anyone can receive involving the Military Drill Community. While not a cash reward, if the winner is a driller, they will be the only person who will maintain a guaranteed QUALIFIED entry slot within the WDC competition for the future year and have their Solo Ex WDC registration fees waived for the following year.
  - iii. This award is NOT guaranteed to be presented every year. If there is no one that jumps forward to meet these lofty requirements in any given year, the award is simply not designated and will be reconsidered the following year.
3. Executing Awards in this way, SNI will provide the competitors with 55% of all prize monies collected, as well as using the remaining 45% to provide winners with valuable plated neck ribbons and other costs involving the event. This will keep the event economically viable and still allow the prize money to be included within the event.
  4. In the past, those entrants winning the championship in both the Solo Ex Division and the Group Ex Division were provided with championship rings. Unfortunately, without an event sponsor these rings can no longer be provided by SNI as a part of the event. However, SNI still maintains the tie with the ring manufacturer and if championship finishers wish to use their prize money to help defray all or part of these ring costs, SNI will work with every deserving competitor to make this happen immediately following the competition.



## SECTION 7: CONTACT INFORMATION

### Contact Information

1. SNI as the official event host for the prestigious WDC event welcome the ability to assist YOU with any questions you may have about the competition or related matters. For all inquiries or comments regarding the WDC or other items, please direct your questions to SNI Competition Director Justin Gates at the Sports Network International contacts areas shown below:

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