

DRILL COMPETITION RULES & NOTES



GENERAL NOTES

AGES & ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- 1 For all Drill Activity events the Company & Senior Section Battalion Age Regulations apply i.e. they are open to Boys in Primary 7 through to Secondary 6 (or equivalent if the Boy has left school). All Boys and Section Commanders must be Company Section Boys or Seniors. Staff Sergeants may not participate as Boys in any Squad or Section except the NCOs' Drill Competition.
- 2 The Squad or Company may be drilled by anyone of the rank of NCO or above.
- 3 A Company may enter two or more Squads in the Squad Drill, Championship Drill or Company Drill Competitions, but Boys are not transferable between Squads. A Company may enter two Squads of six Boys in the Limited Squad or two Squads of up to five Boys in Novice Class, as these competitions are aimed at the small Company. Boys are not transferable between Squads.
- 4 A Company with fewer than 15 NCOs and Boys on the roll by 31 October may enter the Squad Drill Competition with a reduced squad of no fewer than 10 members at no penalty. This should be intimated with the entry in order for verification of the roll.

JOINT ENTRIES

- 1 Some Companies may find it difficult to raise 6 or 12 Boys to make up a Drill Squad. Joint entries are permitted where Companies team up to form a single Squad. The Entry Form should state clearly the Companies involved, but please give a single contact name for communications.

ATTENDANCE & NON-ATTENDANCE

- 1 Please notify the Battalion office if you cannot attend. Non-attendance can cause a lot of disruptions and wasted effort.

DRILL BOOK & ADJUDICATION

- 1 The Drill movements to be performed are all taken from the current Drill Book. (1987 edition, 1994 reprint)
- 2 Adjudicators from outwith the Battalion MAY be used.

UNIFORM

- 1 The standard of uniform presented at events is important and marks will be allocated accordingly.
- 2 Boys and Officers taking part in Events should wear Uniform according to **Brigade regulations**. Officers should take particular care to check that uniform is worn correctly by Boys, and that ties are age appropriate.
- 3 Any Company wearing uniform not currently prescribed in Brigade Regulations will be awarded no uniform mark.
- 4 The squad will be marked on the correct wearing of uniform and awards, cleanliness, uniformity and the general smartness of the unit.

TROPHY ENGRAVING

Companies winning trophies are asked to note that they are responsible for the engraving, care and maintenance of all trophies.

NCOs DRILL COMPETITION

- 1 This competition aims to encourage Seniors and NCOs, including Staff Sergeants, to take an interest in Drill. All NCOs and Seniors are eligible. There will be no limitation to the number of NCOs or Seniors from a Company taking part. Both the overall winner and the Novice with the highest mark will receive a Trophy.
 - 2 The Competition paper is broken into four sections and the NCO or Senior should **stand the Squad at ease** at the end of each section.
 - 3 NCOs will be inspected for cleanliness of, and correct wearing of, uniform (Company medals will not be worn). Personal bearing will be assessed between entering and leaving the hall. On entering, the NCO or Senior should report to the Adjudicator. At the end he should again report to the Adjudicator before leaving the hall.
 - 4 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY NCO OR SENIOR NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE TIME ADVISED.**
 - 5 ALL NCOs or Seniors must be accompanied by an Officer or responsible adult. Any NCO or Senior appearing without an Officer/Adult **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE COMPETITION.**
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CONTEST (LIMITED) SQUAD DRILL COMPETITION – THE FRASER SHIELD

- 1 A Squad of 6 Boys drilling in two ranks is required, the second rank acting as the rear rank, and the Boys must comply with the age regulations above. Staff Sergeants are not permitted.
 - 2 Companies may enter up to TWO Squads only.
 - 3 Companies are encouraged to enter this competition only if they cannot raise numbers for the Squad Drill Competition or find the level of drill too advanced. Joint entries are encouraged in all competitions
 - 4 Companies participating in the Premier (Squad) Drill Competition may not also utilise the same Boys to enter this competition. They are however permitted/encouraged to enter a squad of P7 'Target/Compass' Boys.
 - 5 The Drill Movements to be performed do not present a high level of difficulty even to the newest of Companies tackling Squad Drill for the first time.
 - 6 Whilst we wish to encourage as big an entry as possible in all Drill Events, it is hoped that Companies would use this Competition as a 'stepping-stone' to the Premier (Squad) Drill Competition. Certainly it would be hoped that any Company winning this Competition 2 years running would not compete in it a third time.
 - 7 The Fraser Shield will be presented to the winning Squad.
 - 8 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY COMPANY NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE DUE TIME ADVISED.**
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COMPANY DRILL COMPETITION – THE GARROWAY CUP

This is the oldest Competition in the Glasgow Battalion, open to every Company.

- 1 The requirement is a minimum company strength of 14 Boys, comprising two Sections of 6 Boys drilling in two ranks, plus 2 Boys as Section Commanders. If they wish, Companies may parade with larger numbers in each Section, up to a maximum of 12 Boys per Section. Companies who elect to have 12 Boys in each Section will DRILL IN THREES.
 - 2 Six Boys will be selected from the Squad for Inspection purposes. Companies may, if they so desire, have an NCO drill the Squad.
 - 3 If only one Company is entered in this competition, that Squad may perform, but must attain a minimum pass mark of 75% to win the Garroway Cup.
 - 4 Company Drill can be a refreshing change from Squad Drill and gives an opportunity for NCOs to take on a more important leadership role as Section Commanders.
 - 5 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY COMPANY NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE DUE TIME ADVISED.**
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SMALL COMPANY (NOVICE) DRILL COMPETITION – THE AGNEW TROPHY

- 1 This competition is open to Companies with fewer than 10 Boys in the Company Section at the beginning of the Session (not at date of Entry Schedule) OR Companies who have not entered a Squad Drill Competition during the preceding Session.
- 2 A Squad of 3 to 5 Boys drilling in one rank is required. Staff Sergeants are not permitted.
- 3 Companies may enter up to TWO Squads only.
- 4 Please note the Drill Panel has reduced the number of Boys required for this competition to encourage smaller Sections. Companies may, if they so desire, have an NCO drill the Squad.
- 5 The Drill Movements to be performed do not present a high level of difficulty even to the newest of Companies tackling Drill for the first time.
- 6 Whilst we wish to encourage as big an entry as possible in all Drill Events, it is hoped that Companies would use this Competition as a 'stepping-stone' to the Contest (Limited) Drill Competition. Certainly it would be hoped that any Company winning this Competition 2 years running would not compete in it a third time.
- 7 The Agnew Trophy will be presented to the winning Squad.
- 8 Boys will be inspected for cleanliness of, and correct wearing of, uniform (Company medals should not be worn). Personal bearing will be assessed between entering and leaving the hall.
- 9 On entering, the Officer or NCO taking the squad should report to the Adjudicator. At the end he should again report to the Adjudicator before leaving the hall.
- 10 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY COMPANY NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE DUE TIME ADVISED.**

NOTES FOR OFFICERS OR NCOs TAKING THE SQUAD

- 1 Stand to attention when giving commands
- 2 In a normal hall there is no need to shout commands loudly, but do give your commands as clearly as possible.
- 3 Try to watch the Squad all the time so that commands can be given in plenty of time and on the correct foot.
- 4 So that you can watch the Squad, it is best if you give the commands without looking at the paper.
- 5 A command list such as the one for this paper can look frightening but if each movement is considered separately, the paper can be broken down into manageable elements. It can help if you try to visualize the route which the Squad is required to take during a movement. You can then concentrate on giving the commands necessary to follow this route.

PREMIER SQUAD DRILL COMPETITION – THE BOWIE CUP

This is the Premier Squad Drill Competition of the Battalion, open to all Companies.

- 1 A Squad of 12 Boys drilling in threes is required. Staff Sergeants are not permitted to participate in the squad.
- 2 Companies with fewer than 15 NCOs or Boys on their roll at 31st October may enter a squad of a minimum of 10 Boys. Joint entries are encouraged. Companies wishing to perform under this rule should state this on the entry form.
- 3 Companies may enter more than one Squad, but no Boy may compete in more than one Squad.
- 4 Companies may, if they so desire, have an NCO drill the Squad.
- 5 The Bowie Cup will be presented to the winning Squad.
- 6 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY COMPANY NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE DUE TIME ADVISED.**

CHAMPIONSHIP DRILL COMPETITION – THE FRAME TROPHY

This is an 'unseen paper' competition, open to all Companies.

- 1 A Squad of 12 Boys drilling in threes is required. Staff Sergeants are not permitted to participate in the squad.
- 2 Companies may enter more than one Squad, but no Boy may compete in more than one Squad.
- 3 Companies may, if they so desire, have an NCO drill the Squad.
- 4 This competition is based on Squad Drill, the Officer / NCO taking the squad only having sight of the paper a short time before they are due on the floor. The moves are relatively easy, but Boys will not have an opportunity to rehearse the moves and will therefore have to know their Drill.
- 5 The Frame Trophy will be presented to the winning Squad.
- 6 **A 5% PENALTY OF THE TOTAL MARKS MAY BE INCURRED BY ANY COMPANY NOT REPORTING TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRE BY THE DUE TIME ADVISED.**

NOTE: General Comments:

It helps Boys considerably if the Instructor is himself confident and gives all commands correctly as per the Drill Book. Make sure you are working to the most up to date edition of the 1987 Drill Book

During the Performance

The Adjudicator should at some point check on pace for length and timing.

QUICK TIME
SLOW TIME

120 paces per minute
60 paces per minute