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MEMORANDUM FOR Fourth Brigade JROTC

SUBJECT: Fourth Brigade JROTC Marksmanship Competition Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide guidance for the conduct of Marksmanship.
2. **RULES:** The current edition of the **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules** will govern (downloadable at [www.odcmp.com/3p.htm](http://www.odcmp.com/3p.htm)). The use of **Clear Barrel Indicators (CBIs)** and other safety aspects outlined in the **JROTC Marksmanship Instructor Training Course (JMIC)** is required.
3. **COMMANDERS INTENT:**
  - a. All JROTC units have the opportunity to participate in Marksmanship competitions at unit level.
  - b. All JROTC units are encouraged, within resources, to provide Marksmanship opportunities. In order to be selected to compete at the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Marksmanship Championship, teams must have competed in a Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) sanctioned air rifle competition. These matches can be found online at [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com). They may then be selected by 4th Bde based on their standing to attend the Marksmanship Best of the Best. The top twenty (20) teams reporting scores from a sanctioned 3x20 match IAW the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Marksmanship Championship program will be selected to attend.
4. **OBJECTIVES:**
  - a. To promote esprit de corps, teamwork, and self-confidence among JROTC cadets.
  - b. To provide JROTC cadets a competitive program to promote excellence in marksmanship.
  - c. To serve as a JROTC cadet recruiting and retention vehicle.
5. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - a. Civilian Marksmanship program (CMP):

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- (1) Establish and manage Army JROTC postal competition.
- (2) Establish quotas available for 4<sup>th</sup> Bde to attend the National Army JROTC match.

b. 4th **Bde**:

- (1) Serve as proponent for the Marksmanship program.
- (2) Conduct a Marksmanship Best of the Best Competition annually.
- (3) Determine eligibility criteria for teams to participate in 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Air Rifle Championships.
- (4) If funds are available, publish Invitational Travel Orders (ITOs) for Senior Army Instructors (SAIs)/Assistant Instructors (AI) attending 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Air Rifle Championships.
- (5) Implement a Marksmanship training safety program.
- (6) If conducted, ensure PAO coverage of Bde competitions.
- (7) Invite civilian and military dignitaries to 4<sup>th</sup> Bde competitions, as appropriate.
- (8) Process requests for awards and certificates utilizing DA Form 3953 or JROTC IMPAC card.
- (9) Approve Host School and host school match program.

c. Host School - SAI:

- (1) Directors of Army Instruction (DAI)/SAIs are encouraged to field Marksmanship teams, conduct informal competitions and participate in CMP sanctioned marksmanship competitions.
- (2) CMP sanctioned competitions conducted locally for 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Air Rifle Championships qualification must be a 3x20 three position event.
- (3) Ensure teams meet eligibility criteria set by Bde and have trained for each event prior to entering 4<sup>th</sup> Bde–State/Regional level competition.

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(4) Ensure cadets meet the requirements of their local school for participating in curricular activities before participating in Marksmanship.

(5) Ensure all required forms are filled out by each participant and turned in for verification prior to the competition.

#### 6. 4<sup>th</sup> Bde - LEVEL COMPETITION:

a. The Marksmanship Competition consists of a 3x20 three position competition sanctioned by the CMP. All participating marksmanship programs must participate in the CMP sponsored Army JROTC postal competition.

b. Qualification for the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Air Rifle Championships will be based on the top teams scores submitted from any 3x20 CMP sanctioned marksmanship event submitted IAW the match program.

c. Annually the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Best of the Best Air Rifle Championships program will establish team selection criteria, qualifications for participation at the Army National JROTC championships any specific details for the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde marksmanship program.

#### 7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. This SOP is permanent and will be used each year, unless superseded or rescinded.

b. The location, date, and time of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Marksmanship Best of the Best Championship will be published in a separate match program.

c. All units are responsible for their own Class I and transportation to and from CMP qualifying match competitions.

d. During the Brigade Best of the Best Championship lodging and Class I will be determined on a case-by-case basis. This is dependent on the location of the competition and available resources.

e. Uniform for coaches is the ACU uniform - No exceptions. Teams can wear their team uniform as long as the team is in the same uniform. Match program will address any changes. Teams will be disqualified for any uniform violations.

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## 8. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: Teams must report to competition Command Post (CP) according to the event LOI. The location of the CP will be determined by event OIC and will be included on entry form information. At check in, units who have not paid to enter the event will be required to make payment, additionally team rosters, SAI/AI Statement, Cadet Information, Covenant Not to Sue, and Consent to Medical Treatment forms will be checked and verified. **Team forms will be kept during the competition by the schools AI or SAI to expedite evacuation if required.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** All sporter teams may participate. Teams will consist of four members; no competitor may be a member of more than one team. Individual shooters may participate.

**RULES:** The current edition of the *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* will govern (downloadable at <http://www.odcmp.com/3p.htm>). The use of Clear Barrel Indicators (CBIs) and other safety aspects outlined in the JROTC Marksmanship Instructor Training Course (JMIC) is required.

**EQUIPMENT:** This is a Sporter class competition with rifles limited to National Three Position Air Rifle Council approved rifles. Each school will provide their own pellets; only .177 wadcutter (flat-nosed) pellets are permitted. Coaches should review the current *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules* with regard to equipment and shooter clothing.

**COURSE OF FIRE:** Competitors will shoot one 3x20 course (20 prone, 20 standing, 20 kneeling). There will be individual and team competitions. There may be final if time permits.

**CONDUCT OF MATCH:** IAW the current *National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules*, AR-5/10 targets (provided) are hung at the start of each relay. See match program for details.

b. **TEAM COMPOSITION:** Teams can bring 4 team members and an alternate. Only 4 cadets will count for the team score and must be designated in advance. The extra team member can participate as an individual. No substitutions can be made once the match begins.

9. **SCORING:** All scoring will be conducted using the Orion scoring system.

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**10. CEREMONIES AND AWARDS:**

a. Ceremonies: All competitions will end with an award ceremony after each relay. Final team awards and a ceremony will be conducted at the conclusion of the competition. Details of the award ceremony can be found in the match bulletin.

b. Awards: Awards will be established by host school and should include at a minimum:

- (1) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall team trophies and top individual finishers.
- (2) Ribbon for each participant.

**11. CADET LIABILITY:** Senior Army Instructors must ensure each cadet participating in Marksmanship training or competition has personal medical coverage. Marksmanship team members must complete all forms prior to participating and be registered with a CMP number.

**12. SAFETY:**

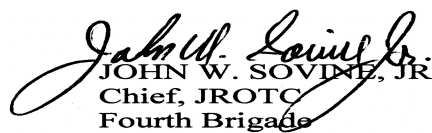
a. Responsibility: Commanders at every echelon are responsible for conducting a continuous, rigorous safety program ensuring adequate provisions for safe practices and training is conducted.

b. Safety Requirements:

(1) All shooters are required to complete the marksmanship exam and safety pledge to participate in marksmanship programs.

(2) All cadre and cadets will be thoroughly briefed on pertinent safety and range regulations prior to the start of the competitions. Additionally, each event OIC will conduct a safety briefing for cadets prior to the start of matches. This briefing will include location of closes medical facility. OIC's are responsible to ensure the firing line is monitored safely by an adequate number of Range Officers at any given time.

(3) Medical support and medical evacuation plan will be in accordance with Cadet Command Regulations.

  
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