

ADMIRAL PITKA RECON CHALLENGE 2017.
COMPETITION UMPIRES OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

The aim of these operating instructions is to describe the tasks and activities of the umpires at the checkpoints during the competition.

1. COMPETITION CHECKPOINT UMPIRES

Competition umpires are members of the EDL and Estonian Defence Forces (EDF) as well as international partners (Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark) who have appropriate experience and are invited by the competition organiser.

(1) Checkpoint Umpires

- a) Umpire No. 1 is the checkpoint senior umpire. Umpire No. 2 is the checkpoint umpire. Umpire No. 3 is the checkpoint entrance umpire;
- b) The umpires are the checkpoint task execution evaluators;
- c) The umpire team is led by the senior umpire (Umpire No. 1);
- d) The checkpoint senior umpire is responsible for checkpoint umpire preparation, evaluation, umpire task allocation, evaluation of the competition task execution and completion at the checkpoint, and for preparing the official report for competition team results. The official report is submitted competition headquarters ASAP.
- e) Umpires Nos. 2 and 3 may substitute one another as necessary;
- f) Checkpoint umpires are subordinate to the competition Chief Umpire concerning evaluation matters;
- g) Checkpoint umpires are subordinate to the checkpoint leader concerning all administrative and activity matters.

(2) Entrance Umpire (Umpire No. 3)

- a) Will record the competition team arrival according to the time of the last arriving team member;
- b) Will issue the checkpoint task to the competition team;
- c) Upon the Checkpoint Umpire's whistle, give the start signal to the competition team.

(3) Checkpoint Umpire(s) (Nos. 1 and 2)

- a) With a whistle, will give the signal for the team to start its checkpoint task;
- b) Will ensure that the task is solved within the given time;
- c) Will ensure that the task is completed and evaluated in accordance with the respective checkpoint evaluation instructions;
- d) Will provide a short, maximum 1 minute, feedback on how the task was filled. Provides maximum 1 minute short feedback on how the task was completed;
- e) Will monitor and ensure that the team has left the checkpoint task area immediately after completing the task;
- f) If one umpire is evaluating one of the teams, the other umpire will prepare the next team.

(4) OPFOR Umpires

OPFOR umpires deal with resolving confrontational situations and misunderstandings that may arise along the competition route between OPFOR and the competition team. OPFOR umpires are embedded with the OPFOR company commander and each OPFOR platoon commander.

2. SERVICE AND SUPPORT

a. Personnel support

(1) Accommodation

Accommodation in tents at the base camp is ensured umpires by the competition organiser. Umpires may use their personal tents for accommodation at the base camp and must inform the competition organiser EDL HQ, G7 of this decision. Umpires need to bring their own sleeping bags and all other bedding material deemed necessary.

(2) Transportation

Generally, umpires will use their own transportation means to arrive at the base camp. Arrangements can be made with the EDL HQ, G7 to have transportation provided for non-national umpires from their point of arrival (harbour, airport) to the base camp and back. During the competition itself, transportation for umpires is provided according to the service and support instructions.

(3) Feeding

Generally, umpires will have their meals at the base camp. Competition Staff S4 will arrange feeding for umpires during their stay at checkpoints.

b. Medical

Each umpire will be issued an individual first aid kit. While at the checkpoint, medical support is ensured by the checkpoint leader. A larger first aid pouch is located at each checkpoint. Umpire medical evacuation is conducted by the competition staff, if necessary.

c. Equipment

(1) Checkpoint Task

The necessary umpire equipment for the respective checkpoint is ensured for by EDL HQ, G7. If additional checkpoint equipment is required during the course of competition, the competition staff S4 will provide it to the umpires. Umpires shall submit their list of equipment requirements to EDF HQ, G4 no later than 07.06.2017.

(2) Required Checkpoint Documentation:

- a) Competition team time schedule;
- b) Description of the checkpoint task;
- c) Evaluation sheet
- d) Diagram of checkpoint
- e) Grid references of the next checkpoint and coordination points;
- f) Table containing the list of communications frequencies

3. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Command

During the course of the competition, umpire activities are led by the Chief Umpire, succeeded by the Deputy Chief Umpire. The Chief Umpire is subordinate to the Competition Chief Director (Commander of the EDL. All competition umpires, including the OPFOR umpires, are subordinate to the Chief Umpire during the course of the competition. The umpires will only carry out and evaluate the checkpoint task, they do not control checkpoint activities.

b. Signal

For communications necessary while within the checkpoint area, umpires will use radio communications;

For communications necessary with the competition staff while outside the checkpoint area, radio communications will be used and, if necessary, mobile phone.

c. Reports

(1) Mandatory Reports to the Competition Staff:

- a) Competition staff will be informed the when the checkpoint is manned by umpires;
- b) Any changes noted in the status of the competition team and checkpoint situation/conditions will be reported;
- c) Competition team arrival at the checkpoint will be reported;
- d) Departure of the last competition team from the checkpoint will be reported;
- e) emergency reports.

(2) Competition Checkpoint Reports

The competition team completed checkpoint task report and point score shall be forwarded to the competition staff of the competition, using the provided form template.

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