

ADMIRAL PITKA RECON CHALLENGE 2021 (APRC21)

Instructions

1. General information

The Admiral Pitka Recon Challenge 2021 (hereinafter referred to as competition) is an international military sports competition where teams (long distance reconnaissance patrols) and opposing force (OPFOR) units are presented with a fictional scenario and background situations according to which they must complete the competition. Up to 30 four-member reconnaissance patrol teams can participate in the competition. The list of teams will be compiled on first come first serve basis.

The organiser of the competition is the Estonian Defence League (EDL). The official language of the competition is English.

2. Competition aim and objectives

The aim of the competition is to determine the best team.

Objectives

- Determine the best team which completes the presented tasks under great physical strain and mentally stressful conditions;
- Test the military knowledge and skills of competitors;
- Practice cooperation within the international framework;
- Vary and increase the international military cooperation;

3. Time and place

The competition takes place on the island of Saaremaa, Estonia, from 3th to 7th of August, 2021. Competition main camp locates in Defence League Saaremaa District territory at Kalevi põik street 5, Kuressaare, Island of Saaremaa, Estonia.

4. Competition participants

4.1 Competition teams

- Up to 30 four-member teams;
- The ratio of non-Estonian to Estonian teams is 1/2 to 1/2;
- A "0-Team" traverses the route two hours ahead of the first team with the task to test the activities, tasks and compliance with safety and security regulations in checkpoints;
- Team completes the competition if at least three members finish;
- One of four team members must be a team leader who represents the team in mandate and during the course;

4.2 Team representative/driver

Each team must have one (1) representative/driver who represents the team during the competition ONLY for administrative activities and is responsible for teams' safe transportation outside the competition track;

4.3 Opposing Force (OPFOR) Activities

The main task of OPFOR is to avoid the open movement of competitors. OPFOR is recognized by yellow ribbons on soldiers and vehicles. It is mandatory for OPFOR to wear the yellow identification ribbons in all times when performing OPFOR activities. OPFOR operates in the entire area of the competition;

4.4 Competition Service and Support Structures

4.4.1 Catering in the base camp is organised and provided by field kitchen team;

4.4.2 The medical support station is located in the base camp, which provides 24/7 emergency care. If necessary, the team receives emergency first aid from OPFOR (such emergency contact with OPFOR will not be penalised). In all other cases throughout the competition, teams must be self-sufficient by medical supplies to take care of their medical hygiene. Medical resupply is not allowed or organized;

4.4.3 Competitors are required to monitor the state of health of each other throughout the entire competition. Appropriate measures must be taken, depending on the seriousness of the situation, should a health disorder appear (either inform the umpires, competition headquarters, or otherwise resolve the situation);

4.4.4 All non-Estonian teams are provided with a liaison person (LNO) who assists the team in administrative issues;

4.4.5 Dress code for the competition ceremonies is national battle dress uniform. Additional clean national battle dress uniform and boots required for opening/closing and awarding ceremony.

5. Concept of the competition

5.1 The competition is conducted according to the scenario. The entire competition route is "Hostile Region" to the competition teams. The only exceptions are checkpoints and the security area with a radius of 500 m around the centre of the checkpoint;

5.2 The length of the competition route is about 80 km long as the raven flies. The route passes through open, swampy, built-up and agricultural areas. It will be traversed in a specific order of checkpoints. Movement is only on foot without any outside means of assistance. Teams must move under cover, be camouflaged and avoid contact with the OPFOR and other competition teams. Movement on roads is prohibited except in cases listed in the competition Annex. Teams are allowed to use footpaths, woodland rides and the cleared ground below power lines (dashed lines on the competition maps indicating marked trails and roads). Violation of private property is forbidden. Movement on/through growing grain fields is prohibited and subject to legal sanctions;

5.3 Competition teams must move along the route with their weapons loaded with blank ammunition and fire compensator attached. It is prohibited to point a weapon in the direction of another person;

5.4 It is prohibited to refill and/or reduce the amount of equipment on the competition route. An equipment inspection can be carried out without any prior warning.

5.5 Checkpoints (CP) are the locations established along the route where the teams must complete specific competition tasks;

- 5.6 It is compulsory to pass through all the checkpoints and coordination points, even if the teams are late, if not decided otherwise by the staff. Teams will be awarded with penalty points if they do not appear at checkpoints and coordination points;
- 5.7 Teams must arrive to the checkpoint in accordance with the issued schedule. Teams must enter the security perimeter from designated direction not earlier than 15 minutes prior the scheduled time. If the team is late more than **1 minute**, it will not be permitted to perform its task but will be directed onwards to continue on the route or to the same checkpoint to complete the next task;
- The arrival time of the team is recorded by an umpire upon entering the checkpoint. To prepare the task, teams have 10 minutes preparation time, which is linked to the competition timetable. Preparation time includes the familiarisation with the task description, explanations from the umpire if necessary, and allocation of tasks within the team, preparation for the task and movement to the task execution start line;
- If the task is not completed within time, the competition team activity is terminated for this task by the umpire. After either the completion or termination of the task, the team immediately moves onward in the direction indicated by the umpire. Movement within the checkpoint is only allowed along marked paths. Drinking water is available at mailbox points and open/public checkpoint;
- 5.8 Reconnaissance Task Area
- The teams are given the description and coordinates of the area. They must find the object they are looking for, by their own means.

6. Logistical arrangements

- 6.1 Accommodation – The competition organisers will provide tents for the accommodation in the base camp for non-Estonian teams. The accommodation is available only for the duration of the competition (03AUG – 07AUG). If non-Estonian teams want, they can bring their own tents. All Estonian teams must bring their own tents. Participants must bring their own accommodation equipment (mat, sleeping bag, toiletries, etc.);
- 6.2 Catering – The Competition organisers will provide catering in the base camp only for the duration of the competition (03AUG – 07AUG). Competition teams must carry their own food during the competition on the track;
- 6.3 Transportation – Each team is responsible for its transportation expenses to and from Estonia as well as inside Estonia. Competition organisers will provide support (LNO) to the non-Estonian teams in order to assist in administrative issues.
- 6.4 Communications – Competition teams are provided field radios by the competition organisers (at the mandate). Mobile phone is allowed to used only for emergency situation;
- 6.5 Safety regulations – All participants must observe the competition safety regulations throughout the entire competition period and personally sign the signature sheet to confirm acknowledgement and compliance with the regulations. Safety rules and signature sheets are on the competition web page one month before the competition. The signature sheet has to be turned in during the mandate;
- 6.6 Base camp – An area prepared by the competition organisers where the competition headquarters, participants' accommodation and catering as well as the vehicle parking lot, etc., is located. The base camp is safeguarded by base camp security. Rules established (available on the competition web page one month

before the competition) by the competition organisers must be followed while in base camp;

6.7 Competitors' equipment – Equipment must be in accordance with the instructions of competitors' mandatory equipment list (Annex).

7. Competition registration

The official registration of the competition teams will start on the **03th of May, 2021** and will end on the **6th of June, 2021** or when the available spots are full.

The registration will be open on the competition web page <http://www.kaitseliit.ee/en/pitkachallenge>

8. Annexes to APRC21 instructions

ANNEX AA / Competitors Mandatory Equipment

ANNEX BB / Timetable

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