

ADMIRAL PITKA RECON CHALLENGE 2024 (APRC24)

APPENDIX E-2. RULES OPFOR/BLUEFOR

- To make the exercise more realistic, a provisional opposing force (OPFOR) is used to simulate enemy force activities and actions. This role is played by members of the Estonian Defence League (EDL) and members of the Police and Border guard (with service dogs). OPFOR operates in certain areas which will be understandable for competitors with OPORD.
- The main task of the OPFOR is to canalize the competitors in order to minimize movement on open terrain and roads.
- OPFOR is recognized by orange ribbons on soldiers and vehicles. They are obliged to wear identification ribbons, combat gear (including weapons) at all times while performing as OPFOR.
- To capture a competition team, the OPFOR unit must be at least equal in strength to the competition (recce) team;
- Early detection and firing (blank ammunition with obeying safety regulations) of the OPFOR will create conditions for a competition team to safely withdraw within 20 minutes without additionally engagement by the OPFOR;
- BLUEFOR can eliminate OPFOR when ratio is at least 1:1 and BLUEFOR opens fire first (element of surprise).

The team and its members are considered to be captured if:

- The distance between the competitors and OPFOR on the terrain is less than 25 metres and the competitors cannot withdraw from OPFOR without being detected;
- In the case of disagreements, the team has the right to have OPFOR summon an umpire, who is obligated to appear on such a request. In this case, the team must remain in place and wait for the umpire's decision. Protests that are presented later will be resolved through the general protest procedure.
- It is forbidden to share life voucher with other team members.
- Each competitor is obligated to give away one life voucher every time he/she is caught.
 - ❖ If the competition team as a whole gets caught, each team member has to give up 1 life voucher.
- 10 points are subtracted for every life voucher that has been given up.
- Competitors who have given up all of their 5 life voucher, which means have been captured or eliminated 5 times, are considered dead and must withdraw from the competition.