

ADMIRAL PITKA RECON CHALLENGE 2024 (APRC24)

APPENDIX E - 9 OPSEC and SECURITY

1. SITUATION

Enemy Forces:

The main threats affecting Estonian Defence League (EDL) and Admiral Pitka Recon Challenge (APRC) activities are possible covert information gathering, monitoring and tracking of personnel and competitors, discrediting of activities or defamation, escalation of conflicts, environmental damage, provocations, various accidents or other unforeseen factors. It is likely that the local low level information collectors will be more actively interested in the competition, personnel and equipment used. In addition, persons and groups with criminal background may have a potentially heightened interest in Pitka Recon Challenge and their actions may result in damaged or stolen property and equipment of competitors or Estonian Defence Forces.

Friendly Forces:

The participants of the military competition are the Estonian Defence League, their partners and teams from abroad. In addition, representatives of the police, emergency medical service, Estonian Rescue Board and other partners attend the competition in their respective supporting functions.

Restrictions

1. During the competition the possession of live ammunition is permitted only for:
 - a) Members of operational services while performing their duties;
 - b) Executives in charge of shooting checkpoints;
 - c) Security team carrying out the transportation of the competitions weaponry, ammunition and equipment for the protection of the materials and equipment transported.
2. Military weapons with live ammunition are not marked in the competition. The OCE/EXDIR of the competition has the right to make changes in aforementioned rules based on the nature of specific tasks.
3. If a unit is in a close proximity to International borderline with Russia (closer than 5 km), then all the mobile phones, smart devices (incl smart watches) used by that unit need to be set to manual network operator selection mode, flight mode or switched off.
4. During the competition, participants are prohibited from possessing civilian weapons and its ammunition in the competition area.
5. The use of personal/team UAVs during the competition must be in accordance with competition instructions.

2. MISSION

To ensure the security of the participating personnel and the infrastructure used, the preservation of weapons and equipment and protection of information through the implementation of internal security principles, standardized operational procedures, operations security measures and notifications of security incidents.

3. EXECUTION

Intent

1. Ensurance of safety of the personnel participating in the competition, security of the headquarters and the undisturbed execution of the set tasks through the operations security (OPSEC) and through fulfillment and enforcement of the safety rules and regulations.

2. The security of the base camp is ensured by the alarm-surveillance systems of the NURSIPALU service facility and the personnel present in the facility.
3. The task will be carried out as non-stop activity in the specified period 12-18AUG24, with the center of gravity on:
 - a) implementation of operations security measures;
 - b) preservation of security of the personnel participating in the competition, equipment and infrastructure;
 - c) ensurance of real time situational awareness.
4. The competitions security arrangement is divided into two major areas: Safety and Security

a. Safety:

1. In military training activities, incl. in military competitions, Estonian Defence League follows Estonian Defence Forces safety rules and additional regulations
2. Safety rules and regulations (in english and/or estonian according to need) will be introduced to all the participants of the competition. Obeing safety regulations is mandatory to all the participators and staff of the competition.
3. Order of action in case of danger:
 - (a) ensure own safety;
 - (b) assess the situation;
 - (c) inform the surrounding area/call for help
 - (d) in case of life-threatening situation, call 112
 - (e) if necessary, provide first aid
 - (f) communicate to competition staff a brief summary of the situation
 - (g) limit further damages
 - (h) solve the situation
 - (i) present the competition staff with a detailed report of the situation

b. Security:

1. When processing information, For Official Use Only (FOUO) classified information must be processed in accordance with established rules;
2. All information about outsiders, who want to collect excessively detailed information about the competition must be forwarded to Regional Command South (RC-S) S2;
3. During the competition, for transmitting and receiving information related to military service or competition it is permitted to use only communication devices defined in the competition order.
4. It is prohibited to disclose information about the competition activities to third parties orally, in writing, through sound, image, internet or other channels considered as public sources ;
5. It is prohibited to record (audio or video) any competition activity without coordinating with competition staff;
6. While communicating with the press, take into consideration possible provocations or provocative questions;
7. Communication with Russian or Belarussian media is prohibited;
8. Incidents must be reported through the referees or representatives of one's team;
9. Information about incidents must be sent as soon as possible to RC-S (LõMKR) S2 to the address lomkr.julgeolekuteave@kaitseliit.ee or telephone number 59162 / +372 58871018 / +372 54420172. Inform your team representative, who if necessary, will specify the circumstances and instruct you about further actions (preservation of scene, collection of records, formulation of written report, etc.).

c. Without coordinating with the competition organizers it is prohibited to disclose:

1. Administrative information:
 - (a) information about personnel;
 - (b) detailed routes and timetable of the competition.
2. Competition plans, execution and training:

- (a) The strength, size and capabilities of guard unit and OPFOR, including special characteristics of the weapon systems and protective equipment used;
 - (b) Description of units force protection and OPSEC measures;
 - (c) Information about operating procedures of security measures (procedure at checkpoints, activity in the event of attack, size of personnel, armament, etc.);
3. Signal and command:
- (a) Technical data on communication capabilities, devices used and general rules and procedures of communication (passwords, call signs, etc.);
 - (b) Information about communication and electronic devices;

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

ANNEX E.

6. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

- a. Communication within a unit takes place with communication devices allocated to that unit.
- b. All the transmission of information needs to follow the competition instructions, chain of command and regulations established in the Estonian Defence League.

Related Appendixes:

Safety regulations – Appendix E - 7

Safety instruction sheet – Appendix E - 8