

AIR CADET TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTION NO 119

AIR TRAINING CORPS DRILL COMPETITION

References:

- A. ACP 20B Air Cadet Administrative Instructions.
- B. ACP 19 Air Cadet Drill and Ceremonial.

1. General. The annual Corps Drill Competition comprises 2 parts: the formal uniform inspection and a set drill sequence. Each cadet will be marked individually during the formal uniform inspection and each drill movement by the squad is marked separately during the drill sequence. The overall winners will be the team achieving the highest marks from the totals of the formal uniform inspection and the drill sequences. These rules replace all previous drill competition rules. Any questions concerning these rules are to be directed to the Corps Drill WO through HQAC (TG2).

2. Drill Teams. Each Drill Squad should consist of a maximum of 12 cadets and a Cadet Drill Coordinator of any rank in command. Smaller squads may take part but will suffer a reduction in marks during the inspection marks as each cadet is marked individually. A maximum of 3 reserves may be included with the squad for the competition. Competing squads of less than 12 cadets will also incur a percentage reduction in overall marks awarded for the drill sequence.

3. Dress. Dress for participating drill squads is to be cadet standard dress iaw Reference A, Admin Instruction 204, Annexes C, G and H, with Wedgwood Blue shirts and black ties. Female cadets are to march in lace-up shoes. Court shoes are not to be worn. No modifications to standard dress are permitted. Studs or similar nails are not permitted on the soles of footwear. Inspection arrangements will be announced on the day. Judges and staff administering the drill competition are to wear No 1 HD without medals. Dress and other requirements for religious faiths, iaw AI 204, will be respected.

4. Drill Movements. The sequence shown in Annexes 2 and 3 are to be followed and all drill movements are to be carried out iaw Reference B. Particular attention is drawn to the following:

- a. The correct words of command are to be given iaw Reference B, Chapter 1, Annex A.
- b. Excessive stamping can be injurious and is to be avoided.
- c. No marks will be awarded for movements carried out incorrectly or missed from the list at Annex B.
- d. No adult staff member is permitted to participate in any way once the squad is on the parade ground.

5. Judging and Awards. The decisions of the judges are final and will not be discussed in detail. Marking will be according to the templates illustrated in Annexes A (Inspection) and C (Drill Sequence). The judges will be sought from the wider RAF and not from within the Corps. The winning drill squad will receive the Corps Drill Trophy (Pace Stick), to be retained for one year, and a certificate for retention by their Sqn. The best drill coordinator will also receive a certificate.

Annexes:

- A. Air Training Corps Drill Competition – Inspection Marking Sheet
- B. Air Training Corps Drill Competition – Drill Sequence Reference
- C. Air Training Corps Drill Competition – Drill Sequence Marking Sheet