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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: 28th Annual Ranger Buddy Challenge

1. PURPOSE. On 8 April 2023, the University of Kansas Army ROTC will host its 28th Annual Ranger Buddy Competition (RBC) at Sesquicentennial Point. [Sesquicentennial Point - City of Lawrence, Kansas (lawrenceks.org)](https://lawrenceks.org/lprd/parks/sesquicentennialpoint/). This memorandum supersedes anything previously published for the event. Please read entire document to ensure you are familiar with all changes and requirements for this year's competition.

2. TEAMS. 3RD BDE Programs can register a maximum of 7, 2-Cadet teams. Teams are broken down as follows: up to 3 Male teams, 2 Coed teams, and 2 Female teams. All other programs from outside 3rd BDE may register up to 3 teams, broken down as follows: up to 1 Male teams, 1 Coed teams, and 1 Female teams.

 a. Use this [link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SmOMOnxSuFCAQg2Fjq8l8pSHmA5JhyBkTWCSpKLDxuE/edit) for registration. Registration opens **12JAN23** and ends **03APR23**.

 b. website for team registration: [Ranger Buddy Competition - Google Forms](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SmOMOnxSuFCAQg2Fjq8l8pSHmA5JhyBkTWCSpKLDxuE/edit)

 c. Altering teams is not authorized after registration closes on 3 April 2023. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in team disqualification, if discovered during or after competition.

3. TIMELINE.

 7 April 23 **KU Military Science Building (MSB),1520 Summerfield Hall Drive, Lawrence, KS 66045**

 0830-1800 Check-In at KU Army ROTC (MSB, 3d Floor)

 1800 Coaches Meeting: KU MSB, 3rd Floor

 1900 Team Dinner: Location TBD

8 April 22 **Sesquicentennial Point ([38.939150, -95.328983)](https://www.bing.com/maps?q=sesquicentennial+point+lawrence+ks&FORM=HDRSC6)**

 0600 Female Teams Start

 0630 Co-ed Teams start

 0930 Male Teams Start

 1800 Award Ceremony (based on completion of events)

4. EVENTS. RBC events include x-mile road march (9-15 miles), individual Soldier tasks, and 5K Run.

5. RULES.

 a. Rucksack must contain 35 lbs. excluding water weight. Rucksacks must be weighed starting 1.5 hour before competition starts and ending .5 hours prior to event start time. Weights are taken and the Task Force Command Post. Rucksacks **are** weighed immediately after the road march. Rucks found to be less than 35lbs will earn the teams a no-go on the x-mile road march. A no-go on the x-mile road march will result in a team being removed from the competition.

 b. Competitors are required to remain in the prescribed uniform throughout the event -- duty uniform, eye protection, gloves, FLC, and weapon (rubber duck). Rucksack will be worn during x-mile Ruck March. Cadets will stage rucks near the Battalion CP upon completion of the ruck. Cadets will not wear rucksacks on the tactical lanes, and 5K Buddy Run. Competitors must carry their own equipment. Teams will be disqualified if caught carrying their teammate’s equipment or if they are found out of the prescribed uniform.

 c. Competitors must complete Ruck March event as a team. Ruck march is scored by completion of prescribed route in the fastest time. Teams are checked at halfway point and then finish line. Team members must remain within 5 Meters of each other throughout the competition. Teams are ranked 1-N in the order that they cross the finish line.

 d. After completing Ruck March, competitors will proceed to one of three tactical lanes. A beachmaster will provide teams instruction on what lane each Cadet will report to. Teams travel through lanes in a red, white, blue rotation. Blue lanes will move to red lane upon completion.

1. Teams will receive one attempt at each lane. A go is rewarded with one point. Cadets may earn a max of 15 points on the tactical lanes.

1. Teams will complete as many tasks as possible within the time allotted.

 Male Teams: 4.5 Hours, Time begins 1 hour after start of the Road March.

 Female Teams: 6 Hours, Time begins 1 hour after start of the Road March.

 Co-ed Teams: 5.5 Hours, Time begins 1 hour after the start of the Road March.

 (4) The teams are ranked by their total number of Go’s. 1st Time go’s receive one point.

 e. Unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate behavior, or arguing with staff, medics or competition officials will result in disqualification of team. If a team is disqualified from an event (for any reason), that team is ineligible for awards. This includes all USACC Cadre outside of official protests. KU PMS is the official adjudicator of all official protests.

6. TASKS. Tasks are graded IAW the performance measures associated with the Expert Infantryman Badge Pamphlet **USAIS 350-6, 15DEC22**. Any in sequence task, must be performed in sequence according to EIB Badge Pamphlet.

1. 071-100-0032 Maintain an M16-Series Rifle/M4-Series Rifle Carbine
2. 071-100-0029 Perform a function check on an M16-Series Rifle/M4-Series Rifle Carbine
3. 071-COM-4025 Maintain an M249 Machine Gun
4. 071-COM-4026 Perform a Function Check on an M249 Machine Gun
5. 071-025-0001 Maintain an M240B Machine Gun
6. 072-025-0002 Perform a Function Check on an M240B Machine Gun
7. 071-000-0008 Prepare a Range Card for a Machine Gun
8. 071-326-0512 Estimate Range
9. 031-COM-1004 Protect yourself from Chemical and Biological Contamination using your protective mask
10. 071-440-0031 Employ Hand Grenades during Urban Operations
11. 071-COM-4407 Employ hand grenades
12. 081-COM-0101 Request MEDEVAC
13. 081-COM-1001 Evaluate a Casualty
14. 081-COM-1048 Apply a Tourniquet to Control Extremity Bleeding
15. 081-COM-0099 Apply a Hemostatic Dressing
16. 081-COM-1054 Apply an Emergency Bandage
17. 081-831-1034 Perform First Aid for a Suspected Fracture
18. 081-833-0161 Control Bleeding
19. 081-68C-1005 Perform First Aid to Prevent or Control Shock
20. 081-COM-1007 Perform Casualty Burn Care
21. 131-COM-1001 Communicate by Tactical Radio
22. 071-COM-1000 Identify Topographic Symbols on a Military Map
23. 071-COM-1015 Locate an Unknown point on a Map and on the Ground by resection
24. 071-COM-1001 Identify Terrain Features on a Map
25. 171-300-0063 Operate the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) Advanced System Improvement Program (ASIP) Radio
26. 171-COM-4080 Send a SPOT Report
27. 031-COM-1004 Protect yourself from CBRN attack using your assigned protective mask

7. AWARDS.

 a. The top three teams with the best scores in each division (Male, Female, Coed) will receive trophies.

 b. Best Battalion Award. Battalions are awarded points based on the ranking of their team. Points are based on category. If 64 teams are in your category and you are 1st place, you receive 64 points. This is added up for all teams in your category. Highest score wins.

8. SAFETY. Coaches are requested to enforce safety rules and use general caution at all times.

 a. Report any accidents or incidents to the CP or KU ROTC Cadre as needed. In case of an emergency, Cadets will be transported to Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

 b. Army Medical personnel will be on site to diagnose and treat any casualties. It will be the responsibility of the programs Cadre to escort any casualties the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. A dedicated GSA van will be used for CASEVAC.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Only SROTC students that are currently enrolled in a program are allowed to compete for awards. Host programs are responsible for ensuring Cadets are entered in CCIMM and for filing their Cadets’ worker’s compensation claims. Host programs are responsible for having all the necessary paperwork at the competition, if needed. Program coaches will inform their respective PMS/SMSI and brigade of the situation IAW their Brigade SIR Policy.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

 a. KU ROTC provides dinner the night before the event and breakfast and lunch for competitors on the day of the event.

 b. For teams traveling to the competition, refer to respective Brigade’s guidance for TDY instructions.

 c. Lodging is available for competing teams at the National Guard Armory. Coordination for lodging will be done through CPT Ty Roberts at ty.t.roberts@ku.edu 785.864.2057

 d. Teams who do not clear lodging before starting the competition, if they intend to depart on 08APR23, will be stopped from partaking in the competition until they are cleared by CPT Roberts.

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