

# THE WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

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## SECTION 1: EVENT OVERVIEW

### a) The World Drill Championships SOP

The World Drill Championships (WDC) remain the world's leading competition for post-high school solo and group (two to four) drill competitors. This international competition is operated for any post high school driller from any background - independent, college, military reserve and/or active duty. With the motto, "Dare Mighty Things", WDC serves to take drill to the next level beyond the high school arena. The event ACTIVELY seeks to include drillers with a passion for skill and the desire to compete and be featured in a showcase of the best drillers in the world.

The WDC is designed to maintain a one-day competition format, with the winners announced the following evening during the legendary Masters Level Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships. ***If greater than 40 entrants are accepted into the WDC, a pool system with top finishers advancing may be implemented.***

This SOP will include all information that is pertinent to the competition and necessary for your preparation and attendance at the World Drill Championships. Along with the rules & regulations of the meet, there will also be extensive information on the management of the event by Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI). Additionally, SNI is available often seven days a week to answer your questions or assist you in your attendance in any manner needed via telephone, email or social media message.

Once you have read this SOP and agree to all of its terms & conditions, you may register online. No person may compete at the WDC without the proper submission of all required finances & paperwork found only on the SNI registration site. Therefore, a functioning email & internet are required to attend this event.

All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules and procedures of this SOP and of WDC. Any items not specifically covered by these regulations are at the sole judgment, discretion and determination of the Judging Director, Justin Gates of SNI or his direct designee.

### b) Event Management and Sponsorship

The World Drill Championships were founded by drill enthusiast Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan. While he is no longer involved in the competition, his efforts to raise the level of post high school drill will never be forgotten. The WDC event is a part of the weekend festivities involving the grand National High School Drill Team Championships which is managed and produced by Sports Network International, Inc.. As the Event Manager of the overall competition weekend, SNI will be responsible for organizing all aspects of this competition, from setting up the rules and procedures, to securing all necessary judges, competition sites,

etc. as well as managing the WDC event. SNI works with key members of the post-high school drill community for guidance and support. With the event hosted during the NHSBTC, all WDC competitors are urged to show deference and respect to all aspects of the weekend activities, and understand that minor children will be surrounding all aspects of the WDC as spectators and often admirers.

## **SECTION 2: GENERAL EVENT SPECIFICATIONS**

### **a) The WDC Competitor**

WDC competitors should have many years of exhibition drill experience and/or highly exceptional skill to compete. The WDC competition is designated for the world's best professional drillers. The WDC will be designed to maintain roughly 30-40 competition slots in the Solo Division and 15 slots in the Group/Special Division (2-4 competitors). You are ambassadors of the sport and will be treated as such by SNI. This lofty treatment will require from you a greater responsibility than the average attendee. Your attitude and demeanor in this area will be essential to your successfully competing within and then returning to the WDC in future years.

**Eligibility:** This competition is not open to high school drillers. You must be a high school graduate (by at least 120 days) or equivalent to compete. Please do not ask for an exception as it will NOT be granted.

### **b) Entry Costs**

Entry costs are based on the competitor's registration category: Open, Invited and Qualified. This status is only retained for a single year. All competitors must re-qualify each year for status determination.

**a) Open Registration:** You are an Open Competitor if you have not Qualified nor have you been designated as Invited. This competitor may register at any time up until the event accepts no more competitors sometime in late Spring. Should this person later become INVITED or QUALIFIED, his/her status will be changed to reflect the correct designation, costs and other items adjusted.

**b) Invited Registration:** You are considered an **Invited Driller** if you received an **Official Invitation to Compete** from a former/current competitor or Sports Network International. These coveted invitations are for **first-time competitors** who have demonstrating a high skill level and attitude that proves a readiness and seriousness to compete as a professional drill. NOTE: Former and current competitors are not eligible to receive these invitations. If you received an invitation, you may register to compete once you have reached eligibility (18 years or older **OR** have graduated high school at least 120 days prior to the competition date). You can use any applicable method to register. However, you

MUST include mention of your invitation in the registration packet. In the event that you lose your invitation, it is considered rescinded and you will have to qualify at one of the WDC Open Competitions or official WDC Regional Qualifiers unless reinstated by SNI.

**c) Qualified Registration:** You are considered a **Qualified Driller** if you achieve one of the following:

- Place in top 1/3 of competitors at one of the WDC Open competitions held throughout the year.
- Receive a special qualification exception due to the high level of talent at any official competition (note: these are rarely granted - they are petitioned to SNI by the meet organizer and granted in the days following the close of the competition.)

Qualifying events are held both on-line and on-site in many locations around the USA to ensure all cadets interested in gaining one of these slots can do so.

At the time of registration, please include your qualifying credentials in the designated field on the registration form. Once verified (provided that you have completed the remainder of the registration process), you will be added to the competitor roster. *Only one of the competitors needs to be a qualified or invited competitor for all members on a special exhibition unit to enter at the qualified or invited entry rate. This does not apply to solo exhibition.*

#### **Solo & Group WDC Costs to Compete**

- **Open Entry: \$100 per person**
- **Invited Entry: \$75 per person**
- **Qualified Entry: \$50 per person**

An entry into the WDC will only be considered official when the official on-line registration and registration fees have been received in full. Furthermore, all paperwork and money are required by the entry deadlines listed. Registration not completed and paid in a timely manner can result in your forced withdrawal from the WDC competition without refund or recourse. **Do not enter if you believe you may not be able to complete the paperwork and/or financial requirements.**

Registration and payment will be conducted online at <http://www.worlddrillchampionships.com> in the Registration section. Other registration methods (mail, fax, e-mail) should be utilized only in the event that the registrant needs additional avenues due to circumstances beyond their control.

### **c ) Entry Deadlines and Refund Policy**

All registrations will be reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee on their merits and determine if an applicant is suitable for the WDC competition. Some applicants MAY be asked to submit a performance video or other means to allow your inclusion. This acceptance process will take no more than five business days from receipt by SNI. Any WDC applicant that is not approved will be notified within this five day window and have their registration fee refunded.

Interest is high and many people will register now through late Winter from all parts of the globe. It is highly recommended that individuals register prior to March 31st annually. **This date will be consider the Standard Entry Deadline.** Anyone NOT fully entered into the event by this March 31st deadline will automatically LOSE their QUALIFIED OR INVITED STATUS and will become an open entrant! If spaces are still available, applicants MAY be accepted after the March 31st date. **Drop-Dead Registration Deadline: April 15th. NO ENTRIES OR CHANGES WILL LIKELY BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE.** It is very rare any circumstance would warrant a registration after this date.

Individuals making the decision to attend the WDC should reserve a competition slot by registering ASAP to eliminate the possibility of being unable to enter. Again, any change in status by later earning INVITED or QUALIFIED status will be reflected in your FINAL WDC placement. However, all entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Therefore, those wishing to enter the WDC should do so only after making the irrevocable decision to attend.

Should an emergency preclude any registered entrant from attending, the competitor should immediately contact Sports Network International. While the Registration Fee remains non-refundable, your prompt notification will keep you in good standing for future WDC competitions. Depending on the NATURE of the issue, **SNI has allowed the entry fee to ROLL-OVER to the following year for that entrant.**

### **d) Commander's Call - Information Distribution**

**No Commander's Call will be utilized for this event.** Instead, start times and event briefing information will be posted on the event website in advance. On site, competitors will check in at the Event Registration Desk upon arrival the morning of the competition. At this time, each competitor will receive an event schedule book with competition times. It also allows SNI to know you have arrived at the event and you are ready to compete. Event Registration is the first thing you must do upon your arrival at the Ocean Center.

With no Commander's Call, all questions should be asked in advance via email or telephone whenever possible. This is critical to ensure you are fully prepared to attend and compete at the WDC.

## **e) Hotel & General Area Information**

Competitors within the WDC event may stay anywhere in the greater Daytona Beach area, however SNI will maintain a preferred hotel list for those looking for accommodations. SNI also maintains information on area attractions, parking info, maps and other items of interest to the WDC competitors or spectators. Please go to the [NHSDTC Spectator Page](#) to learn more.

## **f) Competition Discipline and Event Conduct**

Although discipline problems are not expected at a drill meet of this caliber, addressing problem situations now is the best way to halt any future unpleasant issues. SNI reserves the right to remove any individual from the event for destructive, profane or other conduct unbecoming a competitor at the WDC. This includes bad conduct in or around the competition site and/or hotels. More specifically, all WDC competitors must sign and submit a Code of Conduct Form which details what is expected of WDC participants. The form is mostly filled with common sense items of conduct but for some we have learned over the years, this common sense is not so common.

The World Drill Championships are designed for adults and as such, entry and/or inclusion within the World Drill Championships is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked at any time for conduct which the event host SNI believes is criminal or simply detrimental to the competition or to the sport of competitive drill as a whole. This may include actions, inactions, or statements made that detract from the competition or cast either the event or those involved in a negative public light. Any competition ban or event removal will not be subject to review nor protest in any manner and the decision of SNI will be final. **This action has never been taken nor do we ever expect it to be.**

**All areas within the facility are totally unsecured. Competitors using these areas should not leave personal belongings unattended. Any abuse of these facilities will not be tolerated. While at the Ocean Center, competitors should only dress in dressing rooms or restroom facilities. Do not dress in the bleachers.**

**Competitors should bring with them all equipment needed to clean/shine shoes, belts, buckles, uniforms etc. Hotel towels or other hotel items are not to be used to polish shoes or otherwise ready the uniform.**

**ONLY designated areas marked for practice may be used within the Ocean Center facility for any form of drill prep, warm-up or similar.** This is especially true for WDC competitors as you are the ONLY competition division at the entire event allowed to maintain a bayonet! SNI has several areas inside the Ocean Center designated for practice. Please contact SNI for details on their availability for you to use.

## **g) Awards Ceremony**



The WDC Awards Ceremony will occur on Monday evening near the beginning of the overall NHSDTC Masters Level Awards Ceremony. No final placements will be announced in advance under any circumstances. The Awards Ceremony is as much a part of the WDC as any event. All competitors are expected to attend in their competition uniform.

All competitors are expected to attend the ceremony that evening. WDC competitors and their invited guests will have reserved seating at this ceremony and will enter as a group and be recognized by the assembled teams as they move to their seats. Failure of participants to attend the ceremony without sufficient cause will be construed as a lack of interest in supporting the competition and may forfeit your trophies/awards and/or preclude your invitation in the future. Should a true emergency keep you from attending the ceremony, arrangements will be made to ship any awards, scores sheets, pictures, etc. to you, COD.

The special section of seating identified above for seating WDC competitors and their guests will display supportive and enthusiastic commentary and a great time for all! **The conduct displayed by this group as a whole should be self-policing** and any form of less-than-professional will be met with severe actions on the part of Sports Network International.

## **SECTION 3: COMPETITION AREA SPECIFICATIONS**

### **a) The Ocean Center Arena**

The WDC competition will take place on-site at the Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida ([www.oceancenter.com](http://www.oceancenter.com)). The Ocean Center has full concession facilities, dressing rooms, ample car/bus parking areas. With a recent renovation and expansion, the facility maintains an elevated seating "Arena-side" and a massive convention-style area that will be known as the "Nationals Village". The NHSDTC will utilize this entire facility and the WDC will as well. You will find the facility and the entire weekend to be the largest glorification of military drill you have personally ever been a part of! It is unlike anything else you have ever seen or experienced.

The WDC does not provide advanced medical services on-site. However, emergency medical services can be summoned at any time for major medical trauma within minutes. SNI does maintain a basic first-aid kit and those needing band-aids, ice, or other basic medical attention may come to the information desk to receive your needed supplies. If you wish to have medical personnel with you, please feel free to bring these people with you and we will ensure they maintain unlimited floor access. Again, should you require immediate medical assistance while at the event, please get to the Information Desk where we can call for an ambulance, if necessary.

There is ample seating at the Ocean Center, therefore no reserved seating is in effect for the days of the competition. SNI does maintain reserved seating in effect at the Masters Level Awards Ceremony.

## **b) Drill Area Specifications**

All drill areas in use for the WDC are indoors within the Ocean Center and have a flat, hard concrete surface. Due to the 80' high ceiling heights (minimum) and ceremonial nature of the event, outdoor regulations are in effect throughout all facets of the WDC.

The WDC Solo and Group competition areas are the same size for both events: 40' x 40'. Entry points and other required items will be shown on the official WDC Competition Floor Diagram which is posted on the official event website.

Drill areas are made using fluorescent tape connected to 20" traffic pylons standing on the floor. All drill areas use a single entrance/exit point. The exact size and location of these entrances are found on the WDC Competition Floor Diagram. This is the only point where you may enter/exit the drill area, no exceptions. Please do not call and ASK for an exception!

Boundary violations are penalized when a competitor or his/her clothing comes in contact with any part of the boundary tape or the support cones when properly set or makes contact with the ground OUTSIDE this boundary. Should the boundary tape or cones become dislodged, a violation will occur when a competitor crosses the point where the tape/cone should have been were it not displaced.

## **c) Parking**

The Ocean Center parking is controlled through a parking garage next to the facility. A very limited amount of street parking (metered) is also maintained. Parking is strictly enforced and we encourage all attendees to share rides to / from the facility or walk whenever possible.

# **SECTION 4: COMPETITION RULES**

## **a) Eligibility and Performance**

All competitors must be high school graduates. Your entry will be subject to verification. No exceptions. Competitors should plan to be at the Ocean Center at least 30 minutes before their scheduled performance time. Adjacent warm-up area is provided to all competitors. Please do not monopolize this area as your own all competitors need access to this warm-up area.

*Note: Competitors must be ready to perform at their scheduled start time. Any competitor who delays a competition area due to tardiness may be removed from the event.*

## **b) Competition Overview**

The WDC competition is slated to be held on Sunday afternoon in the Nationals Village area of the competition. Entrants will be placed as outlined below under "Competition Draw Mechanics". **Should entries exceed 40 total within the Solo Division**, SNI reserved the right to modify the competition to maintain TWO pools of drillers on the first competition day, with the top five drillers in each pool advancing to a Medal Round Final the following mid-afternoon before the Awards Ceremony that evening. Competitors will be notified on the entry deadline day on April 15th should this plan be implemented.

### **Competition Phases**

The competition will consist of two phases: **Solo and Group Exhibition**

**Solo Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by **one** individual. This division requires the use of a demilitarized or replica rifle weighing at least 8 lbs. A competitor may use more than multiple weapons (rifles and sabre/swords authorized, other items must be authorized in advance by SNI). However, competitors must at least use one weapon.

**Group Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by between **2 - 4 drillers**. This division requires the use of at least one demilitarized or replica rifle weighing at least 8 lbs. However, unarmed drillers and other weapons may be included. Again, non-standard items other than rifles and sabre/sword must have advanced approval by SNI).

## **c) Competition Draw Mechanics**

The WDC competition is open to all competitors wishing to attend. The competition order will be a blind draw format, however the three distinctions of competitors will be drawn together. Therefore, all of the OPEN entries will be placed together and drawn randomly. Then the INVITED entries will be placed together and drawn randomly to compete afterwards, then the QUALIFIED entries will be placed together. Those Qualified entries who WON their competition will be collected and drawn to compete latest, all others will be drawn at random to complete the field. None of these designations will be known to the judges - they will only be used to determine entry costs and competition placement status.

Should the solo division maintain 40+ entries and TWO pools of drillers be utilized, qualified entries who WON their competition will be collected and randomly SPLIT between the two pools with all other designations split evenly into the two pools as well. The Medal Round Final would have the top FIVE finishers from each pool advancing. Scores are thrown out and COMPLETE random draw would be in use for the medal Round Final event.

## **d) Judging**

Judges will be knowledgeable and trained within the skills and art that make up quality exhibition drill. These judges may be a mix of active duty military, recently retired military and civilians with extensive drill and ceremony background. The exact number of judges will be between 4 - 8 and they will be not be identified by Sports Network International in advance of the event.

All performers should take into consideration when designing their routine that drill is inherently a military event with roots traveling back to before the Continental Army. If you believe simply the movements you can do with a rifle will win this event, you are likely mistaken. Poise, bearing, marching and dozens of other related items will comprise your score. performers serious about gaining a top finish should study the score sheet to design a routine that maximizes scores in ALL areas of the sheet.

## **e) Uniform and Rank Regulations**

All competitors at the WDC are required to wear clothing that represents a military flavor while competing. **This does not require competitors to compete in military uniforms, but a military flavor needs to be fully on display in any uniform choice to receive a maximum score in that score sheet segment. All competitors must compete with military headgear of some kind.** A specific type or style of military uniform is not required. We will allow and instruct all judges that any name tags and medals/ribbons that would normally be worn are encouraged to be removed during competition for safety reasons.

The type/style of military uniform chosen is up to the competitor. However, in choosing a uniform, competitors should be aware that the event is judged by military personnel with many years of experience. Dressing in a less-than-military fashion (tuxedo, t-shirt, ball caps, etc.) will most likely negatively impact the scores you will receive in the "Uniform" section and possibly a points in the overall section as well.

While most services have specific regulations regarding what are acceptable colors for berets, the WDC will maintain no such regulations.

## **f) Weapon Requirements and Regulations**

To compete at the WDC, the performer's weapon must fit a series of standards that qualify it to be "demilitarized". These criteria include the following:

- A weapon must be rendered demilitarized by leading the barrel or removing firing pin (no fireable weapons allowed-period-automatic disqualification, if discovered by a judge)
- A weapon must weigh a minimum of 8 lbs.
- A weapon must contain both a trigger guard (if trigger is present) and an adjustable sling
- Should a weapon fail to meet ANY of the above criteria, the entrant will not be allowed to compete.

- The use of front/rear sights are strongly discouraged by SNI on any weapon used for an exhibition performance. They can cause severe injuries and serve little purpose on these weapons.
- The required sling must be attached to the rifle in the standard manner; however competitors may apply tape, rubber bands or other materials to affix the sling tightly to the rifle, as well as to decorate their rifle as they see fit.

Bayonets are allowed on rifles in the WDC competition. If a bayonet is used, it **MUST** have the following characteristics:

- Must be unsharpened and be able to be grasped tightly without sharpness.
- Must be attached in a standard fashion to the end of the barrel (Bayonets must be attached to an upper band that is not compromised and without the bayonet clamping stud missing).
- Must have a secondary attachment for safety (Tape, pull-tie or another high strength method must be in place. There is no limitation on the style or color of this attachment).
- Must be in place prior to the start of the routine so that it can be visually inspected by a judge to determine that it is safely attached.
- Bayonets can be removed during the routine, but CANNOT be reattached during the routine.
- Should the bayonet become unintentionally separated from the rifle, then the routine will be automatically halted ***and the driller(s) will be disqualified immediately at that point.***

Competitors may switch rifles during their routine, as well as use multiple rifles or other approved weapons. No pre-placement of rifles within the drill area is allowed – all rifles must be brought into the competition area and HANDED (not tossed) in the same manner as replacement for a broken rifle.

Performers may use a rifle/sword combination or simply sword(s) however safety of the driller and of the spectators do not allow the sword to leave the hand of the driller at any time when not in a scabbard. Should this happen, the performance will end ***and the driller will be disqualified immediately at that point.***

The definition of a "dropped" weapon is that if the rifle accidentally hits the deck with a total loss of weapon control. Should this occur a specific, 25-point per occurrence penalty will be added to the score sheet. Bobbles and other loss of control actions may cause deductions as well but will NOT be considered a drop.

Should a weapon break or become unusable during any performance at the WDC, a backup weapon may be utilized by the performer. This back-up weapon should be pre-positioned by the competitor and made available only at the entry/exit area, or may be handed to the competitor at the tape boundary by a designated assistant. Under no circumstances may the performing competitor leave the floor and return

AND no non-performing competitor may enter onto the floor. No added time will be allowed for such an occurrence. This can be done as many times as you wish or that need dictates during a performance.

A broken weapon that could be a danger to a competitor, judge and/or spectators **MUST** be replaced during the routine. When this occurs, the performer should replace the broken rifle as prescribed above immediately. **Under no circumstances should the weapon be spun or otherwise moved in a dangerous manner when broken.** If you drill with a broken weapon, the judges will likely move to a safe distance and then reduce your score within the overall impression segment of the score sheet.

Notes:

- *Judges may visually inspect and/or hand-weigh any competitor's weapon at random either in the event ready area before competing or after the performance.*
- *Most all judges prefer to be addressed by the rank they have earned. If you are unsure, simply ask the judge before entering the area.*
- *Many competitors effect little or no marching between movements. As this is a military event, competitors should ensure they maintain segments of marching at numerous points in their routine regardless of what style of drill is in use.*

## **g) Performance Regulations**

All exhibition routines consist of stationary/marching drill movements as well as trick rifle maneuvers that are limited by the imagination and creativity of the performer, and the rules of the WDC. Please keep in mind that this is a military competition with military judges.

Competitors may not use a thrown or flip dismount, basket catch/basket toss or other "cheerleading-style" moves during any facet of exhibition drill. Competitors may NOT be elevated in any manner by climbing on other competitor's shoulder, backs, etc., or on top of rifles held by competitors, or other similar maneuvers. Competitors may not be thrown, flipped or propelled in any manner. Please use your drill to impress. During both the Report In and Report Out, each competitor must verbally announce **his/her name, as well as where they are from**. Other items may be mentioned during report in/out but are not required. The report out should also make clear the performer has completed their routine.

No handguns, special effects, props, music or musical instruments, (bugles, drums - ANY musical instrument), pyrotechnics or banners/flags are allowed to be used at the event. Additionally, no horns, whistles, or any other artificial noise-making devices may be used inside the Ocean Center by anyone at any time. During all facets of the WDC, competitors MAY utilize blindfolds and/or hoods (contact SNI in advance

should you wish to use something other than these two enumerated items). These are the only props allowed to be used. If you are unclear, ask in advance.

It is common practice by many competitors to have spectators deliver signals to let their unit on the floor know they are approaching their performance time limit. This is not prohibited by SNI so long as the guidelines described above on whistles and other artificial noise-making devices are followed. Competitors failing to follow rules shown previously may be removed from the event.

While routines are generally scored only during the time competitors are inside the competition area, for gross displays of bearing loss (destructive behavior, loud, foul language, rifle tossing, etc.), judges may decide to reduce scores further (up to and including after score sheets have been turned in) within the Overall Impression segment of the sheet.

NOTE: In recent years, several drillers have begun advertising for commercial entities during the WDC event. This has taken the form of wearing certain clothing and/or verbalizing support for these companies during Report In/Out. While there is no prohibition against it by SNI, several judges have stated they don't like it as it is out of place.

## **SECTION 5: WDC SCORING and TIMING**

### **a) Event Timing**

Time limits are as follows: **Solo and Group Exhibition: 3 - 5 Minutes**. The penalty assessed for a performance not falling between these time periods is one (1) per per second over/under time limit range.

Exhibition performances can maintain motivation displays prior to the actual performer entering the drill area and therefore before the official event timing begins. These displays can be quite involved and therefore are actually part of the exhibition display. Because of this, competitors performing any synchronized display just prior to entering the drill floor will have the clock start and judging will begin. We are not discouraging this action, we are just ensuring this display is judged, graded and timed as a part of the routine. Please ensure your performance does not go over the maximum time limit if you plan to do this. The official time will end when the performer exits the drill area (because judges have finished and are already scoring).

### **b) Score Sheets**

Score sheets in use for the WDC will be posted to the event website well in advance of the event.

Complete scoring packages will be given to each competitor immediately following the Awards Ceremony Monday evening. Questions regarding scoring or score tabulation are addressed following the event by telephone, writing or email.

Every score sheet is triple-checked by SNI personnel, as well as inputted and totaled on a computer program designed for the WDC by SNI. The score sheets to be used at the WDC are located on the web and available for download by each competitor.

### **c) Tie Breaking**

All efforts are made to prevent scoring ties at the WDC. All event and Overall Championship scoring ties will be broken by re-totaling score sheets utilizing the applicable tie-breaker in the following order:

1. Level #1 - totaling only overall evaluation scores
2. Level #2 - totaling only Head Judge's scores
3. Level #3 - totaling only Judge #2, then Judge #3, etc.

## **SECTION 6: AWARDS**

### **a) Award Contributors**

Historically, all cash awards, plaques, and precious event medals for the WDC event have been presented exclusively by Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan. His efforts have brought glory and honor to those post-high school drillers who toiled in near anonymity before his many efforts within the drill community were undertaken. Through his amazing generosity, these cash awards were possible. We are forever indebted to Mr. Al-Romaizan for his continued support of this worthwhile glorification of all things drill! Should Mr. Al-Romaizan attend, you should take a minute to thank him personally for all he has done for the sport!

While the WDC prize money has been funded by donations from outside supporters, **the availability of such prizes are at the discretion of the donors and ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. Each year, Sports Network International guarantees a starting cash prize (shown below in the Placement Awards Section). If outside donors/sponsors decide to contribute (to include Mr. Al-Romaizan), these funds will be added to the prize pots to make these awards much larger.

### **b) Placement Awards**

#### **Solo Exhibition Awards**



**1st Place** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- The WDC Champion Ring
- 10% of the total entry fees

**2nd Place** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A silver event medal specially designed for the WDC
- 10% of the total entry fees

**3rd Place** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A bronze event medal specially designed for the WDC
- 5% of the total entry fees

### **Group Exhibition Awards**

**1st Place** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- The WDC Champion Rings
- 15% of the total entry fees

**2nd Place** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- Silver event medals specially designed for the WDC
- 15% of the total entry fees

**3rd Place** WDC Finishers within the Group Exhibition will receive the following:

- Bronze event medals specially designed for the WDC
- 10% of the total entry fees

*NOTE: Group entry cash prize awards will **ONLY be guaranteed** should 8 competition groups or more compete at the WDC.*

### **c) King's Guard Award**

The King's Guard Award, named after the legendary King's Guard Drill Team of Hawai'i, is given to the WDC competitor or other drill enthusiast, who in the opinion of the WDC Competition Director, has demonstrated the highest unique levels of creativity and talent, as well as great artistic theories toward the art of drill, will receive this award at the WDC Awards Ceremony.

This award is completely subjective and based as much on the glorification of the art of drill throughout the entire year as it is for the performance done on the WDC floor. It is the highest honor anyone can receive involving the Military Drill Community. While not a cash reward, if the winner is a driller, they will be the only

person who will maintain a guaranteed entry slot within the WDC competition for the future year and have their solo exhibition drill registration fee waived.

## **SECTION 7: CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Contact Information**

SNI as the official event host for the prestigious WDC event welcome the ability to assist with anything involving the WDC event. For all enquiries or comments regarding the WDC or any related matters, please direct your questions to SNI Competition Director Justin Gates at Sports Network International shown below:

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