

# HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS

## REGULATIONS for ALBATROSS AWARD 2012

### **General**

1. The competition is divided into semi-final and final stages. The semi-final will be conducted during the Annual Parade 2012. The ten highest mark teams will enter the final stage which will be at least two weeks after the semi-final stage.
2. Each Unit is allowed to send **ONLY ONE (1)** Drill Team to the competition. Each Drill Team must consist of **EIGHTEEN (18) cadets**, in the form of **THREE (3)** ranks and **SIX (6)** completed files. Units which have difficulties in fulfilling the requirement may combine with another Unit to form a team. At the semi-final stage, each Drill Team will be under the command of a Commander of commissioned officer up to the rank of Flight Lieutenant and an NCOIC which is normally a non-commissioned officer. At the final stage, each Drill Team will be under the command of a Commander which is normally a non-commissioned officer.
3. Drill Teams will be run on a Squad Basis to perform foot drill movements. Armed drill, stick drill and etc is not allowed during the competition.
4. Each Drill Team shall not contain more than four Senior NCOs (Sergeant and above), excluding the NCOIC or Commander. If the Drill Team has more than four Senior NCOs, **30 points** for each extra Senior NCO will be deducted from the total score.
5. Subject to the Order of the Annual Parade, the dress code for participants is No. 3B uniform.
6. A Briefing Session will be arranged before the Semi-Final Stage, and the details will be announced in a separate memorandum. All Drill Teams must send one but no more than two representatives to the Briefing Session. Failure to attend the Briefing Session will result in a deduction of 50% of the total scores.
7. All participants must strictly comply with the competition regulations. In case of disputes, the Panel of Judges shall have the right to make the final decision. No complaint or dispute will be entertained, unless it is voiced before the start of the

competition.

8. The regulations stipulated here may be changed or varied by Officer Commanding Footdrill Training Flight without prior notice.

## **Semi-Final Stage**

9. The participating Drill Teams must first participate in the Semi-final (Annual Parade). Judges will assess the Drill Teams during the competition and select the ten highest mark Drill Team to the final stage.
10. Each Drill Team should meet the requirement of strength as stipulated above during the Parade and all rehearsal sessions. If the Drill Team cannot fulfill the required strength, **20 points** will be deducted from the total score for the short of each member, either the shortage is officer or cadet.
11. In addition to the competition regulations, the Order of Annual Parade should be strictly complied with. In case of breaching any order or regulation, the Panel of Judges shall have the right to make the final decision on the penalty to be applied.
12. A Draw Lot Session will be arranged on the day of Semi-Final Stage. During the Session, Drill Team entering the Final Stage will be announced, and the competition start time at Final Stage for each Squad will be determined by drawing lot. Failure to attend the Draw Lot Session will result in a deduction of 50% of the total scores.

## Final Stage

13. The Drill Team must meet the requirement of strength as stipulated above. If the Drill Team cannot fulfill the required strength, **20 points** will be deducted from the total score for the short of each member, either the shortage is officer or cadet.
14. The Commander is entirely responsible for drill presentation of the Drill Team at Final Stage. He / She must report to the registration counter **15 minutes** before the designated competition start time.
15. The Commander must report to the Chief Judge when his / her Squad is ready for the drill performance. Unit number and number of participants must be mentioned during the report. The last salute of this reporting will be taken as the start of the performance and will be timed for assessment. When the Drill Team finishes the drill performance, they should pay compliment to the Chief Judge in the form of Eyes Right when marching off. The Eyes Front of the March Off will mark the end of the assessment.
16. The Drill Teams should carry out the required movements in exact sequence **between 10 and 15 minutes**. Any performance that deviates from this time frame will have their total score deducted **20 points** per minute.
17. Drill movements shall not be carried out too quickly in succession in order to allow the judges sufficient time to conduct a fair assessment.
18. All movements must be carried out in Quick Time in the following order:
  - A. Get On Parade
  - B. Reporting
  - C. Static Movements
  - D. Marching Movements
  - E. Advance In Review Order (1 – 2 – 3 – ...11 – 12 – HALT – ONE – ONE – TWO)
  - F. March Off in Column of Route

*\* Details for the above movements are listed in Appendix A.*
19. Correct words of command are required. A clear and correct command scores 1 point and an incorrect command scores 0. Scores for the execution will be given between 1 to 4 points (i.e. 1 = limited success, 2 = average, 3 = good, 4 = excellent).

## Appendix A

### **All Movements must be carried out in Quick Time in the following order:**

#### **A. GET ON PARADE**

1. The members of the Drill Team should form up and stand at ease at the assembly area located at the rear of the Parade Ground.
2. The Commander will march on the Parade Ground and halt at the designated position on the Imaginary Centre Line. He / She then turns to the rear, if applicable, and gives the command "***Right – MARKER***".
3. Upon receipt of command, the Right Marker comes to the position of attention. After a regulation pause, he / she marches forward **14.5 paces** and then stands at ease after another regulation pause.
4. The Commander will then give the command "***Get on – PARADE***", whereupon the Drill Team and the Right Marker come to the position of attention. After a regulation pause, the Drill Team will march forward **14.5 paces** and halt at the position such that the front rank and first file of the Drill Team will be aligned with the Right Marker, whereas a proper formation will be maintained.
5. The Drill Team takes up the dressing (to the right) by themselves after a regulation pause. When the right hand persons of the leading file is satisfied that the Drill Team is steady, they are to smartly lower the arms to the side.
6. Upon this movement, all personnel, in succession by files from RIGHT to LEFT, are to turn their head and eyes to the front. For the personnel of the front rank, they are to lower their arms to the side at the same time.
7. All personnel, in succession by files from RIGHT to LEFT, are then to stand at ease. A regulation pause should be observed between the movements Eyes Front and Stand At Ease.

#### **B. REPORTING**

8. The Commander gives a command "Atten - TION" to the Squad, turns about, marches forward to the Chief Judge and asks for the permission to start. (***SIR / MA'AM, XXX Squadron consists of XX cadets and request to process, SIR / MA'AM***)
9. When the confirmation was received, the Squad Leader may march to the designated position and start the drill performance.

**C. STATIC MOVEMENTS**  
**TURNING AT THE HALT**

10. Open Order – MARCH
11. Right – DRESS
12. Eyes – FRONT
13. Stand at – EASE
14. Attention – TION
15. Move to the Right, Right – TURN
16. About – TURN
17. Into Line, Left – TURN
18. About – TURN

**SALUTING AT THE HALT**

19. Inclining, Right In – CLINE
20. To the Front – SALUTE
21. To the Left – SALUTE
22. To the Right – SALUTE
23. Inclining, Left In – CLINE

**SIDEWAYS**

24. Three Paces Left Close – MARCH
25. Three Paces Right Close – MARCH
26. Right – DRESS
27. Eyes – FRONT

**D. MARCHING MOVEMENTS**

28. Move to the Right, Right – TURN

**MARKING TIME**

29. Mark – TIME
30. Forward – WARD

**SALUTING ON THE MARCH**

31. About – TURN
32. To the Right – SALUTE
33. About – TURN
34. To the Front – SALUTE
35. About – TURN
36. To the Left – SALUTE
37. About – TURN
38. An Officer Passing Your Front – SALUTE
39. About – TURN
40. Change – STEP
41. About – TURN

42. Mark – TIME
  43. HALT
  44. Into Line, Right – TURN
  45. Close Order – MARCH
  46. Right – DRESS
  47. Eyes – FRONT
- WHEELING & TURNING ON THE MARCH**

48. Move to the Right, Right – TURN
49. By the Left, Quick – MARCH
50. Change Direction, Left – WHEEL
51. Into Line, Left – TURN
52. By the Right, Eyes – RIGHT
53. Eyes – FRONT
54. HALT
55. About – TURN
56. By the Left, Quick – MARCH
57. By the Left, Eyes – LEFT
58. Eyes- FRONT
59. Move to the Right, Right – TURN
60. Change Direction, Right – WHEEL
61. HALT (in front of the Judges)
62. Into Line, Right – TURN
63. Right – DRESS
64. Eyes – FRONT

**E. ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER**

65. Advance in Review Order, By the Center, Quick – MARCH
  - ii) The Commander marches forward to the Chief Judge and requests March Off. (*SIR / MA 'AM, XXX Squadron request for March Off, SIR / MA 'AM*)
  - iii) When the confirmation is received, he / she may move back to a suitable position and lead the Drill Team to march off the Parade Ground.

**F. MARCH OFF IN COLUMN OF ROUTE**

65. By the Left, Quick – MARCH (Auto – Wheeling)
66. By the Right, Eyes – RIGHT
67. Eyes – FRONT
68. HALT