

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS

ALBATROSS AWARD COMPETITION REGULATIONS

General

1. 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 each other to form a team.)
2. Drill Teams will be run on a Squad Basis to perform Foot Drill movements. No Arms Drill and Stick Drill is allowed during the competition.
3. The Squad shall not contain more than four Senior NCOs, excluding the Squad Leader. If the Squad has more than four Senior NCOs, **30 points** for each extra Senior NCO will be deducted from the total score.
4. No. 3B uniform is mandatory for all participants throughout the competition. Exception may be granted to the Squad Leaders at the Semi-Final Stage, at which the Dress Code for the Squad Leader shall comply with the Order of Annual Parade.
5. 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 Session. Failure to attend the Briefing Session will result in a deduction of 50% of the total scores.
6. 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.
7. The regulations stipulated here may be changed or varied by Officer Commanding General Service Training Squadron without prior notice.

Semi-Final Stage

8. The Squads must first participate in the Annual Parade. Judges will assess the Squads during the Parade and select those with outstanding performance to the Final Stage of the competition.
9. The Squad must meet the requirement of strength as stipulated in para. 1 during the Parade and all rehearsal sessions. In addition, each Squad should have a Junior Officer as Squad Commander during the Parade. If the Squad cannot fulfill the required strength, **20 points** will be deducted from the total score for the short of each member.
10. 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.
11. A Draw Lots Session will be arranged on the day of Semi-Final Stage. During the Session, Squads which are eligible to proceed to the Final Stage will be announced, and the competition start time at Final Stage for each Squad will be determined by draw lots. Failure to attend the Draw Lots Session will result in a deduction of 50% of the total scores.

Final Stage

12. The Squad must meet the requirement of strength as stipulated in para. 1 during the Final Stage. If the Squad cannot fulfill the required strength, **20 points** will be deducted from the total score for the short of each member.
13. The Squad Leader is entirely responsible for drill presentation of the Squad at Final Stage. He / She must report to the registration counter **15 minutes** before the designated competition start time.
14. The Squad Leader must report to the Chief Judge when his / her Squad is ready for the drill performance. Squadron 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 Squad finishes the drill performance, they shall pay compliment to the Chief Judge when marching off. The Eyes Front of the March Off will mark the end of the assessment.
15. The Squad should carry out the required movements in exact sequence in **between 10 to 15 minutes**. Any performance that deviates from this time frame will have their total score deducted **20 points** per minute.
16. Drill movements shall not be carried out too quickly in succession in order to allow the judges sufficient time to conduct a fair assessment.
17. 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.*
18. 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).

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

A. GET ON PARADE

1. The members of the Squad should form up and stand at ease at the assembly area located at the rear of the Parade Ground.
2. The Squad Leader 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 Squad Leader will then give the command “**Get on – PARADE**”, whereupon the Squad and the Right Marker come to the position of attention. After a regulation pause, the Squad will march forward **14.5 paces** and halt at the position such that the front rank and first file of the Squad will be aligned with the Right Marker, whereas a proper formation will be maintained.
5. The Squad 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 Squad 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 Squad Leader 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 Squad Leader 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 Squad 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