

Uniformed Services

Competition brief - Regional heat

Entry requirements

This competition is intended for teams of 8 competitors working towards relevant programmes of study at level 3 (advanced) in uniformed services:

Advanced competition: competitors with up to 2 years experience in a working environment or undertaking qualifications up to a level 3 qualification.

Competition structure

The online registration facility is available from October 2009. Please note, you must register and set up an account in order to enter a competition.

Stage one: enter online by 19 March 2010.

Stage two: competitors will be invited to participate in a live heat.

Stage three: highest scoring competitors across all heats that meet the required standard will be invited to compete at the UK final at the Malvern Autumn Show 2010.

If competitors would like to cancel their entry to the competition they must cancel online by 19 March 2010 to prevent cancellation charges (see competition rules on the website for further details).

About the competition

Eight competitors per team, one team per organisation can enter the competition

The uniformed services competition provides competitors with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in important aspects of job role in the following physically demanding tasks:

Stand 1 – Service Entry Level Fitness Test

The Army Physical Training Corp College will be running this event and close attention will be paid to technique and quality of the Press-Ups and Sit-Ups and where applicable points deducted for either incorrect or incomplete exercises. The stand will be scrutinised by an independent judge in order to assure fair scoring by the Army Physical Training Team.

This stand will require each team to put forward six competitors and two teams will compete at the same time. The test will not be the full entry level test, but will include the following three elements – Bleep Test, Sit-Ups and Press-Ups. Points will be awarded for each element in the following way – Totals for Press-Ups and Sit-Ups and an average score for

the bleep test for all six competitors in the team. The time allowed for this event is 40 minutes to include time for competitors to change into sports kit.

Each team will be fully briefed by the Army prior to the test on the correct techniques; these can also be obtained from the following web site (to be inserted here). The bleep test will be the standard 20 metre shuttle run test starting with the initial time of 9 seconds per 20 metre shuttle. At the end of the test all scores will be added together and the average level taken. In the event of injury during any of the three elements the team must continue with the remaining members.

Stand 2 - Mobile Military Climbing Wall

This stand will require competitors to ascend and descend the climbing walls as many times as possible in a 15 minute period. Each team will be allowed to nominate six members for this stand and points will be awarded for each successful climb and descent. Extra points can be awarded by the controlling services if more difficult climbs are attempted and completed. There will be two walls on site for the competition run by the Royal Marines and the Army. Competitors will be required to wear compulsory safety equipment and infringement will result in points being deducted or the team being suspended from the stand.

Points will be awarded in the following way – 1 point for the easy climb and 2 points for the difficult climb. Total climbs will be counted and points awarded at the end of the competition in order. This stand will be scrutinised by one of the independent judges to ensure correct and fair scoring.

Stand 3 – Core Units Written Test

This will be a written test based on the six core units. Each team may enter all eight members for this stand. The test will be formatted by Edexcel and will be delivered directly to World Skills UK prior to the event. No teams will have any access to the exam paper until the day of the competition.

During the test competitors will be allowed to confer and there will be a time limit of 20 minutes for this test. The test will comprise of a mixture of multiple choice questions and short written answers.

Marking of the tests will be carried out by one of the independent judges and a representative from World Skills UK. Edexcel will provide answers and guidance information for the judges.

Stand 4 – Command and Teamwork Task

This stand will be run and scored by the Royal Engineers Display Team. The scenario for this stand will be an IED stop and search exercise. This will involve searching occupants and vehicles in suspected movements of Improvised Explosive Devices in overseas operations. Competitors will be fully briefed by the Royal Engineers and any safety equipment will be supplied.

Competitors will not be expected to remove any parts from the vehicle or manoeuvre the vehicle. This stand will be run in a closed area to avoid unfair advantage by other teams observing the scenario. Members of the Royal Engineers will assess and score this stand based on observations and compulsory elements. There will be an independent judge to moderate and advise on any appealed decisions with reference to scoring. The stand brief will be sent directly to World Skills UK prior to the competition and fully risk assessed by the

Armed Forces.

The brief for this stand can be varied by up to 30% by the visiting service and changes sent directly to World Skills UK. Teams will not be notified of any changes prior to the competition. The core element of this stand will involve six competitors. Each team must select a commander for this task who will be given the operation brief by the Royal Engineers. Further elements include teamwork and communication, following the command task accurately, observing correct procedures, team safety, area assessment and correct detention and evacuation. The time allowed for this event is 30 minutes.

Marks can be deducted for any of the listed elements and teams disqualified for health and safety infringements.

Stand 5 – Emergency Service Casualty Extraction

This stand will be run by members of the Fire Service and representation from one of the Paramedic Services.

The scenario will include incident command, safe cordoning of an incident area, vehicle stabilisation, accessing vehicle safely, simulated window break including casualty welfare and safety, casualty stabilisation from within the vehicle, treatment of injuries, extraction of casualties and evacuation to ambulance.

Points for this stand will be awarded jointly by both services based on observation and correct procedures being used by competitors. Each team will be fully briefed at the start of this stand about the scenario and on health and safety procedures. Any safety equipment will be provided for this stand.

An independent judge will moderate in the event of any appealed decisions. As with stand 4 this scenario includes teamwork and command and additional points can be awarded at the discretion of the judges from the services. This stand can also be varied by up to 30% prior to the event at the discretion of the Fire or Paramedic Services. Any changes will be notified directly to World Skills UK.

This stand will also be a closed event in order to prevent unfair advantage being gained by observation from other teams. The time allowed for this event is 30 minutes.

Timetable for the day

08.30 - 09.00	Registration
09.10 - 09.25	Welcome and Competition Briefing
09.30 - 16.20	Competition Stands 1 - 5
16.20 - 16.40	Consolidation of Judging and Marking
16.45 - 17.00	De-Brief and Acknowledgements
17.00 - 17.15	Results and Prize Giving
17.15	Competition Close and Farewell

Marking and assessment

The competition will be judged by a panel of members from the Uniformed Public Services and a representative from World Skills UK. The judges' decisions will be independently moderated and quality assured before being confirmed. The judges will be briefed on assessment procedures prior to the competition.

The below outline the broad allocation of marks:

Each Stand will carry a maximum total of 20 Points

Stand 1 and 2 will be objectively marked.

Stands 3 – 5 will carry 15 objective marks and 5 subjective marks.

Competition rules

Scrutinisers will be observing stands and judges at all times to ensure no infringement of the rules takes place. Judges on each stand will provide instructions and Health and Safety brief before each task. Points will be awarded using the professional judgement on the aspects indicated on the scoring sheets. Judges will impose the following rules:

- All competitors must follow the instructions and rule guidelines provided by the judges on each stand.
- If a team makes a minor infringement or accidental breach of health and safety guidelines the judge will stop the task and provide re-instruction, then ask the team or individual member to verbally acknowledge they have understood before allowing the team to carry on.
- A team will be allowed a maximum of 2 minor infringements per stand. A third will result in disqualification from the stand.
- If a team commit an infringement that obtains unfair gains which is not correctable during the task i.e. taking short cuts on a run or act in an unsporting manner. The judge will stop the activity and disqualify the team from that stand.
- If a team or member act in a deliberate and dangerous manner i.e. breach health and safety guidelines/ endanger others, the judges will stop the task and disqualify the team from the entire event. If an individual team member acts in a dangerous manner, the team will be disqualified from the task but allowed to continue in the other stands as long as they have 6 competitors.
- If a team deliberately infringes on another team they will be disqualified from the entire event. The infringed team (whether intentional or accidental) will receive compensation which could involve them restarting the task.

Contact details

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