

ADMIRAL PITKA RECON CHALLENGE 2017.
INITIAL INFORMATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Name: Admiral Pitka Recon Challenge 2017
- b. Competition Type: International military sports competition
- c. Theme: Completion of Reconnaissance Patrol Tasks
- d. Area: Pärnu County
- e. Competition Chief Director: Commander of the EDL

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- a. The Admiral Pitka Recon Challenge 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the competition) is an International military sports competition where teams (reconnaissance patrols) and counteraction (OPFOR) units are presented with the requisite fictitious scenario and background situations according to which they must complete their respective competition tasks. During the competition, the military training-related knowledge and skills of the teams and team members will be tested by means of participating in a reconnaissance patrol. 30 four-member reconnaissance patrol teams will participate in the competition.
- b. The main organiser of the competition is the Estonian Defence League (EDL) in cooperation with Estonian national security agencies, ministries, private businesses, societies and associations together with international partners. The official language of the competition is English.
- c. Main Tasks:
 - 1) Task-based stealthy movement in OPFOR occupied terrain both day and night according to the given schedule and coordinates;
 - 2) Evading contact with OPFOR forces together with collection and transmission of information concerning OPFOR;
 - 3) Completion of tasks at checkpoints.
- d. Task Content and Structure at Checkpoints:
 - 1) Testing the competitors' military training-related knowledge and skills;
 - 2) Testing the competitors' leadership and teamwork skills;
 - 3) The collection of information concerning the "OPFOR" unit's organisation, weapons, and activities of the information and the transmission of this information to "Own Forces";
 - 4) The solving of operational problems arising from situation-based reconnaissance patrol activities (e.g. the administering of first aid to a wounded or injured comrade, etc.).
- e. The competition C2 structure is comprised of the Competition Chief Director – Commander of the EDL, Competition Staff, arbitration board and umpires, own forces (competition teams), and opposing forces (OPFOR).
- f. Competition umpires consist of EDL members, Estonian Defence Force personnel and international cooperation partners of the EDL (Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark) who have appropriate military experience.

g. Preconditions for Sub-Units Participating in the Competition:

- 1) The competition staff is completely formed up and prepared, thus ensuring command and control during the competition;
- 2) Competition teams have undergone military training in accordance with the guidelines for participation in the competition race;
- 3) The competition counteraction units (OPFOR) are completely formed up and have completed military training according to counteraction activity instructions for participation in the competition. The main emphasis of counteraction unit (OPFOR) training is the execution of internal defence tasks;
- 4) Personnel participating in the competition have been instructed according to safety regulations and environmental protection requirements.

3. COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

a. The competition will be conducted in three phases:

PHASE I (31.07-01.08.2017) – Competition Preparation

Objective: Achieve competition command, control and support capability. Setting up the base camp and establishing competition checkpoints. Complete the arrival of competitors and competition team staffs to the base camp. Conduct the presentation of the competition mandate to the teams and the competition opening ceremonies.

PHASE II (01.-04.08.2017) – CONDUCTING THE COMPETITION

Objective: traversing competition route and completion of tasks at checkpoints.

PHASE III (04.-05.08.2017) – Competition Conclusion

End of the competition and closing ceremony. Dismantling and clean-up of base camp and checkpoints termination

b. The basis of the competition concept of operations is the competition scenario. The entire competition route is a “Hostile Region” to the competition teams except for the checkpoints and security areas within a radius of 500 m around the centre of the checkpoint.

The length of the competition route is up to 110 km long as the crow flies. The route passes through open, swampy, built-up and agricultural areas. The route will be traversed in a specific order of checkpoints and coordination points. Movement on the route will be by foot without any outside means of assistance. Teams have to move covertly, be camouflaged and avoid contact with OPFOR and other competition teams. Movement on roads is prohibited except the in cases stating differently in the competition Annex. Teams are allowed to use footpaths, woodland rides and the cleared ground below power lines (dashed lines on the competition maps indicating marked trails and roads). Crossing of roads is permitted.

Competitors are not allowed to carry ammunition in their weapons while moving on the route. While moving on the route, competitors are allowed to use blank rounds, in accordance with the safety regulations, to repel or eliminate the OPFOR unit (magazines are loaded with blank rounds). It is prohibited to point a weapon in the direction of another person. When simulating firing or firing blank rounds, the

competitor must aim visibly higher than the intended target (including vehicles and other such targets).

It is prohibited to replenish and/or reduce the amount of personal equipment on the competition route. An equipment inspection can be carried out without any prior warning anywhere along the route.

4. ACCOMMODATION

The competition organisers assure accommodation in base camp tents for participants only for the duration of the competition. Participants may bring their own tents.

Participants must bring their own accommodation equipment (mat, sleeping bag, toiletries, etc.).

5. TRANSPORT

All non-national teams will arrive in Estonia at their own expense. Competition organisers will provide transportation to the non-national teams from their point of arrival to the competition site and back. National teams are responsible for their own transportation.

6. CATERING

Competition organisers will provide catering at the base camp only for the duration of the competition. Competition teams must carry their own food during the competition.

7. DRESS

Seasonal combat uniform will be worn.

8. COMPETITORS' EQUIPMENT

Competitors' equipment must be in accordance with competition instructions.

9. COMPETITION REGISTRATION

National and non-national team registration is to be completed NLT 26.05.2017 as per the points of contact list below in point 10.

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