

# COMPETITION RULES TUY-SANTIAGO 2024 24-28JUN24



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## **SECTION I. GENERAL ASPECTS**

# Article 1. Purpose.

The purpose of the Competition is:

- To strengthen union bonds between our Unit and the rest of the Army and Services of our Armed Forces, and with those of other nations.
- To carry out a ruck march by patrols in order to test participants' ability and resilience, by dint of a scoring system. The priority will be the completion of the ruck march by as many patrols and participants as possible.
- To foster cohesion and sacrifice spirit and to make the BRILAT's name known, as well as to strengthen relationships between both the military and the civilian spheres.
- To strengthen union bonds between our Unit and the rest of the Army and Services of our Armed Forces, and with those of other nations.
- To give the participants the opportunity to obtain the "Compostela" (only the personnel who complete the "COMPOSTELA" category).

# Article 2. Participation.

The Competition is open to participation for units from the Spanish Armed Forces and for those from the armed forces of friend, allied and partner nations.

To that effect, invitations and all relevant information will be sent to the different countries POC.

A limit of 45 patrols has been set due to constraints to effectively control a larger number of participants. Were the numbers of applications for registration higher than 45, it would be taken into consideration (on a non-binding basis) those patrols that have applied to "COMPOSTELA" category, the request submitting date, the representativeness of the requesting unit according to place reservation and its participation in previous editions.

Units will be able to register in one modality (AZOR/COMPOSTELA) or in both.

- Places allocated:
  - BRILAT's units, 8 places.
  - Rest of Spanish Land Force units, 15 places
  - MCANA, 4 places.
  - o CGTAD, 1 place.
  - Spanish Navy, 1 place.
  - Spanish Air Forces, 1 place.
  - o Guardia Civil or Police, 1 place.



- o UME, 1 place.
- Royal Guard, 1 place.
- Foreign armies, 4 places (France, Portugal, United Kingdom, United States).

# Article 3. Team composition.

Two categories have been stablished "AZOR" and "COMPOSTELA".

Teams may have support personnel who will not exceed two military people (1 delegate and 1 alternate member). They will not intervene in the Competition.

# "AZOR" Category

Teams will be made up by nine (9) members. Each team will be organized in three (3) patrols of three (3) members.

- ➤ Patrol 1: One (1) OF/NCO Team leader and two servicemen.
- > Patrol 2: Three (3) members; one (1) Corporal at least.
- Patrol 3: Three (3) members; one (1) Corporal at least.

Teams with at least one female will receive a 100 points bonus.

# "COMPOSTELA" Category

Patrols will be made up of a Patrol Leader and other three (3) patrol members<sup>1</sup>. The gender composition of patrols may be male, female or mixed. There will be, in any case, one single competition ranking.

The military rank of the patrol leader will be any from OR-6 up to OF-1.

The ranks of the remaining patrol members may be any from OR-1 up to OR-5.

Among the patrol members there will be only one (1) officer (who, in this case, will act as patrol leader).

The Competition Staff will assign a LNO to each patrol not belonging to the BRILAT. CUMAs assigned to foreign patrols will have knowledge of the language concerned.

LNO will keep in touch, at any time, with his/her assigned patrol from the moment it arrives at General Morillo Base up until it leaves. (Every LNO will have a corporate cell phone to fulfill his/her mission, and a thorough knowledge of the present Rules as well as of the rest of the OPORD of the Competition).

## Article 4. Registration.

Requests for registration will be made through one of the following ways:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From now on, the term "patrol member" will be used in the present Competition Rules to include the patrol leader.
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- o Email, sending a message to the e-address <u>cg-brilat@et.mde.es.</u>
- SIMENDEF throught the LNO, sending a message/fax to the telegraphic address GEBRILAT.

The subject of the message must read: CONCURSO DE PATRULLAS TUY-SANTIAGO 2024.

Requests for registration must be sent no earlier than 16FEB24 and no later than 24MAY24.

All blanks on the request form must be filled out; otherwise, the request will not be processed.

Definitive registration of teams, with confirmation of team members' names, will be formalized during the Previous Meeting, the day before the Competition begins.

Teams can enroll alternate patrol members but, once registrations have been formalized according to the above paragraph, no changes will be allowed. If any patrol member had to abandon the Competition, the related provisions of the present Rules would be observed.

# Article 5. Certificates.

During the Previous Meeting, to be held the day before the Competition begins, the patrol leader must hand in the following certificates:

- Medical certificates of patrol members finally registered.
- Certificate, signed by the unit commander, (1 per patrol) attesting that the
  patrol members finally registered are able to manage with ease in the aquatic
  environment and that they have carried out rappelling training (rappelling only
  in the AZOR category).

## Article 6. Dress code

All members of a patrol must wear identical uniforms.

- Uniform. Standard-issue combat uniform provided through the relevant armed service's supply chain. It will include: trousers, jacket, undershirt, bonnie hat and regulation insignia and tags. Wearing technical clothing-in the same general color of the combat uniform - under the trousers and jacket is allowed.
- Boots. Lace up half boots. Their shape and colour must have a regulation appearance and every patrol member must wear the same model. Trekking footwear is not allowed.
- During the Previous Meeting, the Competition Staff will provide each patrol



with reflective backpack covers, which will be mandatorily worn by all patrol members.

- At all checkpoints and reporting spots established for patrols during the tour, all uniformity and policy measures of the patrol shall be taken into account and penalized not to comply with by any of the patrol in accordance with Annex I.
- Parade at Plaza del Obradoiro: patrols will fall in with their respective Regimental Colours. In case of two patrols belonging to the same unit are participating, one of them will carry the Regimental Colours. Unit specific headwear is allowed. Standard-issue boots are mandatory and all members of the patrol must wear the same model. The patrols will attend the parade without equipment or weapons. The parade will be hold the day after to the trial start at Plaza del Obradoiro, date and specific tasks will be determined.

# Article 7. Weapons and equipment.

All members of a patrol must carry identical weapons and equipment.

- Individual weapon<sup>2</sup>. The regulation 5.56 NATO rifle/carbine in use by the respective armed service, and two (2) magazines without ammunition (one of them will be permanently attached to the weapon, except during the Marksmanship Trial). Every patrol member will carry the same weapon during the entire Competition, including the Precision Shooting Trial. The magnification of the sight cannot be higher than x1.5.
- Equipment. The standard-issue backpack provided through the relevant armed service's supply chain. Assault packs are allowed. All members must carry the same model. At any moment of the Competition, the minimum weight of the backpack, including its content, will be 7 kg<sup>3</sup>.
- Ammunition will be provided by the Competition Staff. Patrols belonging to foreign armed services are allowed to bring their own.
- Backpack content. Backpack must contain, at the very least, the following items necessary for the different Trials:
  - ✓ Obstacle Course (sneakers).
  - ✓ Precision Shooting (ear plugs)
  - ✓ Rappelling (gloves).
  - ✓ River Crossing (swimsuit and watertight bag). The latter must be brought by the patrol itself).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In case any unit needs, BRILAT provide weapons and AMMO or any other gear, requested when send registration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This fact can be verified during any time of testing by the organization.



- All along the Itinerary: The aforementioned backpack covers must be properly placed and worn along the entire course.
- Forbidden equipment. Flippers, trekking poles or items explicitly forbidden by other articles of the present Rules are not allowed as part of the equipment.

## Article 8. Previous Activities.

During <u>24JUN24</u> the reception plan will be carry out including the following actions:

- ✓ Store the weapons at Base Armory.
- ✓ Participants' accommodation.
- ✓ Previous activities schedule to all patrols.

The following actions will be carried out during <u>25JUN24</u>:

- ✓ Definite registration of participants.
- ✓ Handing in of certificates (in accordance with the Reception Plan).
- ✓ Documentation management for the granting of the "Compostela" (in accordance with the Reception Plan).
- ✓ Training (Shooting, rappelling and obstacles course) for patrols.
- ✓ Delivery of equipment to organization members in order to be available in rest areas.
- ✓ Training in rappelling practices will be provided at General Morillo Base during the day before to the start of the trial, only for patrols stationed outside this base.
- ✓ Patrol leaders and delegates meeting will held with the following agenda:
  - ✓ Description of the different Trials.
  - ✓ Drawing for the starting sequence.
  - ✓ Handing out of backpack covers (to be returned once the Competition ends').
  - ✓ Health advices.
- ✓ Welcome speech of BRILAT Commander.

## 26-27JUN24. Tuy-Santiago competition.

<u>27JUN24</u> during the afternoon, award ceremony.

# Article 9. SPORTIDENT y TRACCAR

Before the Competition begins, at Tuy, every patrol will be provided with one (1) SPORTIDENT card and a Cell phone with TRACCAR app inside that must be kept by the patrol until the end of the Competition. In the AZOR category these assets



must be passed from one patrol to another in the relays.

The time required by the patrol to complete each Leg or Trial of the Competition will be logged into the SPORTIDENT. The Competition Staff will have an alternate means of control, which will consist of scorecards individualized by Trial and patrol. At the end of each Trial, the patrol leader will sign the specific scorecard.

The TRACCAR APP will allow the organization locate all patrols during the competition.

# Article 10. Starting sequence

During the Previous Meeting, there will be a drawing for the starting sequence of patrols.

The start time of the first patrol and the interval between patrols will be set by the Competition Staff.

# Article 11. Previous training

The day before the Competition begins, those patrols belonging to units others than the BRILAT's stationed in Pontevedra will be able, if so wish, to train in the shooting range and in the obstacle course. To that end, the patrols concerned will include their intention to train in the registration request; the Competition Staff will, in turn, facilitate such training which, nevertheless, will be subject to schedule and facility availability.

## Article 12. POC

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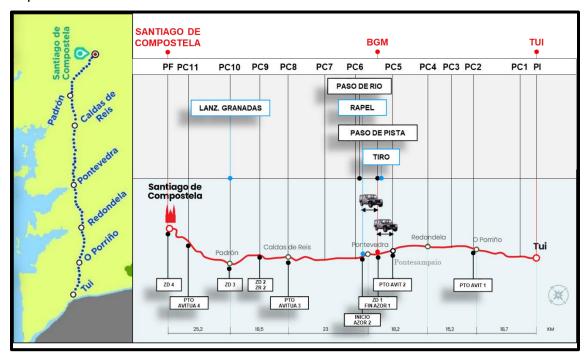


## <u>SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPETITION.</u>

## **CHAPTER 1. GENERAL ASPECTS.**

## **Article 13. Competition Course.**

Competition track as sawn as follow:



# "AZOR" Category

The Competition consists of completing a course of about 120 km (from now on: the Competition Course) divided into three (3) legs along the so called Camino Portugués. At the beginning of each leg there will be a relay point. In each leg there will be, at least; one trial. All the seven Trials are described in this document.

The legs are as follows:

- ✓ LEG 1: Tuy-BGM (Aprox. 47 Km). This leg includes the Marksmanship Trial and the Obstacle Course. It could include the entire or a part of the Land Navigation Trial (a compass must be carried).
- ✓ LEG 2: Puente Monteporreiro O Pino (Km 90 N550) (Aprox. 36 Km). This leg includes the trials of Rappeling and River Crossing. It could include the entire or a part of the Land Navigation Trial (a compass must be carried)
- ✓ LEG 3: O Pino (Km 90 N550) Santiago (Aprox 37 Km). In this leg are included the Grenade Throwing Trial.



Along the Main Course, besides the aforementioned Trial stations, there will be Check Points, Provisioning Stations and Resting Areas.

# "COMPOSTELA" Category

The Competition consists in completing a course of about 120 km along the so called "Camino Portugués", punctuated by six (6) stations. On each one of these stations a Trial will take place. All the six Trials are described in this document.

Along the Competition Course, besides the aforementioned Trial stations, there will be Check Points, Provisioning Stations and Resting Areas.

In both Categories, the Competition Staff reserves the right to modify or neutralize some Legs of the Competition Course out of safety or other reasons. Information on such modifications, if any, will be provided during the Previous Meeting.

# Article 14. Marking

The course is marked by yellow arrows, which are the official marking of the Camino de Santiago. Additionally, the Competition Staff will mark those spots where the direction to take is unclear, as well as the above mentioned modifications to the original course.

In any case, keeping on the right track will be solely the patrol's responsibility.

# Article 15. Aids to navigation

No aids to navigation of any kind (watches or cell phones with global positioning or mapping systems, etc.) will be allowed during land navigation trials. The fact of carrying any of such devices will be grounds for penalty, the use of compass will be permitted, though. The organization will provide a bag to the patrols to keep all navigation systems and this bag will be seal during navigation trials.

#### Article 16. Start and Finish Points

The start point of the Competition is the wharf of Tuy village (Pontevedra). The finish point is the Plaza del Obradoiro (Santiago de Compostela) where the patrols will be neutralized.

# Article 17. Relays

## "AZOR" Category

The relays will be performed in the following locations:

✓ RELAY 1: There will be no contact between the patrols. Once the patrol that
is performing LEG 1 has arrived to Pontesampaio check point, Competition
Staff will activate the next patrol which will perform the Rappelling Trial



located on Monteporreiro Bridge. The other patrols will perform the trial after the first patrol. The execution sequence will be the patrols order of passage through the Check point located in Redondela.

The Sportident card and the TRACCAR cell phone will be duplicated, therefore it will not be necessary hand over them.

✓ RELAY 2: O Pino (Km. 90 N550). There will be a physical relay between the second and the third patrols.

#### Article 18. Check Points

Check Points (PC). Their purpose to control the movement of patrols and to report any occurrence that might affect the regular progress of the Competition. Every patrol is obliged to pass through these fixed points and punch their Sportident cards at the Sportident stations installed in each PC. There will be one PC every 10 km, approximately. At those Check Points could coincide with a Provisioning Station.

If the Competition Staff deemed it necessary, mobile check points might also be established for a photographic record of the passing of patrols.

Check Points location will be detailed during the Previous Meeting.

# Article 19. Provisioning Stations

Provisioning Stations (PAV). Four (4) Provisioning Stations will be established along the course. Basic foodstuff (water, energy-rich food and fruit) and medical care will be available at them. Their precise location will be specified during the Previous Meeting. At these points each patrol will necessarily be neutralized for 10 minutes.

Patrol's delegate is allowed to provide any kind of provisioning (water, energy-rich food and fruit....) only IVO provisioning stations, check points, trials or resting areas.

Alcohol is forbidden.

## Article 20. Time to complete the Competition Course.

The time to complete the Competition course is conditioned by the time of usage of the streets of Santiago de Compostela, the possibilities of competition control, the visibility of the arrival of the teams in the Plaza del Obradoiro and the later awards ceremony.

It is for these reasons that a maximum time to complete each leg has been stablished. In both categories the fact of no completing each leg within the maximum stablished



time will carry a penalization (ANNEX I).

The sum of the partial times of each leg will be the total maximum time in the competition as mentioned in the next article. To exceed the total maximum time will carry the disgualification of the competition.

The competition Staff could modify the times if necessary. In this case the teams will be opportunely informed.

## Article 21. Partial times

# "AZOR" Category

- The maximum time to complete the Leg between the start line and the Pontesampaio (46 km approx.) is ten (10) hours.
- The maximum time to complete the Leg between the end of the River Crossing Trial and O Pino (34 km approx.) is seven and a half (07h30min) hours.
- The maximum time to complete the Leg between O Pino and the start of the Grenade Throwing Trial (next to Ulla River IVO Padrón 9km approx.) is two (2) hours.
- The maximum time to complete the Leg the finishing of the Grenade Throwing Trial and Santiago de Compostela (Alameda 28 km approx.) is six hours and a half (6h30min)
- The Maximum time to complete the course is 26 hours (neutralized time not included).

# "COMPOSTELA" Category.

- The maximum time to complete the Leg between the start line and the Pontesampaio (46 km approx.) is ten (10) hours.
- The maximum time to complete the Leg between the end of the River Crossing Trial and and the start of the Grenade Throwing Trial (next to Ulla River IVO Padrón 42 km approx.) is ten (10) hours.
- The maximum time to complete the Leg between the rest area located in Padrón and Santiago de Compostela (28 km approx.) is seven (7) hours. The time will star when the patrol reach the official Camino trail after the compulsory rest period finishing.
- The Maximum time to complete the course is 27 hours (neutralized time not included).



# Article 22. Schedule for the River Crossing Trial

"COMPOSTELA" category patrols will conduct the River Crossing immediately after having reported to the Trial Judge.

## Article 23. Neutralizations

Neutralization is defined as the time in which a patrol remains stationary by decision of the Competition Staff. The patrol will be informed of neutralizations by the Competition Staff and they will be logged into the SportIdent.

The Competition Staff will have an alternate method to monitor the above mentioned neutralizations. The time the patrol remains stationary under its own criterion will not be counted as neutralization.

Within each one of the stations, a properly marked spot will be established beyond which the Competition Staff might neutralize a patrol.

Neutralizations will enter into effect in the order the patrols arrive at the aforementioned spot. A patrol will not be neutralized unless all its members have arrived to the spot.

## Article 24. Trials

Seven (7) trials will be carried out along the Competition Course in the order the Competition Staff decides.

- Land Navigation (the course of this trial will be determined along the way and kept secret).
- Grenade Throwing (Ulla River IVO Padrón).
- Marksmanship Trial (General Morillo Base).
- Rappelling (Monteporreiro Bridge only AZOR Category).
- Obstacle Course (General Morillo Base).
- Speed March.
- River Crossing (Lerez River).

Any trial could be affected by sun light. Therefore, patrol leader should be taking in account Competition course timing and trials location.

The organization staff will try to reduce the impact of lack of light on trials.

# Article 25. Risk Management.

Brigade "Galicia" VII, as organizational unit, will set up a Race control Center in order to monitor the race, the patrols and the different trials. In addition, this center handle medical services and security to provide support to any patrol along the way.



Moreover, all foreign patrols will receive a force Protection and Risk Management presentation the previous day in order to explain any potential risk and to solve questions about the race, the medical assistance, security and cultural awareness.

## **CHAPTER 2. TRIALS DESCRIPTION**

# **Article 26. Land Navigation**

The Land Navigation Trial will comprise three (3) different courses. On each one of them, participants will have to find two control points marked by orienteering signposts. There will be referees at every control point to solve any problem that may arise.

Patrols will start by their strict order of arrival to the starting point of the Trial.

The time required to complete the trial- which will establish each patrol's scorewill be counted from the moment a patrol receives the necessary documents to carry out the first leg.

- There will be two legs to be covered with the aid of an aerial photograph: these
  will be marked on the photograph by means of a circle; the patrol must head
  for the center of it.
- There will be two legs to be covered with the aid of a map: the orienteering signposts will stand right at the center of each circle marked on the map.
- There will be two legs to be covered with the aid of a compass: the patrol will be given an envelope containing a bearing (in mils, degrees and grads) and a distance. No maps are allowed to cover these legs.

The Competition Staff will decide the order in which the three courses must be covered. At every signpost the patrol must punch its SportIdent. At the time of punching, the patrol must be complete, which means that the time between the first patrol member and the last one cannot exceed 30 seconds.

Patrols must respect private properties as well as the environment.

300 meters before the start of a course, a controller will warn the patrols of its proximity.

# Article 27. Grenade Throwing

The zone of the Trial will be defined by an entry line and a throwing area.

- The entry line will mark the activation of neutralizations, if necessary. The line will be drawn on the ground and separate from the throwing area.
- The throwing area of each patrol will be defined by:



- ✓ Waiting station: located two meters away from the throwing station and indicated by a lime mark on the ground.
- ✓ Throwing station: it will consist of a breastwork, roughly 1.25 m high, from which the patrol members will throw the grenades.

There will be more than one throwing station within the throwing area.

At the arrival of a patrol to the entry line, a Referee will assign it a throwing station. In case there is none available at that time, the patrol would be neutralized for as short a time as possible.

Had a patrol to be neutralized, it would remain at the entry line until it was assigned a throwing station. Once assigned a throwing station, the patrol leader will present the patrol to the referee and give out its name.

The trial will consist in the throw of five (5) grenades, of the same type and model, by each patrol member; no matter if the patrol member is man or woman. The type to be used will be in accordance with the official rules of Military Pentathlon, i.e., grenades with a weight of 600 grams, ±50 grams.

Each patrol will have a maximum of 5 minutes IOT each patrol member throw his/her five grenades.

Grenades will be thrown against a circle of 4 meters in diameter- with a red flag in the middle-, located at a distance of 25 meters.

Once the first patrol member is in the throwing station, the Trial time will start counting at the moment the Referee authorizes the first throw. Then, the remaining patrol members will throw their grenades consecutively.

All patrol members, but the one performing the throw, will stay in the waiting station.

If the red flag fell down because of the impact of a grenade, the patrol leader might ask to stand it upright again; bearing in mind that the time taken by this operation will not be neutralized.

While performing the throw, a patrol member must carry his/her weapon. Backpack might be placed on the ground, though.

Touching the breastwork during the throw will not be penalized.

Only those grenades impacting inside the circle or on its outline will score. A grenade cannot be thrown until the previous one has touched the ground. The Referee will announce out loud the result of each throw with the words DENTRO (IN) or FUERA (OUT).

Each patrol will use the time it deems fitting to complete this Trial.



# Article 28. Marksmanship Trial

The Precision Shooting Trial will be carried out with the standard issue weapon of each patrol and the trial will be performed at 200m shooting range of General Morillo Base. The magnification of its sight cannot be higher than x 1.5. No accessories can be added, or modifications made, to the weapon'.

The use of a gun sling different than the regular one will be allowed in order to carry the weapon more comfortably and to apply better "hasty sling" techniques.

The Trial zone will be defined by an entry line and a shooting area.

- The entry line will mark the re start of first part time (patrol have been neutralized from Pontes ampaio). It will be marked by a line on the ground and separate from the shooting area.
- The shooting area will be made up of:
  - ✓ Waiting Area, where patrol can do weapon maintenance. This time
    is not neutralized.
  - ✓ Shooting Line. Patrols will access the Shooting Line in order of arrival and at the command of the Shooting Line chief. Access to the Line will be limited to patrol members and delegate.

The Trial will consist in shooting 10 rounds, within one minute's time, against a target half a meter in size and at a distance of 100 meters. Shooters must be in prone position with no additional support for the weapon.

Ammunition will be provided in two magazines holding five (5) rounds each, so that the shooter has to replace the magazine once during the Trial.

The one-minute time will start counting from the acoustic signal, which will come after the patrol leader has indicated to the Shooting Line chief that the patrol is ready for shooting, with the second loaded magazine on the blanket.

When 57 seconds have passed from the start of the Trial, an acoustic signal three (3) seconds long will mark its finish. No shot will be made after this finish acoustical signal.

"Hasty sling" techniques are allowed, although not mandatory. A blanket will be laid for each shooter. Shooters will occupy the blankets in the order the patrol leader considers appropriate.

Rolling up the jacket sleeves and taking the headwear off will be allowed. The Trial will be carried out in the order of arrival of patrols.

In the Waiting Area, cleaning implements and gun oil will be at the patrols disposal



to prepare their weapons before the Trial.

No shooting clothes or devices (shooting jacket, elbow pads, etc.) Intended to ease the Trial conditions will be allowed.

Swapping weapons with other shooter during the Trial is not allowed. It will be considered a serious safety breach.

Once the one-minute time is over, the patrol leader will issue the necessary orders so that weapons are left on the blanket, with the breech open and facing up, and without the magazines; ready to be inspected by the Competition Staff.

After the inspection by the Competition Staff, the patrol leader will order the patrol to leave the Shooting Line.

The Score Control Area will be placed inside a tent where the count of points will be carried out. Patrol delegates will be allowed to access the tent for information.

#### Article 29. Obstacle course

The Trial zone will be comprised of an entry line and a course area.

- The entry line will mark the start of neutralizations, if necessary. It will be marked by a line on the ground and separated from the Obstacle Course start point. In order for a patrol to be neutralized, all patrol members must be present.
- The course area consists of:
  - ✓ Waiting Area. Patrols will ready themselves to perform the Trial. The
    dress code will be:
    - Without headdress.
    - Without backpack.
    - With combat uniform.
    - With sneakers.
  - ✓ Obstacle Course.

The Trial will be carried out in accordance with RE7-00710, Chapter 4, and page 3. With the following special provisions:

- The development of the Trial will be agile. To that end, there will be as many timekeepers for every patrol members.
- There will be no minimum time to complete it.
- Patrol members will perform it in pairs (mixed pairs, man-woman, are allowed).



- The members of a pair are allowed to help one another along the Course.
- Both men and women will have to overcome the same obstacles. There will be no specific aids.
- Once the referee gives the start signal to a pair, the start signal to the next one will be given at the moment the preceding pair has overcome ObstacleNo. 3 (Trip Wire). The starting order will be observed all along the Trial and therefore passing the preceding pair is strictly forbidden.
  - Once the last patrol member has crossed the finish line, the patrol leader will register it at the SportIdent station that will be carried by a Competition Staff member.

The members of a pair may support one another to overcome the different obstacles. However, once a member of the pair has overcome an obstacle, he/she is not allowed to come back and support his/her partner, though.

Had a patrol an odd number of members- due to the retirement of some of them by any reason-, the patrol leader would appoint one member to perform the Trial by his/herself.

Obstacle No. 12 (Four Steps of Beams) is excluded of the Trial for safety reasons.

In case of adverse weather conditions, the Competition Staff might exclude of the Trial the following Obstacles: No. 1 Rope Ladder, No.8 Sloping Wall with Rope and No. 16 Vertical Ladder.

The Trial will be held in the assault course of the General Morillo Base.

In order to ensure that the Course is in the best possible conditions, before a patrol starts the Trial the Competition Staff will look after:

- The tension of the Rope Ladder. In case it is slackened, the Competition Staff will tighten it by means of the turnbuckles at the bottom of it.
- Cleaning the pavement of the tunnel at Obstacle No. 11 (Tunnel and Twin Beams). Dirt will be removed. The inside of the tunnel might be sprinkled with talcum powder to ease the conditions of the obstacle.
- Raking sandboxes to fluff them up, particularly at Obstacle No. 1 Rope Ladder, No. 4 Network of Wire, No. 8 Sloping Wall with Rope, No. 13 Banquette and Pit, No. 15 Pit and No. 16 Vertical Ladder.

# Article 30. Rappelling (AZOR Category)

The Trial will take place at the bridge connecting the towns of Monteporreiro and Lerez (Pontevedra).



All patrol members will have to perform this Trial with full equipment, secured by a climbing harness or a diaper sling and a locking carabiner. Patrol members will be supervised and secured by a qualified military mountaineer from the Competition Staff.

This Trial intends to test the patrol members' ability to pass semi-permanent installations to overcome obstacles that any military unit might come across in combat.

This trial is neutralized, for security reasons. In the trial two zones will be enabled:

- Waiting area, where the patrols will be equipped with the material provided by the organization and will proceed to place the rifle in the backpack, having to keep the rifle perfectly secured.
- Rappelling zone, where three lines will be enable. Summary of materiel provided by the Competition Staff:
  - Climbing ropes.
  - Carabiners.
  - Descenders.
  - Climbing harnesses.
  - Helmets.

Patrol members will have 5 minutes max. To outfit themselves with that material.

Only the patrol can enter in the rappel zone. Delegates will remain in the waiting area.

Once the Trial referee has checked and approved the rappelling installation and the proper disposition of individual equipment, the patrol member will start the 25 meters descent.

When the last patrolman finishes the rappel, competition time will restart by passing Sportident device through indicated point that is under the bridge. At this moment, the patrol stops being neutralized and begins to count the time of the second section.

If necessary, for security reasons, the organization may change the way of conducting the trail. In the same way, if the organization considers that a patrolman is not in physical condition or is not qualified to do the rappelling, he will be removed from the rappel zone. The patrolman will be disqualified as contained in the tables in Annex I.

## **Article 31. Speed March**

One timed course on a secret spot will be carried out on a noticeably flat terrain. The exact length of the leg will be 3.1 km.



It will be communicated during the Previous Meeting.

The time scored by the patrol will be that of its last patrol member to cross the finish line.

The patrol must stick together along the whole Trial. Patrol members will carry full individual equipment and weapon throughout the Courses.

The Competition Staff might modify or exclude any of the legs for safety reasons. Likewise, it will be entitled to force a patrol member to leave the Trial if so recommended by the medical service.

# Article 32. River crossing

The Trial will take place over the Lerez River, in the vicinity of Pontevedra.

This Trial tests the ability to overcome natural obstacles without the support of auxiliary assets.

The Trial consists in swimming across a river with full equipment excluding weapons (rifle/carbine and magazines), which will be transported to the other river bank by support vehicles.

All patrol members will perform this Trial in neoprene wetsuits provided by the Competition staff.

During the crossing, each patrol member will carry his/her full equipment (excluding weapon) inside a watertight bag.

The crossing must be made by the whole patrol at once. Time will be counted from the moment the patrol punches its Sportident on one bank of the river, until the moment it punches it on the opposite bank, once all patrol members and their equipment are reunited out of the water.

An element from the Competition Staff will receive the patrols on the starting bank. Patrol members will place their weapons in a vehicle that will transport them to the other bank, where they will remain in the custody of a staff member who will hand them back to the patrol leader once the Trial is over.

The Competition Staff will take the patrol to the locker room where each patrol member will be provided with a neoprene wetsuit.

From the moment a patrol has received the items mentioned above, it will have 12 minutes to be back at the locker room entrance, ready to start the Trial. Any delay over the 12 minutes limit will be penalized.

On the first bank, a referee who will give the start signal to the patrols. Then, the patrol leader will have to punch the SportIdent under the supervision of the



referee.

Once the whole patrol, with all its equipment, is reunited at the opposite bank, the patrol leader will be allowed to punch the Sportident to stop the timer and finish the Trial. This procedure will be supervised by a referee.

Then, the patrol will be taken again to the locker room where it will have five minutes to give the neoprene wetsuits back to the Competition Staff.

When the patrol is ready to resume the Competition, it will receive a sketch map indicating the itinerary to return to the Competition Course (this itinerary will be marked by Competition Staff members).

If the organization recovers some patrolman from the water with difficulties crossing the river, it will be disqualified according to what is contained in the tables in Annex I.

# **SECTION III: SCORES**

# **Article 33. General Ranking**

The general ranking of patrols will be the result of adding up the scores obtained in the partial ranking of the different Trials, plus the bonuses obtained for five fastest patrols, minus the penalties set out by the present Rules.

To figure out the general ranking, the following issues must be transformed into points:

- Ranking of the different Trials.
- Bonuses.
- Penalties.

The points obtained from the ranking of the different Trials are specified in Annex I to the present Rules.

Annex I will be the basis on which a computer tool calculates automatically the points obtained by each patrol. Such computer tool is meant for the exclusive use of the Competition Staff.

- Ranking of the different Trials. In case of a tie for a place in the ranking of a
  Trial, the tied patrols will receive the points specified for that place.
  Depending on the number of tied patrols, the remaining places of the ranking
  might be left unfilled. For instance:
  - ✓ Patrol fist in the ranking 890 points.
  - ✓ Patrol second in the ranking 870 points.



- ✓ Patrol second in the ranking 870 points.
- ✓ Patrol third in the ranking 830 points.
- ✓ Patrol fourth in the ranking 810 points.
- General ranking. In the event of a tie for a place of the general ranking, the times invested by patrols to complete the main course will take into account. Even so, the draw will be broken in favor of:
  - ✓ 1º: The patrol who has obtained the lowest time to complete grenade launch-Plaza del Obradoiro.
  - √ 2º: The patrol who has obtained the lowest time to complete river crossing-O Pino.
  - √ 3º: The patrol who has obtained the lowest time to complete the Tuy-Pontesampaio.
  - √ 4º: The patrol who has obtained the lowest time to complete land navigation trial.
  - ✓ 5°: The patrol who has obtained the lowest time to complete speed march trial.

# Article 34. Scoring Trials

Patrols can score depending on the results they obtained in the following Trials:

- Land Navigation.
- Grenade Throwing.
- Marksmanship Trial.
- Obstacle Course.
- Timed Courses (which will count as a single leg by adding up the times invested in both).
- River Crossing.

Bonuses could be obtained in case that any patrol finished the Competition course being one of the three fastest patrols.

# Article 35. Partial ranking system

- a) Land Navigation
  - Patrols will be ranked in order from lowest to longest time spent to complete the trial. Bonus of points will be given IAW this criteria.
- b) Grenade Throwing.
  - Number of grenades impacting inside the circle at 25 m.



- c) Marksmanship.
  - The ranking of this trial will be obtained from the three/four performances of each patrol.
- d) Obstacle Course.
  - Patrols will be ranked in order from lowest to longest time spent to complete the trial. Bonus of points will be given IAW this criteria.
- e) Speed March.
  - Teams will be rewarded for position steps based on the time spent conducting the course.
- f) River Crossing.
  - The ranking will be obtained from the time invested by the patrol as a whole.
  - Disqualifications may exist if the organization has to remove a patrol member from the water when observing the lack of aquatic ease during the overcoming of the obstacle.
- g) Rappelling (Only AZOR Category).
  - Since evaluating and ranking the results of this Trial would be subjective and in order to prevent that a hasty performance might affect safety, there will not be any bonus.
  - Disqualifications may exist if the organization has to remove a patrol member because it is unable to pass the trial o for security reasons.
- h) Competition Course total time.
  - The five (5) fastest teams in completing the course will receive bonuses.

## Article 36. Committee

Before the release of the final ranking, it will be reviewed by a Committee.

In the event that a decision had to be made on an issue not envisaged in the present Rules, the Committee would establish a voting system, which must grant the Chairman a casting vote in the case of a tie.

Once the Committee has convened and made a decision, it will be irrevocable and cannot be appealed against by any participant patrol.

# Article 37. Disqualifications.

a) Disqualification of patrol members:



- Performance of the Rappelling Trial is compulsory for all participants. Thus, any patrol member who does not perform it will be disqualified. Likewise, that patrol member who -once authorized by the Trial referee- fails to complete it in less than five (5) minutes, will be disqualified.
- Performance of the River Crossing Trial is compulsory for all participants. That patrol member that fails to complete it will be disqualified.
- Obstacle Course. The failure of a patrol member to overcome an obstacle will mean his/her disqualification.

# b) Disqualification of patrols:

- Precision Marksmanship Trial. Serious breach of safety rules.
- The first aim of the Competition is the evaluation of the patrol as a team, therefore the retirement of more than a patrol member, no matter the reason, will mean the disqualification of the patrol.
- Loss of the SportIdent and/or the cell phone with TRACCAR app inside.
- Receiving transportation support by assets other than those belonging to the Competition Staff.
- Receiving equipment support and/or supply from sources other than the Competition Staff's.
- Receiving food and/or drink from personnel who do not belong to the Competition Staff. Hygienic, medical or food/drink stuff procured by the patrol itself at public facilities is excluded of this rule.

The Competition Staff will assess other actions not envisaged in the present Rules which are clearly against the spirit thereof, in order to take the proper measures.

The instructions issued by the referees must be strictly observed. If a patrol member failed to do so, he/she would receive a first warning and a penalty. A second warning would entail the disqualification of the whole patrol.

If external medical care was required, it would be instantly and mandatorily communicated to the Competition Staff. Only the military physician is entitled to report whether the participant involved is fit to return to the Competition. The Competition Staff will make the final decision based on such medical report.

# Article 38. Return of materiel to the Organization Staff.

Right after the end of the Competition, the patrol leader must return to the Organization Staff (the backpack covers, the armbands, cell phone, charger and the sportident pin) as soon as possible. The spot where the stuff have to be delivered



is BRILAT HQ operations room. Otherwise, penalties and disqualifications set out by Article 35 and Annex I, chapter III, will be applied.

Pontevedra, february 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.
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# ANNEX I TO COMPETITION RULES

# **Chapter 1. POINT TRANSFORMATION TABLE.**

All patrols will begin the Competition with a score of **1.200 points**.

## **Competition Course.**

The five fastest patrols will be awarded with bonuses according to the next table:

- PATROL 1: 150 points.
- PATROL 2: 110 points.
- PATROL 3: 80 points.
- PATROL 4: 60 points
- PATROL 5: 50 points

# **Chapter 2. TRIAL SCORE TABLE**

All patrols will score in the trials and every patrol member will contribute the final patrol score.

It is recalled that the Rappelling trial will not score out of safety reasons.

	PRECISION SHOOTING - GRENADE THROWING - OBSTACLE COURSE - RIVER CROSSING - FOOT ORIENTEERING - TIMED COURSE										
POSITION TENS	The first position (got by the fastest patrol) equals 810 points.  For every position under the first one 20 points are subtracted in the table.										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
0		890	870	850	830	810	790	770	750	730	
1	710	690	670	650	630	610	590	570	550	530	
2	510	490	470	450	430	410	390	370	350	330	
3	310	290	270	250	230	210	190	170	150	130	
4	110	90	70	50	30	10					



# **Chapter 3. PENALTY TABLE PENALTIES**

Action	Penalty
A patrol fails to follow the marked course on the St. James Way	750 points
Retirement or disqualification of one patrol member	500 points
For every qualifying trial not performed by the entire patrol.	300 points
Dress code violations. Failure to wear or carry, at any moment of the Competition, any of the regulation garments, items of equipment or weapon.  Reports at every check point, dress code policy rules included: Dress code violations include unfastened buttons on jacket and rolled up jacket sleeves or pants covering boots. failure to carry and/or wear properly the rucksack cover and/or the armband, at any moment of the Competition (this penalty will be applied every time it is noticed)	
Failure to produce a garment or a piece of equipment when requested at any of the existing Check Points	100 points
Wearing sport/trekking footwear	650 points
Rucksack weight lower than 7 kg  • Between 6-7 kg  • Between 5-6 kg  • Below 5 kg	For each 100 g 10 points 20 points 50 points
Foot Orienteering Trial. Failure to find a control point.	40 points
Foot Orienteering Trial. Punching when the patrol is still incomplete.	20 points
Failure to return rucksack covers and armbands once the Competition is through.	100 points per item not returned
Failure to follow the instructions of a Trial referee.	25 points
Grenade Throwing Trial. Throwing a grenade before the previous one has touched the ground.	Disallows the impact of that grenade
Precision Shooting Trial.  Minor safety breach during or at the end of the trial.	Disallows the best impact
Precision Shooting Trial. Target with more than ten (10) impacts	impacts above the tenth one
Precision Shooting Trial. Weapon sight with magnification higher than x1.5	100 points per weapon



River Crossing Trial. Exceeding the 12 minutes' limit to fix the outfit at the start river bank, and/or the 5 minutes' limit to return it at the finish river bank	• 30-second fractions: 5 points
	<ul><li>15-second fractions: 3 points</li></ul>
Carrying or using any aid-to-navigation device	100 points every time it is noticed
Exceeding the maximum time in a partial course.	• Fractions from 0′ to 30′:75 points
	• Fractions from 30' to 1
	h:150 points
	• Successively 301
	fractions: 75 points

## **GUIDELINES TO APPLY PENALTIES:**

- Every penalty must be logged into the scorecard. The entry must include the signature of the controller or trial referee and his/her identification number.
- The retirement or disqualification of a patrol member entails a penalty of 500 points. To this penalty, another one would be added up as reflected in the table, according to the number or Trials that patrol member had performed.
- The retirement or disqualification of a patrol member will not exempt the patrol from the penalties incurred by that patrol member. The patrol will not be divested of the bonus points he/she had obtained, either.
- A penalty for dress code violation will be applied to each patrol member that had committed it.
- A penalty for dress code violation will not exclude further penalties for the same reason.
- Those patrol members that at any point of the Competition Course were wearing sneakers; or had any garment of the uniform or item of the equipment left; or the weight of their rucksacks were lower than that set out in the present Rules, would be penalized. Such penalty would be applied just once per patrol member and per garment or item involved.