

## Individual Drill

**1. General Description.** Individual Drill is designed to give a sole performer the opportunity to demonstrate what can be done with a standard drill rifle. The routine begins with compulsory military moves followed by a freestyle routine of the cadet's choice. A winning performance should be crisp and military in nature, while at the same time demonstrating exceptional skill, imagination, poise, precision, balance and timing. A winning performance could range from smooth, well timed, flowing freestyle moves to one of exaggerated military stiltedness. A demonstration of strength, in itself, is not a goal of this event.

**2. Points and Awards.** The individual Drill competition is not mandatory and will not contribute toward the overall field day championship. Individual medals will be awarded for first, second and third place in the competition.

**3. Eligibility.** No more than two cadets from any unit may enter the Individual Drill Competition. Since this is a non-scoring event as far as the overall field meet totals are concerned, cadets participating in the Individual Drill Competition ONLY are not required to stand the Personnel Inspection. Instructors are cautioned to monitor this closely to ensure that "in the heat of the moment" a cadet who did not stand the PI does not participate in other events and incur penalties.

**4. Scheduling.** Participating individuals may perform on an "as available" basis until 30 minutes after the last scheduled unit finishes Pushups and Curl-ups.

**5. Uniform.** Competitors must be in proper NJROTC uniform or unit PT gear for the performance. Use of gloves, helmets, and other uniform articles permitted during team exhibition drill are also authorized for individual drill.

**6. Equipment.** Individual Drill competitors will only use NSTC issued drill rifles. NSTC guidance regarding new drill rifles (may be chromed but not painted or taped-other than sling) will be followed. However, older issued rifles may be chromed, painted, taped or modified in any way so long as the basic dimensions, arrangement, weight and balance are not altered. Use of artificial aids, displays or any equipment other than the drill rifle itself is not authorized. Use of bayonets, real or simulated, of any type is not authorized.

**7. Performance Area.** This is basically a static exhibition. All that is required is a safe area wherein the competitor will be safe from crowd interference and the crowd will be safe from a rifle should one slip from the competitor's grasp.

**8. Time** - Minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes. The compulsory should take about 2 minutes, leaving 3 to 6 minutes for an exhibition routine. The time starts when the cadet reports in and ends when reporting out.

**9. Exhibition Routine** – Refer to the attached score sheet for specific details. The only limitations on the freestyle portion of the drill routine are:

- The overall routine is to remain military in nature.

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- All moves shall be of a type that can be made safely on a routine basis, with due consideration for the demonstrated skill of the individual cadet.

- The routine shall not be designed in a way that subjects the drill rifle to undue damage. A Safety Penalty of not less than 10 points through disqualification may be awarded for unsafe practices or practices that routinely subject drill rifles to undue damage.

**10. Judging and Ties.** Two to five judges may be used to score the event. Scores for each judge shall be totaled and averaged to produce the final score for each competitor. In the event of a tie, the Senior Judge shall determine the winner. The first tiebreaker is the “**Overall Impression**”. The second tiebreaker is the “**Compulsory**”. If still tied, then 2 first places and one third should be awarded with the cadet traveling the furthest receiving the medal and the other waiting for it in the mail.