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**RFIs FROM SANDHURST COMPETITION EXTERNAL TEAM RECON 7-9 FEB 12**

Ser (a)	Team/Rep (b)	RFI (c)	Decision (e)	Remarks (f)
<b>Day 1</b>				
1	RMAS	Can West Point issue each team same med pouch requirements.	Issue the contents of the IFAK to each team that requires it, make it compulsory to carry all items. How they wear it within their own LCE is up to them.	Confirming logistics
2	8 BDE	Sights – Will everyone be using their weapons/ sights since the Australian Team has fixed sights that offer magnification. Is DMI going to provide a solution to the different weapon sights by standardising the usage of M4s across all competitors for the Marksmanship event.	Train and compete with the equipment that you have organic to your unit/academy (unless a different caliber to 5.56mm). A key outcome for this is event is the training that occurs prior to the competition, therefore, the teams must be allowed to use the equipment they would normally train and fight with. Teams are to ensure they bring their own supporting ancils and ammunition in order to compete. Any attempt to acquire additional or non standard weapons/sight contrary to what is issued by your academy will result in disqualification this will be checked.	
3	Canada	Can DMI look at alternatives of including foreign weapons systems within the Weapons events to make the strip & assemble standard for all teams.	No, the weapons systems that will be used are outlined within the training guidance and training time will be allocated to external teams during the train up week.	
4	3 BDE	Will DMI publish the exact dimensions of the Grenade Bunkers and scoring rings for the Grenade throwing event. Will we be able to train to standard during External Training week.	Yes, this is important in order to assist training. They will be published on the website.	
5	7 BDE	Will DMI provide instructors at each practice site (Weapons/TCCC/ASIP/Boat etc) during External Training Week in order to assist training	Yes, we will try to support with NCOs from Reserve then back fill with DMI only for first training session.	
6	8 BDE	Will all teams get time on the Rappel site during training before execution, If not internal team also not allowed to.	No, not at this time due to instructor availability. Continue training on Video now on website.	Confirming with DPE
7	Australia	Will DMI decide on standardising the equipment used for the Rope Bridge ie just Swiss Seat and standard 3 braided 120ft rope. If so will this be issued by West Point on arrival.	Yes please see new training guidance in Annex A concerning rope bridge site and equipment. Each team is to be given a 120ft rope brand new on arrival if they require it.	
8	3 BDE	Can we use commercial rope for rope bridge (Blue Nylon)	No unauthorized equipment other than in the training guidance.	
9	6 BDE	Is the Safety message (2006) on not using the 3 braided right hand twist (120') rope for the one-rope bridge correct.	Waiting for confirmation.	
10	5 BDE	The "safety" concern for only using one wrap around the tree, putting all the weight/stress on the karabiner	Agreed, and is written into the Manual for 4 wrap system of work.	
11	Canada	RECOMMENDED UPDATE for 2012 Competition	As per updated training guidance Annex A	

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		Manual: (ADD) Both the near and far side anchor points must be secured prior to any member moving across the rope. This does not include the first or last person crossing the water obstacle.	Rope Bridge.	
12	6 BDE	DMI needs to give direction on equipment worn for Rappel execution. Will all teams be expected/directed to wear LBE/LCE/FLIC with their Swiss seat underneath or can they be stored in the 2 Rucksacks.	All teams rappel wearing their equivalent LBE with Swiss seat underneath, Rubber Duck slung and rucksack on if you have one.	Confirming with DPE
13	2 BDE	Who will make the final judgement on whether a cadet fails enough attempts on each obstacle during the obstacle course event.	Each Cadet must have 3 honest attempts on an obstacle. Event cadre will asses and after three attempts will be given the penalty and asked to move on.	
14	Several Teams	Will DMI release the technical standard on how to execute the rope bridge event. Will DMI release the points/time/penalties for this event so external teams can understand and practice the standard.	No as per updated training guidance Annex A Rope Bridge.	
15	6 BDE	Is it required to layout all equipment before and after the execution of the rope bridge as part of the points for that event.	No as per updated training guidance Annex A Rope Bridge.	
16	Several Teams	When does the time start for the rope bridge event	As per updated training guidance Annex A Rope Bridge.	
17	Several Teams	Can teams have their equipment prepared before arriving at the rope bridge, does the rope have to go back into the rucksack upon completion of event and is it possible for DMI to provide some form of Video to display the standard.	You can prepare the rope, the Swiss seats must be constructed at the site, Yes the rope must go back into the rucksack upon completion and before departure from the site. No video will be produced.	
18	8 BDE	Will the external teams be allowed to draw any form of equipment during the external training week to use in the evening time within day rooms for practice. For example 240, radio, med kit.	Submit requests NLT 15 March requirements for additional equipment draws. DMI potentially to look at arms room on Camp Buckner to assist facilitation.	
19	Canada	What will be the confirmed uniform for the Land Navigation event.	Recommend individual and squad equipment as per the layout. Helmet not worn and no rifle to be carried (Kept collectively at start point in team locations).	
20	1 BDE	DMI to confirm we will complete a fair draw for start times for both days this year.	Yes, this should be conducted before day one in West Point before Day two in Camp Buckner.	
21	8 BDE	What is the exact procedure for Team compositions and substitute procedures specifically day 2.	As per updated Competition manual within Annex E point 9.	
22	3 BDE	What will be the marking system for cold/heat related casualties.	Squad Leader to indicate on team Passport any previous injury identified.	
23	PRC	What is the procedure for language translation on the MACOM Radios should the worst happen on the Land Navigation event.	Simple words of command translated onto card for foreign teams, issued before competition begins work with linguists.	

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24	2 BDE	Will DMI implement extra holding pens and prepositioned equipment on the Rappel event to speed up the inspection process.	Yes, a good idea and should incorporate pre inspected Rappel gloves 9 per inspection pen.	
25	Several Teams	What is the scoring criteria/standards for each event in detail. Specifically Rope, Rappel, TCCC, Obstacle Course	Further details will follow on some sites however most penalties will not be revealed until Squad leader reads briefing board at site.	
26	6 BDE	Would we consider some form of ladder climb up to the start of the Rappel event to assist prevent bottle neck	No, no need.	
27	8 BDE	Would DMI consider awarding the team with the best raw data at the event with the lowest score of 1 rather than 55	No, highest points wins.	
29	Canada	Gloves – Do the Cadets have to wear gloves when they are competing at the range.	No, individual/team choice. If they do not normally wear gloves IOT shoot they should not be required to wear them during the competition. Some foreign teams / Armies may not stress the use of gloves as the American Army does so we should not expect them to wear them if they are not accustomed to training / fighting that way.	
30	2 BDE	Weapons on Mechanical Safe – If a Cadet is oriented downrange and actively scanning for targets during the scenario, do they have to go to mechanical safe between the act of engaging targets.	No. The “spirit” or intent of this safety rule is to ensure that Cadets are not moving laterally within the BP with their weapons on fire. They will not be assessed a safety violation / penalty if they are stationary and scanning for targets with their weapon on fire.	
31	RMAS/Australia	How much ammunition will the Teams be allotted for the training week at Range 11.	Similar based on last years requirement, all external teams will be required to bring their own ammunition. More detail to follow on this.	
32	3 BDE	Can the Teams receive a print out of their scores during the training portion / practice exercises at Range 11.	Yes.	
33	3 BDE	Can we get barricades / non-combatant targets at Range 11 for the Teams to practice firing around obstacles (and use alternate firing positions) and practice target discrimination, respectively.	Yes barricades will be made available as it is good training.	
34	5 BDE	Can we have two firers in one lane during the practice week at Range 11 IOT enable cross-talk between personnel during the practice runs.	No range control will only authorize one firer per lane on Range 11.	
35	Australia	Do all years/MS Levels need to be represented.	Yes, or country year long equivalent.	
36	Canada	Bringing own ropes gives teams an advantage on tightness translating into faster movement, will DMI issue all external teams with the same standard of rope ie Brand new.	DMI will offer to issue a new 120ft triple braided rope as per the standard. External teams may bring their own rope providing it is the same green triple braided rope as per Annex A.	

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37	8 BDE	Prescription civilian glasses – “ballistic” vs. “Safety” what will be the final direction on eye wear.	Everyone to wear issued ballistic eye protection. S9/A5s should be acceptable however ballistic eye pro is preferred. If any team unable to comply to get in touch at the earliest. No civilian Oakley etc.	
38	3 BDE	What direction is there on Binocs, are they to be individual country ones or issued at West Point.	Checking availability in warehouse compared to issued at event. Further direction to follow.	
39	Australia	M-16 rubber ducks w/ slings, had to “make their own” last year. Will DMI be able to provide or will teams bring their own.	Yes with slings to all team members.	
40	3 BDE	Will West Point be able to support with the issue of Vans to individual teams for transportation though out the competition.	No, to arrange their own hire of personal team vans. Assistance with arrival pick up/departure only and car passes.	
41	5 BDE	Where will the External teams be allowed to park any hire vehicles etc.	North Dock Parking area. Checking to confirm availability of Cadet Passes for North Area.	
42	5 BDE	Are teams restricted to West Point after arrival. What will be the booking out procedures.	No, Team managers look after the discipline of their own teams, although must not affect Hosting COs. We also ask that external teams be professional and considerate complying to all West Point rules and standards.	
43	2 BDE	Is there a no earlier than report time. If so what is the date.	Recommend arrival is not before 0900hrs 15 Apr 12. Earlier we have no responsibility to assist with administration although could assist with weapons/equipment if necessary. Details of arrival to go to Sandhurst OIC at the earliest.	
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