

**ARTICLE 35****JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (J.R.O.T.C.)**

- 35.1 **PURPOSE** - To establish the framework for the JROTC Programs of Arizona to participate in both curricular and competitive events of a nature related to this military-oriented educational program. JROTC Programs are a partnership between their respective school districts and the specific service branch of the US Armed Forces that provides support to the program. The US Army, US Navy, US Air Force and the US Marine Corps all support JROTC Programs within the Arizona Educational Community.
- 35.2 **BASIC PHILOSOPHY** - ~~The sole purpose of competition between J.R.O.T.C. units is for the good of the participants. The competitive element shall be used constructively for the achievement of the basic educational program objective.~~ While it is a partnership, the home school district has the final word on what JROTC Programs may or may not do. All activities are to advance the JROTC mission of improving the educational success of the program's cadets. All JROTC Programs participate in curricular and competitive events, though each service branch has specific regulations that detail how programs will conduct these activities.
- 35.2.1 **Required curricular activities.** Because of service requirements, an activity that is required by the curriculum can also be a competitive event (i.e. color guards may be curricular in presenting the National Colors at a community event and competitive at a drill meet where there is judging and awards).
- 35.2.2 **Voluntary competitions.** All JROTC Programs are encouraged to participate in competitions that enhance the program's educational goals. The AIA approved activities/events are listed in paragraph 35.8 EVENTS.
- 35.3 **MEMBERSHIP** - Any JROTC ~~unit~~ **Program**, regardless of Region membership, may participate in program-related events with any or all other JROTC Programs.
- 35.4 **MEMBER SCHOOLS** - ~~Member schools may have program-related competitive events with one another without requesting approval of the AIA under the following conditions:~~
- 35.4.1 Participation in such events shall not exceed eight in number during the academic year.
- 35.4.2 Such events shall be self-funded.
- 35.4.2.1 **EXCEPTION:** AIA permission must be obtained if three or more schools are involved.
- 35.5 **ELIGIBILITY** - ~~All participants must be regularly enrolled J.R.O.T.C. cadets at a school having a J.R.O.T.C. unit and must comply with the academic requirements of the AIA.~~
- 35.4 **PARTICIPATION - Member schools may have program-related competitive events with one another under the following conditions:**
- 35.4.1 **All events involving three or more programs will be sanctioned by the AIA. Generally, these events will be submitted to the AIA during the spring semester, for inclusion in the AIA's Sanctioned Events Calendar for the next school year.**
- 35.4.2 **All participants must be regularly enrolled JROTC cadets at a school having a JROTC program and must comply with the academic requirements of the AIA.**
- 35.4.3 **The primary intent is to ensure participation by the widest number of cadets. While there may be a small number of JROTC Cadets who compete in several categories of JROTC events similar to three sport athletes, their level of participation shall not be at the exclusion of other cadets nor exceed that of other multi-sport athletes at that school.**
- 35.4.4 **JROTC events will be self-funded.**

~~35.6 SEASON~~ - The season for activities is the academic year.

~~DETERMINATION:~~ *The AIA Executive Board determined that the J.R.O.T.C. program is considered part of the curriculum of the school and that the program is under the jurisdiction of the school district governing board. All J.R.O.T.C. postal matches may be held during the school year and only members of the J.R.O.T.C. unit may participate. (Ex. Bd. 8/77)*

**35.5 SEASON** - Generally, the season for JROTC activities is the academic school year which spans all three traditional sport seasons, fall, winter, and spring. However, there are unique events that occur outside the school year, sponsored by external organizations that are curricular in nature, and are of no cost to the school district. These activities will be approved with a case-by-case evaluation by the concerned school district, and coordinated with the AIA.

**35.76 JUDGES** - Judges for competitive events will be unpaid volunteers from ~~military units or quasi-military organizations~~ that have expertise in the various skills and events being evaluated.

**35.87 AWARDS** - Awards will normally be paid for by ~~budgeted U.S. Government funds~~ JROTC funds or donated by ~~military units or quasi-military~~ Veteran/Military organizations. Awards of the following nature may be presented:

35.8.1 Rotating event trophies not to exceed ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 each in value.

35.8.2 Retained event trophies or plaques not to exceed ~~\$25.00~~ \$50.00 in value.

35.8.3 Individual awards or plaques, medals, ribbons or certificates not to exceed ~~\$40.00~~ \$25.00 each in value.

**35.98 EVENTS** - There are three main categories of JROTC events which encompass a vast area of expertise, competitive conditions, and evaluations: Drill & Ceremonies, Marksmanship, and Field Activities/Physical Fitness. These events may can be both JROTC curricular and competitive, depending on the situation and must meet the specific requirements and limitations on how their JROTC programs may participate in these areas as stipulated by each Military Service. Additionally, each Military Service stipulates minimum expectations for the number of events in each category in which a program must participate.

Any events not listed above must be approved sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. J.R.O.T.C. program-related competitive events include the following:

35.9.1 ~~Parades~~

35.9.2 ~~Close Order Drill~~

35.9.3 ~~Performance of Elementary Skills~~

35.9.4 ~~Exhibition Drill~~

35.9.5 ~~Physical Fitness~~

35.9.6 ~~Marksmanship~~

**35.8.1 Drill & Ceremonies:** Broadly, the definition of Military Drill & Ceremonies is derived from the relevant service manuals (i.e., US Army FM 3-21.5) and the Standing Operations Procedures (SOP) of each organization. Community support events (parades, presentation color guards, honor guards) are distinct from competition Drill Meets which involve judging and awards.

**35.8.2 Marksmanship:** All shooting activities fall within this area, whose relevant regulations are derived from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). Critical for all shooting activities is the teaching of safety and the maintaining of safe firing conditions.

**35.8.3 Field Activities/Physical Fitness:** This area includes activities that are the most physical in nature: Field Activities: Orienteering, Mountaineering, Leadership Reaction Courses, etc.; Physical Fitness: Fitness Tests (Presidential and Military), Running (Track and Cross Country), Team/Relay Events, etc.

**35.10 LIMITATION OF PARTICIPATION** - The limitation as to the number of events in which an individual member of a J.R.O.T.C. unit may participate is set out in Section 35.4 above.

35.10.1 Despite the preceding paragraph, individual participation in events must be drawn from the widest possible philosophy in order to preclude a small element from any J.R.O.T.C. unit from representing the unit in the majority of events.