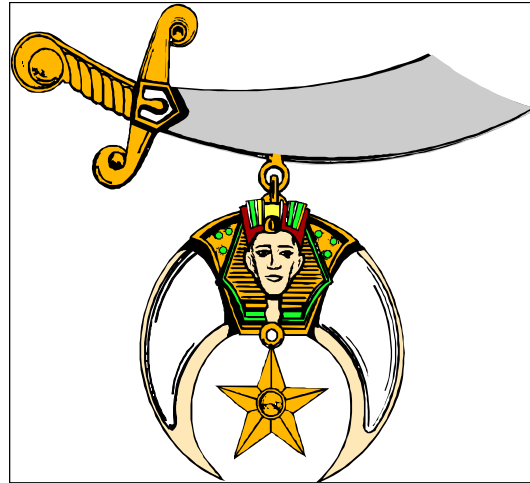


Texas Shrine Motor Patrol Association



***Rules for Judging
Competitive Drills***

2016

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Article I. – Invitation

Each Motor Patrol of the member Shrine Center of the Texas Shrine Association is urged to participate in this drill contest. The primary reason for the contest is to promote friendly and good fellowship among Motor Patrolmen, young and old and each participating Motor Patrol is assured that it will be afforded every courtesy and element of fair play.

Article II. Conduct of Competition

Section 2.01

A copy of rules and regulation governing contest and announcing time and place of TSA competition shall be mailed, e-mailed, handed out, or faxed to each Motor Patrol contact representative at least forty five (45) days prior to competition. IF REQUESTED.

Section 2.02

(a)

A diagram of the drill area on which the competitive drills will be performed will be included in the TSA program, when available. This diagram shall show size, location of the judge's stand, entrances and exits and route of ride for entering and leaving the drill area.

(b)

Two drill fields are to be used, whenever possible, both to be in close proximity. One field to be used by two-wheeled vehicles, the other by multi-wheelers. Competitions to run simultaneously to expedite completion and so that each classification will be judged without interference of other types of vehicle competition.

(c)

The drill area shall be 125x125 feet if at all possible, but in no case shall it be less than 100x100 feet. The drill area will be marked by a white boundary line 2 inches wide. It will have a center cross at the exact center with the dimensions 3 feet paralleled to the judge's stand and 3 feet perpendicular to the judges stand and each leg will be 2 inches wide, color, white. If other existing marking are white, as in the case of a parking lot, traffic safety yellow may be used in lieu of white. At one end of the drill area there shall be elevated Judge's stand with suitable public address system. (Provided by TSMMPA)

(d)

On the opposite side of the drill area there shall be an entrance and exit marked 10 feet wide each. The entrance will be on the left facing the Judge's Stand. About the entire drill area there will be a safety rope 3 feet high and 10 feet back of any boundary line.

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(e)

Selection of the drill area will be by the President or Association Officer appointed by the President and the host Shrine Center. In selection of the drill field the following will be considered.

LEVEL – Slope must not exceed 12 inches from boundary to boundary.

SURFACE – No holes, cracks, dips or slick spots.

TRACTION OF SURFACE – must safely hold motors of all classes at a speed of 30 MPH ridden in a continuous circle to within 3 feet of boundary line.

ENTRANCE AND EXIT – area must be at least 125 feet from entrance/exit field for straight-line approach to drill field.

INSPECTION AREA – sufficient area for inspection of all Units will be as close to the drill area as possible.

SAFETY AND COMFORT OF ALL SPECTATORS –Must be maintained at all cost.

Section 2.03

(a)

At least two (2) weeks prior to the drill contest, the Commanding Officer of each competing Unit is REQUIRED to certify by letter to the Association Secretary-Treasurer that each competing member of his Unit is a member in good standing in his respective Shrine Center and in his respective Unit and has paid his dues to the Association. Motor Patrolmen may drill on two different teams, but do so at their own discretion. TSMMPA will not reschedule drills to accommodate these Patrolmen. If there is a conflict, these Patrolmen must work it out on their own.

(b)

When a unit fields more than one team, the composition of each team must have at least 50% difference between the teams.⁰

Section 2.04

(a)

Class of Competition

Class I - 2-Wheeled Motorcycles 0-999cc

Class II - 2-Wheeled Motorcycles 1000cc and larger

Class III – Unbodied Multi-Wheel

Class IV – Bodied Multi-Wheel

The term “All-State” refers to the Drill Contest at the Texas Shrine Association Ceremonials. The Term “cc” designates the motor size (Cubic Centimeter) displayed or placed on the outside of the vehicle, normally on the air filter cover, by the manufacturer and not the actual motor size stamped, engraved or cast on the motor of the vehicle. The term “Multi-wheel” designates vehicles that have more than two (2) wheels per vehicle

(b)

First, Second, and Third-place trophies are to be awarded to each of the classification defined in this Article, paragraph (a). High point trophies are to be awarded to the two (2)

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wheel and Multi-wheeled competition Unit, plus overall high point, for a total of 15 trophies.

(c)

A drawing for class competition time and drawing for sequence within each class for competitive drills shall be held at the annual Mid-winter meeting. This drawing will be done by the Commanding Officer or authorized representative of each Motor Patrol Unit. Any Motor Patrol not having a representative present will be placed on the tail end of the class they compete in. Practice time will be held in the same order as competition, at a prior scheduled time.

Section 2.05

(a)

No points shall be awarded, nor penalty assessed, against any Patrol Unit for the use or non-use of officers in the drill. All men and machines inside the boundary line after the starting signal and until the final salute will be judged as part of the drill team. Men and Machines outside the boundary line shall not be so judged. No blank files will be permitted.

(b)

Officers may be used in the competitive drill with no penalty for difference in Uniform. Further, no penalty shall be assessed for type of uniform worn in competitive drill as long as they are uniform in style, except as regards of officers above. Glasses or sunglasses will not constitute a penalty.

Section 2.06

(a)

All Units will wear DOT-approved helmets on the drill pad during both practice and actual competition.¹

(b)

A maximum of Ten (10) minutes and a minimum of eight (8) minutes will be allowed Each Motor Patrol to perform its drill. Each participating Unit will be present at the scheduled time and ready to move on the field at the conclusion of the preceding Units drill. Failure to be on time will place the Unit at the end of the list of competing Motor Patrols of their class and subject the offending Unit to a five (5)-point penalty. Timing starts with the sound of the horn by the Unit representative accompanying the Drill Count Judge. Timing will cease by the same method and is thus explained

(c)

A Unit representative shall approach the Judge's stand and salute and inform concerned that his Unit is ready for competitive competition drill. He or the drill count representative will assume control of the horn. Neither the representative, the drill count

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representative or any member of the competing Unit will be allowed to use a timing device during their Unit's competition drill.

(d)

Horns will be furnished by TSMMPA with a different pitch to distinguish start and stop of the two-wheel competition pad and at the Multi-wheel competition pad. These Horns are to be used at the Drill Count Judges position, the Judges stand, or by the Unit representative.

(e)

Upon the signal ending the drill and departure of the unit from the drill field, the Unit Representative shall salute the Judges stand and retire from the drill area.

(f)

No music, drumbeats, light, sirens, props, ramps, or commentary may be used during the actual drill execution (except where required by law)

Section 2.07

No scores will be available or announced until the awards presentation. At this time, first, second, and third-place winners as well as two-wheel, multi-wheel, and overall High Point Unit winners will be announced. A permanent trophy will be awarded to each Unit.

Section 2.08

(a)

Tally sheets of each judge will be presented to each Motor Patrol Commanding Officer after presentation of awards and a copy retained for the contest committee. The President will appoint the 1st and 2nd Vice- Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer as final Judges and computing officials.

(b)

All Judges shall be furnished with proper forms to make an additional carbon copy of their original individual judging sheet for each competing Unit.

(c)

Judge's point deducted will be indicated in tenths (1/10) and the total points deducted will also be indicated in tenths (1/10).

(d)

Judges – The 1st Vice President will be HEAD JUDGE for the Men and Machines Inspection and may call upon Past Officers or members of the association to assist him. The 2nd Vice President will be HEAD JUDGE for field competition and may call upon Past Officers or members of the Association to assist him.

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Section 2.09

Each motor Patrol entering the contest MUST participate in the Ceremonial Parade with its complete competing personnel.

Section 2.10

Type of drill commands, whether silent, verbal, signal or head phones will not be considered in grading by judges

Section 2.11

(a)

Each Unit shall receive one bonus point for each maneuver performed in excess of the required four (maximum point is four) Four maneuvers must be completed. Each maneuvers less than four will be assessed a penalty of one point. Bonus Points will cease with eight maneuvers. Eight maneuvers will receive a maximum of four (4) bonus points (Example) Five maneuvers, one point. Six maneuvers, two points. Seven maneuvers three points, etc.

(b)

A maneuver is an artful change of position, originating at any point and ending at any point on the drill field. A maneuver must be performed a minimum of two (2) consecutive times and the unit may begin and end the second performance of the maneuver at a different point on the drill field than the first performance of the maneuver. The same maneuver performed in an opposite direction will not constitute a different maneuver.

(c)

In order that a complete understanding between the judge and the competing Unit, the Unit shall furnish the Judge a diagram of each individual maneuver drawn on a white piece of paper 8 ½" x 11". The individual maneuvers will be numbered in the sequence to be performed and identifying the individual maneuvers by number. Changes from one maneuver to another will not be shown on the illustrations. These sheets may be returned to the Unit representative after the drill is finished.

(d)

Each Unit will have a representative to meet with the Judges at the instruction of the "Judges Meeting" which will be held prior to the time of competition. The purpose of this meeting is to answer any Judges or Unit representative's questions. Should there be any questions as to the number of maneuvers, difference of maneuvers, or questions about Judges or drill field, this will be resolved by the majority of Unit representatives present. ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE ALTERNATE FROM EACH MEMBER UNIT WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS MEETING.

Article III. - Judging

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Section 3.01

(a)

Four (4) inspection Judges shall be used. Two (2) for inspecting Men and Machines of the Two-wheel Classes and two (2) for inspecting Men and Machines of the Multi-wheel Classes.

(b)

Two (2) Timing Judges should be used at each field in the event of a watch failure. These timekeepers will use stopwatches or suitable signal devices to assure accurate timing. One Judge will be the official timekeeper and his time used as long as his watch is operative.

(c)

One (1) Drill Count Judge shall be used at each field. Each competing Unit should furnish a representative to assist the judge in the identification of each maneuver as it is performed.

(d)

Five (5) Field Judges shall be used at each field to score according to the Instructions on the score sheet. Four (4) of these judges shall be assigned a quadrant of the field and are to move at will anywhere within that quadrant. The remaining Judge will be the Head Field Judge and shall be at liberty to move anywhere around the field to score. This Judge should know the Rules of Competition thoroughly. It is his responsibility to assemble all judges in the center of the field after judging has taken place, to discuss the ride of the competing Unit and answer any questions from the Judges pertaining to the ride. No more than two (2) judges should be within a single quadrant at the same time. HOWEVER, ALL THE FIELD JUDGES MAY SCORE THE ENTIRE FIELD.

(e)

The executive Committee computing personnel shall determine which of the five (5) field judges score sheets have the highest and lowest score. The lowest (only 1 in case of a tie) total score and highest (only 1 in case of a tie) total score shall be thrown out and the three (3) remaining total scores averaged (added together and divided by 3) to obtain the final General Effect, Riding and Maneuvering of the Unit.

Section 3.02

(a)

The attached instruction and score sheets shall be considered as part of the rules for judging competitive drills.

(b)

Any dispute of any nature will be resolved by the Executive Committee and their decision shall be final.

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Section 3.03

Class II vehicles are not required to be identical, and may be customized on an individual basis. No point will be deducted at inspection for this customization.

⁰ Mid-Winter 2013 – Team Composition Rule introduced:

When a unit fields more than one team, the composition of each team must have at least 50% difference between the teams.

¹ DOT Helmet Requirement added at Mid-Winter 2012.

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Appendix A – Summary of Changes

**REVISED 2001 AT THE TSMMPA MID-WINTER MEETING IN GARLAND
ADOPTED AT THE TSMMPA 2002 MID-WINTER MEETING IN WICHITA
FALLS.**

Mid-Winter 2012 – Inserted the following text regarding the use of helmets:
Article 6

- (a) All Units will wear DOT-approved helmets on the drill pad during both practice and actual competition.

Mid-Winter 2013 – New rule regarding team composition:

Section 2.03 (b) - When a unit fields more than one team, the composition of each team must have at least 50% difference between the teams.

Mid-Winter 2016 – Classes realigned into four and trophies increased to include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place awards as well as high point for 2-wheel, 4-wheel, and overall.