



2023 All Service Raider State Championships

Yahoola Creek Park, Dahlonega, Georgia

Saturday, November 4, 2023

October 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GEORGIA JROTC RAIDER TEAMS

SUBJECT: Details of the 2023 All Service Raider State Championships

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the details of the second-ever All Service Raider State Championships (“All-Service State”) scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Yahoola Creek Park located at 464 Mechanicsville, Road, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533. Raiders from all services are most welcome and encouraged to participate.

2. **CONCEPT.** The competition, co-hosted by Lt Col Steve Bergey of Etowah High School and MAJ Jeff Moran of Lumpkin County High School, will consist of five events: a team run, a rope bridge, a cross country rescue (CCR), a tire flip, and a sandbag carry relay. The top three teams in each event and the top three teams overall, per division (male, mixed, female), will be awarded for their accomplishments.

3. **REGISTRATION.** No more than one team per division may be entered. The All-Service State will include the top 20 interested schools in each division as determined by the team standings as of Monday, October 23. Raider standings will be posted every week at gajrotc.com. The cost to participate will be \$150 for each participating school regardless of the number of teams competing. Payment must be made in-full at check-in on the day of the event if not earlier. Please make checks payable to Etowah High School. The Etowah High School W-9 form can be provided upon request.

4. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.** A coaches meeting will commence at 0815 sharp at the competition headquarters site, and the team run event will begin at 0900. After the team run, teams will adhere to the schedule for the remaining four events. The award ceremony will be held on the soccer field across from the competition headquarters site shortly after the conclusion of the competition.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Please park in designated parking areas only. Also, concessions and t-shirts will be available for purchase. Further, instructors should plan to bring a stopwatch for back-up timing in the team run event. Competition specific instructions include:

- a. Upon arrival, instructors must check in at the competition headquarters site. You will verify your teams, make any payments that are owed, and will have your covenant not to sue forms in your possession.
- b. Each team will be given a packet with a sequence of events they must follow, wrist bands for each team member, and event scoresheets.

- c. Each team will consist of 12 members of which 10 must compete in any one event (note on female teams below). Competing cadets will only be allowed to compete on one team only; no Raider on a particular team can sub on another team.
- d. Mixed teams will have a minimum of four females competing in each event and can have up to nine females competing.
- e. Female division teams will be made up of no less than eight and no more than 12 members and will decide for each event whether or not they want to compete, eight, nine, or 10 of the up to 12 girls. It is part of their strategy to determine the best number for each of the five events but, again, a minimum of eight and a maximum of 10 females must do each of the events.
- f. Equipment should be treated with care. Dropping equipment can damage the equipment and cause an event to get behind. Penalties will be assessed for neglected equipment.
- g. Only Raiders competing in a particular event will be authorized to be on that event's course during the competition. Every effort will be made to have sufficient spectator space off the event course. If your team has someone taking pictures, they will be allowed to go on the course as long as they do not interfere with other teams or coaches.
- h. If a team member is injured during the CCR and cannot finish, the team must tell the judge. Time will stop when the eighth Raider crosses the finish line, and a 5-minute penalty will be added to the team's final time. Always leave a teammate with an injured Raider. Never leave them alone on the course.
- i. Judges will brief teams clearly before each event. Penalties will be clearly defined. Each competition event will keep the same judge throughout the competition to ensure standardized scoring. After the completion of the event, the team captain will go to the judge for the time and notification of any penalties assessed. Do not argue with the judge. All concerns should be addressed by the coach/instructor to either of the two co-hosts at the competition headquarters site.
- j. Teams will be given a round robin schedule matrix to follow. Please follow the matrix you are given to prevent bottlenecking at longer events. If a team or school decides not to compete in an event, please inform either of the co-hosts to prevent a frantic search at the end of the day for a missing scoresheet.
- k. Teams must follow signs and/or trail guides to stay on the course. If a team leaves the designated course, they will be disqualified. Part of each event is attention to detail. All courses will be clearly marked, so this should not be a problem.
- l. Seeing as this competition will be held during the first weekend of November, temperatures are not expected to be a factor. Each team should bring their own water

and ice. Ensure all cadets start hydrating at least two days prior to the competition. It is recommended that schools bring their own shade tents.

- m. Lightening or severe weather stops the competitions; however, if rain should take place throughout the competition day, the competition will continue with safety as the co-host's top priority.
- n. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as profanity, will be subject to a time penalty each time a member of a team does not conduct themselves as a JROTC cadet. The judge also has the authority to disqualify a team for unsportsmanlike conduct, to include the actions of team coaches and parents.

6. EVENTS. The All-Service State will consist of five events that are designed with minimal chance for penalty. Teams may recon the sites prior to the start of the competition. The co-hosts will try and have all school teams competing at the same location for the convenience of the coaches and participating school guest support.

- a. Team Run. The team run will be a distance of exactly 2.0 miles both up and then down Captain McDonald Road. The event will start at 0900, and teams will start in 60 second increments by school until all teams are on the course. Also, a 10-yard finish box will be in effect. Any team completing the run and not having all ten members in the box at the time the first member of the team crosses the line will be assessed a penalty. Uniform will be ABU/ACU/OCP pants and either running shoes or boots at the team's discretion.
- b. Cross Country Rescue (CCR). The course length is approximately 0.6 miles in partially wooded and partially fielded areas. The Raider team will negotiate the course that trails through the wooded area first with both an increase and then decrease in elevation. Once out of the wooded, hilly area, the Raider team will negotiate the flat surface around a couple of ball fields. There are no intended obstacles on the CCR course. The mission is to get all ten team members and all equipment through the course as quickly as possible. For all teams, the equipment to be carried includes four 35-pound rucksacks, a 110-pound litter, and two rubberized M-16 replicas. Female division teams will carry three versus four 35-pound rucksacks. Uniform will be ABU/ACU/OCPs with boots.
- c. Rope Bridge. Due to insufficient anchor points on either side of Yahooola Creek, the rope bridge event will be on soft but dry land along the river (read, no river crossing). There are three courses that will be used for this event, one for each of the three divisions, and all are between 55 and 60 feet in length. Standard rope bridge rules apply. If anyone has questions about what standard rope bridge rules are, please reference the 2019 6th BDE Raider SOP for more information. Uniform will be ABU/ACU/OCPs with boots.
- d. Tire Flip. Each Raider Team will field 10 members to participate in the Tire Flip. The tire will be positioned on the start/finish line between two cones. When instructed to

begin, the team will begin to flip the tire 50-yards and around the designated turn-around point and return to the start line. Cadets may organize the team as they wish, but they must have a minimum of three cadets on the tire for all flips. The turn-around point will be a single cone, in which the team must flip the tire around to return to the start/finish line. If the tire touches the turn-around cone, a 30-second penalty will be assessed for the violation. At the finish line, the tire must be completely flipped past the start/finish line between the two cones designating the start/finish line. The time will stop when the tire contacts the ground completely past the start line between the start/finish line cones. To prevent an injury caused by the tire coming down on a lower leg or foot, no cadet can be ahead of the pivot point once the team begins each lift. The pivot point is defined as the point of the tire contacting the ground once a team begins the lift of the tire for each flip. At no time can the tire be rolled, pushed, or dragged along the course once the judge begins the event until the team is complete with the event. Refer to the Tire Flip Scoresheet for additional guidance. Male tire is 700 pounds. Mixed and female tire is 500 pounds. Uniform will be ABU/ACU/OCPs with boots.

- e. Raider Fitness Test (Sandbag Relay). This 10-Raider event has the Raider team breaking up into two groups of five. Raiders 1 through 5 will move 10, 30-pound sandbags (six for female division) from Circles A through F. Raiders 6 through 10 reset the course. Time stops when all sandbags are returned to Circle A. To start, Raider 1 will grab up to two sandbags from Circle A, carry them around a cone 25-yards away, and then run the bags to Circle B where they will be set (not dropped or thrown!) down. Raider 1 will then return to Circle A in the most direct manner possible to repeat this process until all ten sandbags have been moved to Circle B. Raider 2 will carry any available bags from Circle B to Circle C by carrying them around a cone 25-yards away. As soon as Raider 3 has any bags to carry in Circle C, Raider 3 will carry those bags around a cone 25-yards away and place them in Circle D. This process will continue until all ten sandbags have been moved by Raider 5 from Circle E to Circle F. At this point, Raiders 6 through 10 repeat the process in reverse Circle order until all sandbags have been returned to Circle A. For female division teams, only six (not 10) sandbags will be used. For mixed teams, females will be Raiders 4 through 7. Female Raider 4 will only take six of the ten sandbags brought to Circle D, leaving the other four in Circle D for the return legs, and move them to Circle E where female Raider 5 will take the bags around the cone to Circle F. Female Raider 6 will take the six sandbags from Circle F around the cone to Circle E where female Raider 7 will take the six sandbags from Circle E around the cone to Circle D. At that point, Raider 8 needs to move all ten sandbags around the cone to Circle C and so on. Three notes worth mentioning here. First, every Raider will only carry the appropriate number of sandbags (ten for males, six for females). In other words, no Raider can do the course twice so a weaker Raider does not get a turn. Second, if a mixed team uses more than four females for this event, only female Raiders 4 through 7 carry six bags. In other words, any additional female(s) will be required to carry all ten. Last, also for mixed teams, because female Raiders 4 through 7 are carrying six bags, this means that there are four bags waiting in Circle D as mentioned above. Raider 8 cannot begin moving those bags early in an effort to get a head start on getting those bags moved from Circle

D to Circle C. Raider 8 can only begin carrying bags when female Raider 7 places down her first two sandbags brought from Circle E to Circle D. Uniform will be ABU/ACU/OCPs with boots.

7. The points of contact for the All-State Service is the undersigned who can be reached at either stephen.bergey@cherokeek12.net or MAJ Jeff Moran at jeffrey.moran@lumpkinschools.com.



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ANNEX A: Covenant Not to Sue Form

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Statement Required by Privacy Act of 1974

1. AUTHORITY. Title 10, US Code 2102
2. PURPOSE. To release the U.S. Government, service Junior ROTC, and any high school or school district from liability for injury, death, or damages for Junior ROTC cadets participating in voluntary training programs.
3. ROUTINE USES. Normal personnel actions. Disclosure of information may be provided to proper authorities in actions regarding law enforcement, legal actions as a result of injury or death, investigations of accidents resulting from such voluntary training.
4. Mandatory or voluntary disclosure and effect on individual not providing information: disclosure is voluntary. Failure of the individual to complete this form will disqualify the Junior ROTC cadet from participating in specific voluntary training.

I (parent/guardian), _____,

residing at (street address, city, state, zip) _____

do hereby agree that in consideration for allowing my child to participate in the 2023 All-Service State Championships Junior ROTC Raider competition conducted at Yahoola Creek Park, and whereas she/he is doing so entirely on her/his own initiative, risk and responsibility; and being fully aware of the risks adhering to this type of training, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FOREVER the United States Government, the State of Georgia, any high school and associated school district and all of their officers, agents, and employees, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or cause of action, on account of my child or on account of any injury to my child which may occur from any cause during said activity or continuances thereof; and I do further covenant and agree to hold the said organizations above, their officers, agents, and employees blameless for any and all damage which my child may cause either intentionally or through his/her negligence.

(signature of parent or guardian)

(signature of participating cadet)

(print name of parent or guardian)

(print name of participating cadet)

(relationship to cadet)

(age on day of competition, 11/4/23)

(date of signature)

(signature of witness)