



## UNIONE NAZIONALE UFFICIALI IN CONGEDO D'ITALIA

Delegazione Veneto e Trentino Alto-Adige

“VENETO FTX 2024”

Field Training Exercise

### EXERCISE REGULATION



#### **General Rules**

1. The use of a uniform demands the adherence to the Military Discipline regulations with all the duties this requires (see articles 6 and following ones).
2. Patrols must be formed by four (4) participants, one of which will be designated as Patrol Leader, who is to assume full responsibility for the participation of the patrol to the Competition. We would appreciate that at least one member of the patrol or Delegation Leader be an Officer.
3. All participants must carefully comply with instructions issued by Organization: Exercise Command, Check-Points Supervisors and Tests Supervisors.
4. Patrols will be accepted if formed by:
  - a) Active-duty military personnel belonging to Armed Forces or National Corps;
  - b) personnel associated to U.N.U.C.I.;
  - c) members of other military associations (recognized by the Italian Ministry of Defence) if their membership is not expired and if they performed regular military service;
  - d) Active-duty and/or Reserve personnel of NATO-Countries or friendly Countries;
  - e) Sport club members (like Soft-air associations members) may be accepted (at Exercise Command's sole and undisputable discretion) provided that they performed regular military service and they declare to accept the present regulations, with particular reference to article 1.Participants not authorized to use weapons will not be admitted to the shooting test.
5. a) Patrols will apply for registration by sending the appropriate form. Organization will confirm the registration or will register the Patrol on the waiting list. Patrols on waiting list will receive all documentation to prepare for the exercise. Any confirmation of registration will be communicated by the Organization. The confirmed registration is perfected with the payment of the fee. No refund will be made for total or partial withdrawal received within 15 days of the event.  
b) Patrols will always confirm receipt of every document sent by the Organization. Documents may also be sent a few hours before the start of the exercise.

#### **Uniforms, Gear, Logistics**

6. Participants will use the combat uniform in use in own Unit, without any weapon. They could use a dummy weapon delivered by the Organization.
7. Uniforms must have the following requirements:
  - a) Combat boots or military style boots;
  - b) Accoutrements have to be those in use with National Armed Forces or at least of military shape and colour;
  - c) Backpacks, topographic bags, special containers and so on have to be those in use with National Armed Forces or at least of military shape and colour;
  - d) Haircut, shaving (when applicable), neatness and so on have to be in accordance with National Military regulations and will be evaluated throughout the duration of the competition.
8. For public events and prize ceremony combat uniform without weapons will be used.
9. Sport club members will use National Armed Forces combat Uniform, deprived of ALL military insignia, qualifications or awards or Armed Forces badges. During public events, as an alternative, the use of a dark jacket and tie (blue or black) or any social uniform is expected.
10. Uniforms are subject to evaluation and may lead to penalties throughout the exercise, from enrolling procedures until the end of closing ceremony. Punctuality and attendance to mandatory parts of the program will be evaluated as well.
11. For the mandatory individual and patrol equipment, refer to the appropriate Annex "A", which is part of these regulations. Mandatory equipment will be evaluated throughout the duration of the competition and it's forbidden to use equipment not specified in Annex "A". It's forbidden to carry weapons.
12. No food will be provided during the actual competition, although some checkpoints might offer the possibility of water re-supply.
13. Each participant is to reach the starting place by 03.00 p.m. on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 by own means.
14. The Organization will provide accommodation, Saturday dinner and Sunday buffet.

#### **Languages in use**

15. Competition's official language is Italian; alternatively, English will be used. Any information or instruction provided in any other language is a courtesy and an exception, but has no official value.
16. Orders, Tests and explanations will be provided in Italian and in English. Should any discrepancy arise, the Italian version will be held valid.

#### **Tests execution and disputes**

17. Veneto FTX 2024 is an exercise of "reconnaissance and combat patrol operating in hostile territory" and each team will be evaluated for own tactical behaviour.
18. Patrols are to arrive at all checkpoints as a complete team; time tracking will take place only when the last team member arrives.

19. Should the patrol be stopped at a Check-point, the delayed time will be removed from the total by Check-point Supervisors. Test execution will take place in arrival order. If a patrol decides to stop longer by own decision, after a test at a Check-point, this delay time WILL NO BE REMOVED.
20. For some Check-point, the Exercise Command sets a maximum time per sector and a maximum time of arrival (so-called "gate"). If a patrol gets to those Check-points beyond the time fixed, even for reasons not depending on their fault, the Patrol will take the Check-point tests but cannot continue the competition course. The Exercise Command will recover this Patrol and, if possible, transport it to the next Check-point where it can perform the tests set forth therein. The Patrol will receive the points of the tests performed. The times of the gates are shown in the competition documents.
21. The value of a reconnaissance patrol is measured by the correctness of what is reported. If in reality, at times, it is possible to decipher what has been written quickly or in poor light conditions, for the purposes of competition evaluation only **clearly legible reports that comply with the formats indicated** in the operational documents are accepted as valid.
22. No substitution may be allowed when the exercise has started. If one member of the Patrol is unable to continue, he will be stopped. The patrol will continue losing one of the available "lives" remained. The team will be stopped if it hasn't any "life" available. The incomplete team can prosecute the exercise and the component stopped will be picked up by the Organization.
23. Each participant must be careful to his/her own safety and that of others, following the Organization instructions exposed to every Check-Point and the Forward Operating Base. Tests supervisors will verify that each participant understand instructions. EVERY ACTION DEEMED NOT APPROPRIATE ABOUT SAFETY WILL CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE EXCLUSION FROM THE TEST OR FROM THE COMPETITION. In particular:
  - a) It is the right and duty of each Check-point Supervisor to evaluate the psycho-physical conditions of a Patrol and, in case, halt it if judged unfit to continue. **Such decision is undisputable.**
  - b) It is the right and duty of each Test Supervisor to deem patrol material unsuitable for the test and therefore exclude the team from the test. Participants will carefully follow the safety directions given by the Test Supervisor. He/she will be responsible for suspending the test and will have the power to exclude the patrol from the rest of the competition in case of severe violation of the given instructions. **Such decision is undisputable.**
  - c) Participants must follow to the letter the instructions given during the shooting test by the Test Supervisor. He/she will have the power to suspend the test and to exclude the team from the rest of the competition in case of severe violation of the given instructions. **Such decision is undisputable.**
  - d) the organization's personnel (with clothing different from the distinctive signs communicated in the briefing) must be considered by the patrol as non-existent.
  - e) Check-point Supervisors or Test Supervisors will explain their decision. They will write it and they will communicate it to Exercise Command.
24. Exercise Command reserves the right to alter at any time course, order, type and/or execution of tests.
25. Participants, independently of rank, WILL HAVE to follow direction issued by Competition Judges and Check-point Supervisors; whenever a participant rank is higher to a Judge or an Supervisor, a functional dependency will take place.
26. For marginal issues, complaints may be presented to Test Supervisor. Should a solution not be found, the Check-point Supervisor will make a decision. Such decision is final and the Patrol will have to comply with it.
27. At the end of the competition, subject to the payment of a € 50.00 fee, each patrol may present a further written complaint to the Exercise Command, who will further investigate the matter. A final complaint, subject to the payment of a € 50.00 fee, may be submitted, in case of further disagreement, to Exercise Commander, who will issue a ruling, having heard the Exercise Command and Branch Director. This final ruling is undisputable. Only in case of acceptance of the complaints, all fees paid will be given back

### **Placements, responsibilities, weather**

28. The following standings will be drafted: Absolute, Active Duty, Retired, shooting test (if individual).
29. Organization will never assume responsibility for damages to persons/goods that might happen during the exercise. In case of injury, each participant is obliged to inform immediately the Organization and to activate the emergency procedures, using the telephone or the radio.
30. Every participant, by subscribing, states he/she is in perfect psycho-physical conditions and waives to any rights or actions against the Organization and its single staff members in the occurrence of personal injuries throughout the competition.
31. The competition will take place under any weather condition; Direction reserves the right to alter course and/or tests in order to guarantee safety conditions throughout the exercise.
32. Every patrol must mandatorily be equipped, besides the gear described in the annex "A", with a mobile phone to be used EXCLUSIVELY in case of emergency in order to contact the number provided by the Organization at the Competition Briefing.
33. As per European General Data Protection Regulation (Reg UE 2016/679) personal data provided will be used for communications concerning the competition and future initiatives. Participants authorizes the use of such data and the use of images, even for commercial purposes. Data holder in UNUCI Veneto - Trentino Alto Adige Delegation (info@unuci-venetoftx.org). Contact UNUCI Delegation to change or delete personal data.
34. This document will be showed at the reception and to FOB so the competitors will complete accept all is written in this document.



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**ANNEX "A"**

**INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT – MANDATORY**

- Battle Dress Uniform
- combat or boots military style
- rucksack / bergen
- tactical gloves
- canteen (water bottle)
- three litres of water (at start line)
- food rations for 24 hours
- plastic bags
- flashlight, with coloured filters Red, Green, Blue
- multi-purpose knife
- Individual first aid kit (IFAK)
- whistle
- camouflage cream
- items to take a rest outdoors
- ballistic or work glasses

**INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT – OPTIONAL**

- waterproof jacket
- waterproof trousers
- spare clothing and shoes
- Load bearing equipment (LBE) or combat vest

**PATROL EQUIPMENT – MANDATORY**

- Protractor with 1:25 000 scale and measure in degrees
- bearing compass
- orienteering compass
- transparent nylon case, A3 format, for topographic map
- binoculars
- notes and pencil
- one Smartphone compatible with tracking applications

**PATROL EQUIPMENT – OPTIONAL**

- radio sets for intra-team communications

**WEIGHT**

- At the start, each competitor is to carry a weight equal to **twelve (12) kilograms + three (3) litres of water**, either in the rucksack/bergen or in LBE.
- In following checkpoints, as well as at the arrival point, the weight must not be less than ten (10) kilograms.
- During the exercise it is possible to lose (consume) only the weight corresponding to the water and food brought on the person.