

# WORLD DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

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## SECTION 1: EVENT OVERVIEW

### a) The World Drill Championships SOP

1. The World Drill Championships (WDC) remain the world's leading competition for post-high school competitors. This international event is held for any post high school driller from any background - independent, college, military reserve and/or active duty. With the motto, "Dare Mighty Things", WDC serves to take drill to the next level beyond the high school level.
2. The event ACTIVELY seeks to include drillers with a passion for advancing their skill and the desire to compete in a showcase of the best drillers in the world.
3. The World Drill Championships are designed as a multi-day competition format, with the winners announced during the Awards Ceremony of the National High School Drill Team Championships.
4. This SOP will include all information that is pertinent to the competition and necessary for your preparation and attendance at the World Drill Championships. Along with the rules & regulations of the meet, there will also be extensive information on the management of the event by Sports Network International, Inc. (SNI).
5. SNI is available often seven days a week to answer your questions or assist you in your attendance in any manner needed via telephone, email or social media message. Once you have read this SOP and agree to all its terms & conditions, you may register online. No person may compete at the WDC without the proper submission of all required fees & forms. Therefore, a functioning email & internet are required to attend this event.
6. All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules and procedures of this SOP and of the WDC. Any items not specifically covered by these regulations are at the sole judgment, discretion and determination of the Judging Director, Justin Gates of SNI or his direct designee.
7. It is possible unforeseen items may arise that are not directly covered by these rules. If this were to occur, SNI will make a ruling to maintain the spirit of the rules herein and to provide all of the competitors the most fair and impartial competition possible. In any case where this occurs, their decision is non-reviewable, not-protestable and will stand as a final judgment.

### b) Event Management and Sponsorship

1. The World Drill Championships was founded by drill enthusiast Mr. Abdul Al-Romaizan. While he is no longer involved in the competition, his efforts to raise the level of post-high school drill will never be forgotten.
2. The WDC event is a part of the weekend festivities involving the **National High School Drill Team Championships** which is managed and produced by Sports Network International, Inc. As the Event Manager of the overall competition weekend, SNI will be responsible for organizing all aspects of this competition, from setting up the rules and procedures, to securing all necessary judges, competition sites, etc. as well as managing the WDC event.
3. SNI works with key members of the post-high school drill community for guidance and support. With the event hosted during the NHSDTC, all WDC competitors are urged to show deference and respect to all aspects of the weekend activities and understand that minor children will be surrounding all aspects of the WDC as spectators and often admirers.

## SECTION 2: GENERAL EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

### a) The WDC Competitor

1. The WDC competition is designed to crown the world's best professional drillers. The event is open to all post-high school drillers who desire to display a love and glorification of military-style competition drill.
2. You are ambassadors of the sport and will be treated as such by SNI. This lofty treatment will require from you a greater responsibility than the average attendee. Your attitude and demeanor in this area will be essential to your successfully competing within and then returning to the WDC in future years.
3. This competition is not open to high school drillers. You must be a high school graduate or equivalent by at least 120 days to compete. Please do not ask for an exception as it will NOT be granted under any circumstances. Your entry will be subject to verification.

### b) Competition Overview

1. The WDC competition is slated to be held on Saturday at the Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center (detailed later within this SOP). If a large enough entry field is present, a SOLO Medal Round (Finals) will be held the following day (Sunday) in the main arena. Additionally, it is anticipated that interest will be high enough that an additional solo qualifying round will be held on Friday afternoon/evening (detailed later within this SOP).
2. ***If greater than 30 solo entrants are accepted into the WDC, a preliminary round with top finishers advancing will be implemented. This would have a number of top finishers advancing into a medal round held on Sunday.*** The timing of the medal rounds will be determined closer to the event.
3. Competitors within the WDC event may stay anywhere in the greater Daytona Beach area. SNI also maintains information on area attractions, parking info, maps and other items of interest to the WDC competitors or spectators. Please go the WDC website to learn more.

### c) Competition Areas

1. The WDC competition will consist of two primary events: **Solo and Dual Exhibition** and one optional event: **Team Exhibition**
  - a. **Solo Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by **one** individual. This division requires the use of a demilitarized or replica rifle weighing at least 8 lbs. A competitor may use multiple weapons (rifles and saber/swords). Any other non-conventional weapons must be authorized in advance by SNI. However, competitors must at least use one rifle.
  - b. **Dual Exhibition:** Competitive drill done by **2 drillers**. This requires the use of at least two demilitarized or replica rifles weighing at least 8 lbs. Again, non-standard items other than rifles and saber/sword must have advanced approval by SNI.
2. Individual performers may compete on a maximum of TWO Dual entries with different partners.

3. The WDC is allowing a potential Team Exhibition event. This event will be for a minimum of 3 cadets and will require a March 15<sup>th</sup> registration deadline. Should SNI not receive 5 valid competition entries we reserve the right to cancel that event and return anyone's Team Ex registration fees that were paid.

#### **d) WDC Entry Costs & Deadlines**

1. **REGISTRATION FOR SOLOs, DUALs and TEAMs is \$100 EACH.** Official entry into the competition will end on 3 April or when the competition field is full. Certain circumstances MAY allow SNI to accept an entry AFTER the 3 April deadline on a case-by-case basis.

#### **e) Entry Classifications**

1. Dual and Team entries maintain no classification and will all have a random competition draw time.
2. Solo Entrants are classified as one of the following:
  - a. "Highly Qualified" – This is exclusively for those SOLOISTS who have EVER received a solo medal on stage at the WDC. This designation is never withdrawn.
  - b. "Qualified" - This is extended to those individuals who medaled in tandems only at the immediately previous year's WDC OR those top finishers in the Lone Star Championship OR those top finishers at the River City Drill competition OR those top finishers at the online qualifier hosted by Drill Warrior University.
  - c. "Open" – Everyone else.

#### **f) Competition Draw Mechanics**

1. As you have read previously, the WDC SOLO competition will maintain different entry classifications: OPEN and QUALIFIED and HIGHLY QUALIFIED. These classifications will be used in formulating the competition order within the SOLO competition only.
2. **FOR THE SOLO DIVISION ONLY:** HIGHLY QUALIFIED and QUALIFIED entries will be granted PREFERRED placement status for the competition draw and GUARANTEED a draw within the later competition slots for the event. The EXACT number of these slots will be determined by the total number of all entrants.
3. After all Highly Qualified and Qualified entries are drawn, all Open Entries will be drawn and placed at the beginning of the competition field. Again, judges will NOT have any awareness of how the competition field is drawn nor will it matter to them. The judges at the WDC do not care when you compete or what you have done previously – they only care about what you do in front of them during your performance THAT YEAR.
4. New for 2025: It is anticipated that we will have a large number of soloists wishing to participate, more than our Saturday preliminary round can handle. Therefore, we have anticipated this and will have a final qualifying round on Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning for EVERYONE WHO ENTERS AS AN OPEN ENTRY. Once we see all the entries that are highly qualified and qualified, we will know how many remaining spaces we have available for Open entries. That total quantity is how many will be allowed to advance from the highest finishers on Friday's final qualifying round.

5. For Solo Division competition, all competitors who finish in the TOP TEN PLACEMENTS on Saturday will advance to the Medal Round Final. All scores are then thrown out and a COMPLETE random draw would be in use for the medal Round Final.
6. Formulating the competition order within the Dual competition will be a blind draw however entries may be adjusted slightly to ensure those competitors who are entering on two different teams DO NOT COMPETE BACK-TO-BACK but maintain a minimum of one competing team gap between their entries.

#### g ) Entry Details and Refund Policy

1. An entry into the WDC will only be considered official when the official registration has been completed and fees paid in full by SNI. Registrations not completed and paid in a timely manner will likely result in your forced withdrawal from the event without refund or recourse. **Do not enter if you cannot complete BOTH the financial and paperwork aspects AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION as this will NOT be an official entry!**
2. Registration will be handled through an online portal at [myschool.thenationals.net](http://myschool.thenationals.net). Payment can be handled by mailing a check or money order to 388 Muddy Creek Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or by following the Payment instructions shown within the website and paying with a credit card or electronic check. A 3.5% fee will be added to any credit card transactions.
3. Registrations will open on 25 January 2026. Interest is high and it is expected people will register until early Spring from all parts of the globe. **The April 3 deadline will be considered the Standard Entry Deadline OR WHENEVER WE FILL.** Anyone NOT fully entered into the event by this deadline will automatically LOSE their QUALIFIED ENTRY status (should they have that status) and will become an open entrant (ramifications of this decision will be listed under “Competition Draw Mechanics”).
4. Should an emergency preclude any registered entrant from attending, the competitor should immediately contact Sports Network International. While the Registration Fee remains non-refundable, your prompt notification will keep you in good standing for future WDC competitions. Depending on the NATURE of the issue, **SNI may allow the entry fee to ROLL- OVER to the following year for that entrant.**

#### h) Competition Discipline and Event Conduct

1. Although discipline problems are not expected at a drill competition of this caliber, addressing problem situations now is the best way to halt any future unpleasant issues. SNI reserves the right to remove any individual from the event for destructive, profane or other conduct unbecoming a competitor at the WDC. This includes bad conduct in or around the competition site and/or hotels. More specifically, all WDC competitors must sign and submit a DIGITAL Code of Conduct Form which details what is expected of WDC participants.



2. The World Drill Championships are designed for adults and as such, entry and/or inclusion within the World Drill Championships is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked at any time for conduct which the event host SNI believes is criminal or simply detrimental to the competition or to the sport of competitive drill as a whole. This may include actions, inactions, or statements made that detract from the competition or cast either the event or those involved in a negative public light. Any competition ban or event removal will not be subject to review nor protest in any manner and the decision of SNI will be final.
3. All areas within the facility are totally unsecured. Competitors using these areas should not leave personal belongings unattended. Any abuse of these facilities will not be tolerated. While at the Ocean Center, competitors should only dress in dressing rooms or restroom facilities. Do not dress in common areas.
4. Competitors should bring with them all equipment needed to clean/shine shoes, belts, buckles, uniforms etc. Hotel towels or other hotel items are not to be used to polish shoes or otherwise ready the uniform.
5. Always remember you are role models to the high school competitors in attendance.
6. ONLY designated areas marked for practice may be used within the Ocean Center facility for any form of drill prep, warm-up or similar. This is especially true for WDC competitors as you are the ONLY competition division at the entire event allowed to maintain a bayonet! SNI has one area inside the Ocean Center designated for WDC practice. Its usage is up to the collective of the WDC community. Police your own.

#### i) WDC Awards Ceremony

1. The WDC Awards Ceremony will occur as a part of the NHSDTC Awards Ceremony. No final placements will be announced in advance under any circumstances. The Awards Ceremony is as much a part of the WDC as any event. All WDC competitors are expected to attend in their competition uniform.
2. All competitors are expected to attend the ceremony. WDC competitors and their invited guests will have reserved seating at this ceremony and will enter as a group and be recognized by the assembled teams as they move to their seats.
3. Failure of participants to attend the ceremony without sufficient cause will be construed as a lack of interest in supporting the event and may forfeit your trophies/awards and/or preclude your invitation in the future. Should a true emergency keep you from attending the ceremony, arrangements will be made to ship any awards, scoresheets, etc. to you, COD.
4. The special section of seating reserved and identified above for seating WDC competitors and their guests will display supportive and enthusiastic commentary and a great time for all! **The conduct displayed by this group as a whole should be self-policing.** Any form of less than professional display will be met with severe actions on the part of Sports Network International.
5. SNI is very proud of how much the post-high school community has elevated themselves with distinction and in recent years been role models to high school cadets. Please continue this amazing tradition.

## **SECTION 3: COMPETITION AREA SPECIFICATIONS**

### **a) The Ocean Center Arena & Conference Center**

1. The WDC competition will take place onsite at the Ocean Center Arena in Daytona Beach, Florida (<http://www.oceancenter.com>). The Ocean Center has full concession facilities, dressing rooms, ample car/bus parking areas. The facility maintains an elevated seating "Arena side" and a massive convention-style area in the Exhibit Hall.
2. The NHSDTC will utilize this entire facility and the WDC is a part of this JROTC weekend! You will find the facility and the entire weekend to be the largest glorification of military drill you have personally ever been a part of and unlike any other drill meet.
3. The WDC does not provide advanced medical services onsite. However, emergency medical services can be summoned at any time for major medical trauma within minutes. SNI does maintain a basic first-aid kit and medic for those needing band-aids, ice, or other basic medical attention. You may come to the first-aid desk (near the scoring table) for supplies. Again, should you require immediate medical assistance while at the event, please get to the Information Desk where we can call for an ambulance, if necessary.
4. SNI has created a classification within the WDC community called Guardians. These individuals who are publicly listed online will serve as SNI's eyes and ears during the entire WDC competition and they will be serving as the event supervising authority. While rules and regulation that need to be put in play within the competition area are largely handled by the event head judge, there are items that could arise that will require this SNI event supervisor to make a judgment call. In cases where this occurs, their decision is non reviewable, not protestable and will stand as a final judgment.
5. There is ample seating at the Ocean Center, therefore no reserved seating is in effect for the days of the competition. SNI does maintain reserved seating for WDC competitors and their invited guests at the Awards Ceremony.

### **b) Drill Area Specifications**

1. All drill areas in use for the WDC are indoors within the Ocean Center and have a flat, hard concrete surface. Due to the 80' high ceiling heights (minimum) and ceremonial nature of the event, outdoor regulations are in effect throughout all facets of the WDC.
2. The WDC Solo, Dual and potentially Team competition areas are the same size for all events: 40' x 40'. Entry points and other required items will be shown on the official WDC Competition Floor Diagram.
3. Drill areas are made using fluorescent tape connected to 20" traffic pylons standing on the floor. All drill areas use a single entrance/exit point. The exact size and location of these entrances are found on the WDC Competition Floor Diagram. This is the only point where you may enter/exit the drill area, no exceptions.
4. Boundary violations are penalized when a competitor or his/her clothing comes in contact with any part of the boundary tape or the support cones when properly set or makes contact with the ground OUTSIDE this boundary. Should the boundary tape or cones become dislodged, a violation will occur when a competitor crosses the point where the tape/cone should have been were it not displaced.

### c) Ocean Center Parking

1. The Ocean Center parking is controlled through a paid parking garage next to the facility. A very limited amount of street parking (metered) is also maintained. Parking is strictly enforced and we encourage all attendees to share rides to/from the facility or walk when possible. For info about the costs and limitations on vehicle size, etc., please go to Ocean Center Parking Info on their site: <http://www.oceancenter.com/exhibitors/directions-map-parking.shtml> or for the latest cost info: <http://www.parkme.com/lot/94786/ocean-center-daytona-beach-fl>.

## SECTION 4: COMPETITION RULES

### a) Commander's Call - Information Distribution

1. **New in 2026:** WDC will host an advance zoom meeting that will serve as a commander's call. The zoom meeting link will be posted on the registration portal. The date will be appx 9 days prior to the event, in the early evening (eastern time). This meeting will be recorded. After the Zoom meeting, the link to the recording will be sent to all competitors (in case there weren't able to log in for the meeting).
2. On site, competitors will check in at the WDC site and declare yourself as present to one of the Guardians (there will be a clipboard to sign-in on). At this time, each competitor will receive an event schedule with competition times. It also allows SNI to know you have arrived at the event and you are ready to compete.
3. Where possible, ask all questions in advance via email, messenger, or telephone. This is critical to ensure you are fully prepared to attend and compete at the WDC.
4. Competitors should plan to be at the Ocean Center at least 30 minutes before their scheduled performance time. Adjacent warm-up area is provided to all competitors. Please do not monopolize this area as your own - all competitors need access to this warm-up area. *Note: Competitors must be ready to perform 10 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Any competitor who delays a competition area due to tardiness may be removed from the event.*

### b) Judging

1. Judges will be knowledgeable and trained within the skills and art that make up quality exhibition drill. These judges may be a mix of active duty military, recently retired military and civilians with extensive drill and ceremony background. The exact number of judges will be between 4 - 8 and they will not be identified to anyone in advance of the event. Note: the Friday evening/Saturday morning Open level qualifying event is being coordinated by Guardians, who will determine the judging makeup.
2. All performers should take into consideration when designing their routine that drill is inherently a military event with roots traveling back to before the Continental Army. If you believe simply the movements you can do with a rifle will win this event, you are likely mistaken. Poise, bearing, marching and dozens of other related items will comprise your score. Performers serious about doing well should study the score sheet to design a routine that maximizes scores in ALL areas.
3. Most all judges prefer to be addressed by the rank they have earned. If you are unsure, simply ask the judge before entering the area.

4. Many competitors effect little or no marching between movements. As this is a military event, competitors should ensure they maintain segments of marching at numerous points in their routine regardless of what style of drill is in use. Review the scoresheet.

### c) Uniform Regulations & Information

1. All competitors at the WDC are required to wear clothing that represents a military flavor while competing. **This does not require competitors to compete in military uniforms**, but a military style needs to be fully on display in any uniform choice to receive a maximum score in that score sheet segment. You are cautioned against wearing clothing that would fall under the description of 'irreverent costume' or 'business casual'. A polo shirt and slacks does not meet the competition requirement.
2. The type/style of military uniform chosen is up to the competitor. However, in choosing a uniform, competitors should be aware that the BULK of the judges are active duty military personnel with many years of experience. Dressing in a less-than-military fashion (tuxedo, t- shirt, ball caps, etc.) will negatively impact the scores you will receive in the "Uniform" section and likely the overall section as well.
3. **All competitors may choose to compete WITH OR WITHOUT military headgear of some kind** . A specific type or style of military uniform is not required. We will allow and instruct all judges that any name tags and medals/ribbons that may normally be worn are encouraged to be removed during competition for safety reasons.
4. While most services have specific regulations regarding what are acceptable colors for berets, the WDC will maintain no such regulations.

### d) Weapon Requirements and Regulations

1. To compete at the WDC, the performer's weapon must fit a series of standards that qualify it to be "demilitarized". These criteria include the following:
  - a. A weapon must be rendered demilitarized by leading the barrel or removing firing pin (non firing weapons allowed ONLY. Any weapon found not in compliance will render an automatic disqualification if discovered by a judge)
  - b. A weapon must weigh a minimum of 8 lbs. (digital scale will be used on site to verify).
  - c. A weapon must contain both a trigger guard (if trigger is present) and a sling which can be held down in any manner deemed appropriate by the performer – tape, rubber bands etc. and may be decorated if desired in any manner by the performer.
2. Should a weapon fail to meet ANY of the above criteria, the entrant will not be allowed to compete. (NOTE: The use of front/rear sights are strongly discouraged by SNI on any weapon used for an exhibition performance. They can cause severe injuries and serve little purpose.)
3. **Bayonets are allowed on rifles in the WDC competition.** If a bayonet is used, the following rules are in effect:
  - a. Must be unsharpened and be able to be grasped tightly without sharpness to the hand.
  - b. Must be attached in a standard fashion to the end of the barrel (Bayonets must be attached to an upper band that is not compromised and without the bayonet clamping stud missing).
  - c. Must have a secondary attachment for safety (Tape, pull-tie or another high

strength method must be in place. There is no limitation on the style or color of this attachment).

- d. Must be in place prior to the start of the routine so that it can be visually inspected by a judge or other designee to determine that it is safely attached.
- e. Bayonets can be REMOVED during the routine, but CANNOT be reattached.
- f. Should the bayonet become unintentionally separated from the rifle, the routine will be automatically halted **and the driller(s) will be disqualified immediately at that point.**

4. **Performers may use a rifle/sword combination of any kind at the WDC competition.**

However for the safety of the driller, judges and of the spectators, the sword or similar bladed object **is NEVER to leave the "grasp and control" of the driller at any time.** This generally means hand grasping the item, tucked under the arm for a certain movement or placed within the scabbard if used. IF THE SWORD IS SOMEHOW NOT CONTROLLED AT ANY POINT, the performance will end **and the driller will be disqualified immediately at that point.**



5. Competitors may switch rifles during their routine, as well as use multiple rifles or other approved weapons.
6. Pre-placement of rifles or swords within the drill area is allowed or these items can still be introduced by HANDING the performer a replacement over the boundary tape (not tossing in any manner). Of course, competitors may receive a replacement rifle in the same manner (handing over the tape) as replacement for a broken rifle.
7. **Judges will be instructed that a DROPPED RIFLE PENALTY must be assessed whenever a cadet UNINTENTIONALLY loses rifle control and the rifle fully lands on the marching surface, i.e., laying on the deck before being picked up.** All other rifle strikes and accidental hits on the deck will be critically assessed under the Rifle Handling portion of the scoresheet. Rifle control is ESSENTIAL to a solid finish!
8. Should a weapon break or become unusable during any performance at the WDC, a backup weapon may be utilized by the performer. Smart pre-planning has this backup weapon pre-positioned by the competitor and made available by an assisting cadet. Under no circumstances may the performing competitor leave the floor and return AND no non-performing competitor may enter onto the drill floor. No added time will be allowed for such an occurrence. This can be done as many times as you wish or that need dictates during a performance.
9. A broken weapon that could be a danger to a competitor, judge and/or spectators MUST be replaced during the routine. When this occurs, the performer should replace the broken rifle as prescribed above immediately. Under no circumstances should the weapon be spun or otherwise moved in a dangerous manner when broken. If you drill with a broken weapon, the judges will END YOUR PERFORMANCE if the weapon is not replaced immediately.

**e) General Performance Regulations**

1. All exhibition routines consist of stationary/marching drill movements as well as trick rifle maneuvers that are limited by the imagination and creativity of the performer, and

the rules of the WDC. Please keep in mind that this is a military competition with military judges.

2. Competitors may not use a thrown or flip dismount, basket catch/basket toss or other "cheerleading-style" moves during any facet of exhibition drill. Competitors may NOT be elevated in any manner by climbing on other competitor's shoulder, backs, etc., or on top of rifles held by competitors, or other similar maneuvers. Competitors may not be thrown, flipped or propelled in any manner. Please use your clean and talented drill to impress.
3. During both the Report In and Report Out, each competitor must verbally announce **his/her name, as well as where they are from**. Other items may be mentioned during report in/out but are not required. The report out should also make clear the performer has completed their routine.
4. No handguns, special effects, props, music or musical instruments, (bugles, drums - ANY musical instrument), pyrotechnics or banners/flags are allowed to be used at the event. Additionally, no horns, whistles, or any other artificial noise-making or other non-drill devices may be used inside the Ocean Center by anyone at any time. During all facets of the WDC, competitors MAY utilize blindfolds and/or hoods (contact SNI in advance should you wish to use something other than these two enumerated items). These are the only props allowed to be used currently. If you are unclear, ask in advance. Anything else requires prior authorization.
5. It is common practice by many competitors to have spectators deliver signals to let a competitor on the floor know they are approaching their performance time limit. This is not prohibited by SNI so long as the guidelines described above on whistles and other artificial noise-making devices are followed. Competitors failing to follow rules shown previously may be removed from the event.
6. While routines are generally scored only during the time competitors are inside the competition area, for gross displays of bearing loss (destructive behavior, loud, foul language, rifle tossing, etc.), judges may decide to reduce scores further (up to and including after score sheets have been turned in) within the Overall Impression segment of the sheet. NOTE: In recent years, several drillers have begun advertising for commercial entities during the WDC event. This has taken the form of wearing certain clothing and/or verbalizing support for these companies during Report In/Out. While there is no prohibition against it by SNI, several judges have stated they don't like it as it is out of place. Do these items at your own risk.

## **SECTION 5: WDC SCORING and TIMING**

### **a) Event Timing**

1. Time limits are as follows: **3 - 5 Minutes**. The penalty assessed for a performance not falling between these time periods is one (1) per second over/under time limit range. Time starts on entry and ends on exit from the drill floor through the entry/exit area.
2. Exhibition performances can often maintain motivation displays prior to the actual performer entering the drill area and therefore before the official event timing begins. These displays can be quite involved and therefore are actually part of the exhibition display. Because of this, competitors performing any "display" just prior to entering the drill floor will have the clock start and judging will begin. We are not discouraging this action, we are just ensuring this display is judged, graded and timed as a part of the routine. Please ensure your performance does not go over the maximum time limit if

you plan to do this. The official time will end when the performer exits the drill area (because judges have finished and are already scoring).

#### **b) Scoresheets**

1. Score sheet in use for the WDC have been included online alongside the SOP. Complete scoring packages will be given to each competitor immediately following the Awards Ceremony. Questions regarding scoring or score tabulation are addressed following the event by telephone, writing or email.
2. Every scoresheet is triple checked by SNI personnel, as well as input and totaled on a computer program designed for the WDC by SNI. The scoresheets to be used at the WDC are located on the web and available for download by each competitor.

#### **c) Tie Breaking**

1. All efforts are made to prevent scoring ties at the WDC. All event and Overall Championship scoring ties will be broken by retotaling score sheets utilizing the applicable tiebreaker in the following order:
  - a. Level #1 totaling only overall evaluation scores
  - b. Level #2 totaling only Head Judge's scores
  - c. Level #3 totaling only Judge #2, then Judge #3, etc.

### **SECTION 6: AWARDS**

#### **a) What Do the Top Finishers Receive?**

1. The WDC provides event medals and modest prize money to the top finishers funded by the entry fees of the competitors. The winners will receive the following:

##### **Solo Exhibition Awards**

**1st Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A platinum-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 25% of the total solo entry fees.

**2nd Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A gold-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 15% of the total solo entry fees.

**3rd Place:** WDC Finisher within the Solo Exhibition category will receive the following:

- A silver-plated event medal specially designed for the WDC & 10% of the total solo entry fees.

##### **Dual Exhibition Awards**

**1st Place:** WDC Finishers within Dual Exhibition will split the following:

- Platinum-plated medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 25% of the total dual entry fees

**2nd Place:** WDC Finishers within the Dual Exhibition will split the following:

- Gold-plated event medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 15% of the total dual entry fees.

**3rd Place:** WDC Finishers within the Dual Exhibition will split the following:

- Silver-plated event medals specially designed for the WDC for each team member & 10% of the total dual entry fees.

- b) Team Exhibition finishes are currently to be determined. Refer to SOP updates closer to event.

### c) The Paul Naki King's Guard Award

- a) The Paul Naki King's Guard Award, named after the legendary leader and for the King's Guard Drill Team of Hawai'i, is given to the WDC competitor or other drill enthusiast, who in the opinion of the WDC Competition Director, has demonstrated the highest unique levels of creativity and talent, as well as great artistic theories and/or work toward the art of drill. They will receive this award at the WDC Awards Ceremony.
- b) This award is completely subjective and based as much on the glorification of the art of drill throughout the entire year as it is for the performance done on the WDC floor. It is the highest honor anyone can receive involving the WDC Community. While not a cash reward, if the winner is a driller, they will be the only person who will maintain a guaranteed entry slot within the WDC competition for the future year and have their Solo Division WDC registration fee waived for the following year.
- c) This award is NOT guaranteed to be presented every year. If there is no one that meets these lofty requirements in any given year, the award is simply not designated and will be reconsidered the following year. And even though this award is rarely presented, we will continue to include it within the regulations of the WDC in hopes that the award will be presented again.



## SECTION 7: CONTACT INFORMATION

### Contact Information

1. SNI as the official event host for the prestigious WDC event welcome the ability to assist YOU with any questions you may have about the competition or related matters. For all inquiries or comments regarding the WDC or other items, please direct your questions to SNI Competition Director Justin Gates at the Sports Network International contacts area shown below:

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