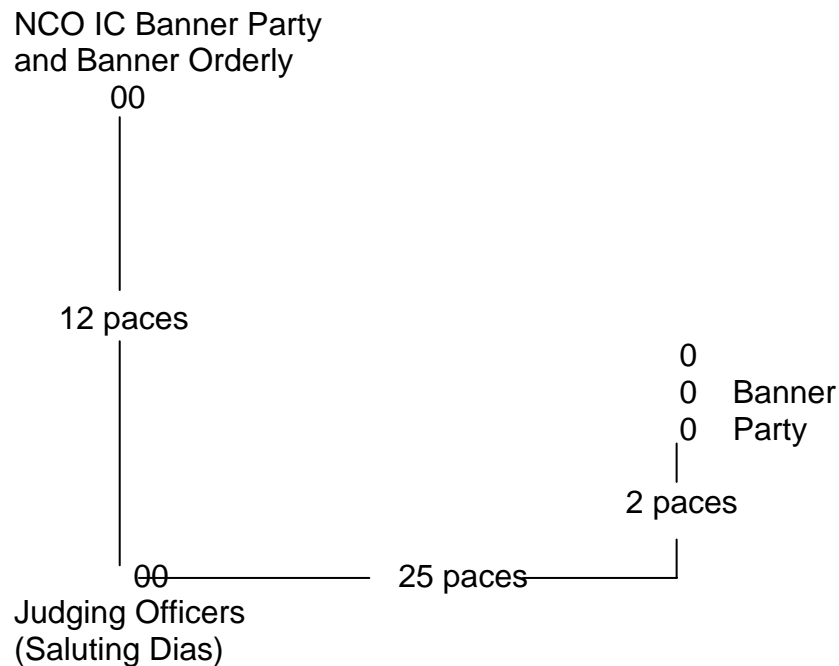


BANNER

The team entering into the Banner Competition is to be composed of an NCO IC Banner Party, the Banner Bearer and 2 escorts and a Banner Orderly. The Banner escorts are not be armed.

At the start of the competition, the Banner is to be cased. A parade area of approximately 50 paces x 12 paces will be marked out for use during this competition and a small saluting dias will be position at the Judging Officer's start point.

1. The party will be called by the AWO IC Banner Competition to take up their position before the Judging Officers.
2. The NCO IC Banner Party is to march on to a position 12 paces to the front of and facing the Judging Officers. The Banner Party is to take up a position 25 paces to the right of and 2 paces forward from the Judging Officers. The party should then be in position as in the following diagram:



3. When instructed by the Judging Officer to carry on, the NCO IC Banner Party is to give the command:
 "MARCH ON, NO XXX SQUADRON BANNER"
4. The Banner Bearer is to give the command:
 "BANNER PARTY, BY THE RIGHT – QUICK MARCH"
5. The Banner Party is to march forward, wheel right when it reaches the Judging Officer, and march towards the NCO IC Banner Party.
6. In sufficient time for the Banner Party to come to the halt, 2 paces in front of the NCO IC Banner Party, the Banner Bearer is to give the command:
 "BANNER PARTY – HALT" followed by "BANNER PARTY – ABOUT TURN"

7. On the command BANNER PARTY – ABOUT TURN, the NCO IC Banner Party is to turn right and march to a position about 6 paces in front of and facing the Banner, ready to support the Banner and Case. The Banner Orderly is to turn left and march to a position in front of the Banner Part and facing the NCO IC Banner Party.
8. The Banner Bearer is to give the command:

“INWARDS TURN” (the right escort turns half-left, and the left escort turns half-right).
9. The Banner Bearer is to bring the cased Banner to the horizontal position with the pike under the right armpit. The NCO IC Banner Party is to support the Banner. The Banner Bearer is to untie the tapes with his left hand. The NCO IC Banner Party is to remove the case and hand it to the Banner Orderly. Both are then to turn to face the uncased Banner. The Banner Bearer is to support the folded Banner as the case is removed.
10. To ensure that the Banner is flown correctly, the Banner Bearer is to release the Banner and permit it to hang straight down from the pike. The Banner is then to be brought to the order and dressed by the Banner Bearer.
11. The NCO IC Banner Party and the Banner Orderly are to salute the Banner. The NCO IC Banner Party is to march to his position at the rear of the Banner Party and the Banner Orderly is to march to a position 10 paces to the right of the Banner Party.
12. The Banner Bearer is then to give the command:

“OUTWARDS TURN” (the right escort is to turn half-right, the left escort is to turn half-left).
13. The Banner Bearer is then to give the following sequence of commands:

“BANNER PARTY – STAND AT EASE”

“BANNER PARTY – ATTENTION”

The Banner is to be brought to the CARRY position.

“BANNER PARTY – SLOPE ARMS”

The Banner is to be brought to the SLOPE position.

“BANNER PARTY – BY THE RIGHT, QUICK MARCH”

The Banner Party (including the NCO IC) is to march forward for 10 paces and the

Banner Bearer is to give the command:

“BANNER PARTY – HALT”

The Banner is to be brought to the CARRY position.

“BANNER PARTY -
GENERAL SALUTE

The pike is to be lowered and the Banner let fly. If conditions are wet, the Pike is to be lowered and the Banner held in the hand to prevent it from being soiled.

After a pause to the count of 6, the Banner Bearer is to recover the Banner to the Carry position.

14. The Banner Bearer is then to ask the Judging Officer:

“PERMISSION TO MARCH PAST, SIR”

15. On the command Carry On, the Banner Bearer is to give the command:

“BANNER PARTY – ABOUT TURN – QUICK MARCH”

16. The Banner Party are then to march 10 paces to the rear, halt and about turn. The NCO IC Banner Party is then to give the command:

“NO 1 FLIGHT, MOVE TO THE RIGHT IN COLUMN OF ROUTE, RIGHT TURN”

17. The Banner Bearer responds by giving the command:

“BANNER PARTY, TAKE POST – RIGHT WHEEL – QUICK MARCH”

18. The Banner Party is to wheel on the spot into the Column of Route position and halt.

19. The NCO IC Banner Party will then give the command:

“NO 1 FLIGHT, BY THE LEFT QUICK MARCH”

The Banner Party will then march past the Judging Officer and continue until it returns to its original position prior to the March Past. In sufficient time for the Banner to be let fly at the saluting point, the NCO IC Banner Party is to give the command, NO 1 FLIGHT –EYES RIGHT” and to enable the Banner Bearer to recover the Banner to the CARRY position from Lower Banner, he is also to give the command “NO 1 FLIGHT – EYES FRONT”.

20. When the Banner Party has returned to its starting position, the Banner Bearer is to ask the Judging Officer:

“PERMISSION TO CASE THE BANNER, SIR”

21. On the command Carry On, the NCO IC Banner Party and the Banner Orderly are to march forward to take up a position 3 paces in front of facing the Banner and salute. The Banner is then to be lowered and cased. When the Banner is cased, the Banner Bearer is to bring it to the ORDER position at which point the NCO IC Banner Party is to resume his position at the rear of the Banner Party and the Banner Orderly is to March Off.
22. The Banner Bearer then asks the Judging Officer:

“PERMISSION TO MARCH OFF BANNER, SIR”
23. On the command Carry On, the NCO IC Banner Party is to give the command:

“MARCH OFF, NO XXXX SQUADRON, BANNER”
24. The Banner Bearer is to give the command:

“BANNER PARTY, BY THE LEFT, LEFT WHEEL, QUICK MARCH”
25. The Banner Party is then to March Off in the direction indicated by the AWO IC Banner Competition.
26. Notes:
 - a. Because of the limited room, No 1 Flt is an imaginary Flight and the commands given by the NCO IC in the name of No 1 Flt are intended as triggers, which call for action or a command from the Banner Bearer.
 - b. When the Banner Party reaches the start point after the March Past there is no need to halt the imaginary No 1 Flt. The Judges will walk forward to join the Banner Party and the request for permission to case the Banner is conversational.
 - c. The Banner Orderly's duty is to look after the case. After the Banner is uncased, he moves out of the parade area and takes no further part until the Banner Bearer receives permission to Case the Banner. He then marches back on to his position with the NCO IC in front of the Banner Party.
 - d. The distance between the Banner Bearer and the NCO IC and Banner Orderly is not an essential criteria. Through practice they should be able to determine the most appropriate to their duty during the uncasing.