

**Regulation of refereeing
in course of the Contest of International Army Games
«Tank Biathlon– 2019»**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Contest “Tank Biathlon” (hereinafter referred to as the Contest) is carried out in the framework of “International Army Games” by the decision of the Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and defense secretaries of foreign states indicated their willingness to engage in competitions.

The Contest could be hosted domestically and internationally.

Official languages of the Contest are Russian and English. If it is required for quality workmanship of the Referee Panel, interpreters could be assigned by a country hosting the Contest.

They design refereeing provisions in the course of the Contest “Tank Biathlon” for the sake of impartiality of officiating.

They frame definition of Contest’s subjects in the Provision as well as procedures for and conditions of officiating as well as establish authority structure among referees, their rights and duties, other issues concerning officiating activities.

These Provisions envisage strict adherence by all officials appointed for organization, conduct and participation in the Contest.

CONTEST'S SUBJECTS

Contest’s subjects are:

Sponsors;

Participating countries;

Contest members;

Referee panel.

Sponsors:

Provide general guidance of the preparation and conduct of the Contest;

Affirm referee panel of the Contest;

Delegate responsibilities among referees in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Contest.

Participating countries designate teams for the Contest. They appoint team leaders who bear responsibilities for the team attendance in the opening and closing ceremonies, stages of the Contest, awarding ceremony as well as observing discipline among team members on competition venues and lodging, exercise supervision for the arrival of their subordinates to the race start.

Contest members are military servicemen of teams, referees, coaches, executive officers (representatives) of teams, medic and other persons determined as participants by the Contest regulations.

For the Contest officiating they constitute referee board consisting of:

Chief Referee;

Deputy of Chief Referee;

Registers;

Referees (one Referee from participating team);
Assistant Chief Referee Video Review;

Field referees;

Technicians;

Technical Commission.

Referee board operations are guided by the regulations of the Contest.

It is PROHIBITED to amend the Contest Regulations.

Chief Referee is eligible to approve team members to take part in the competition.

Membership relations in the course of the Contest conduct is a subject to this provisions.

Contest members are eligible to be familiarized with and obey the Contest regulation's provisions, show respect for competitors, referees and visitors.

REFEREEING PROCEDURE

All referees have equal voting rights.

Only Referees from teams whose members taking part in stages or races of the Contest are eligible to review scoring and consider other matters concerning the Contest organization.

The Chief Referee of the Contest is subordinate to the Chief Referee of "International Army Games" and bears responsibility for referee board operations, impartiality and rightfulness of scoring calculation.

They appoint required number of field referees (technicians) and their assistants at obstacles and tracks according to requirements of the Contest's regulation.

They convene first (initial) meeting of referee board when all referees from participating teams have arrived.

They shall resolve all controversial issues emerged during preparation before the Contest start.

When controversial issues emerged during the race, the Chief Referee shall first of all receives field referee's overall situation report, then he reviews video records.

The Chief Referee may set up an open voting where decision is made by a majority of vote. **The Chief Referee and his Deputy for practical actions are ineligible to take part in voting.**

With an equality of votes, the final decision is to be taken by the Chief Referee of the Contest.

REFEREEING CONDITIONS

Referees are required to behave in a professional manner throughout the entire Contest.

Referees should always sit at a specified distance from each other and from spectators and do not discuss any issues related to refereeing whoever. Interpreters are available there.

A referee should never allow himself negative remarks in relation to his colleagues, sponsors, coaches, participants, etc. He must always behave ethically.

Referees should not discuss their assessments, assessment principles or opinions on this matter before, on time or after event.

During refereeing all contacts should be made only through the Chief Referee. All problematic issues should be tactfully solved only with the Chief Referee of the Contest. In the scope of officiating referees should be attired and equipped in accordance with the Contest's provision.

All referees must follow these guidelines:

Do not use video, audio and photo recording equipment that is not envisaged by the Contest regulations;

while considering controversial issues, to use means officially provided by the organizers of the Contest;

STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

to make any contact with competitors, coaches and whoever using electronic devices;

to give any signals to the participants of the Contest;

to show nepotism towards the participants.

Disrespectful remarks or rudeness to someone while officiating entails the immediate discharge from the referee panel without the right to be replaced by another person from the teams

REFEREE'S DUTIES

The Chief Referee of the Contest is elected in open balloting by a majority of votes, generally from the host country. The Chief Referee supervises referee panel, field referees and management of the Contest.

He takes the lead in referee panel's operations during preparatory, active and final stages of the Contest.

The Chief Referee is entitled:

To take the lead in referee panel operations of the Contest, lay the guidance of the Contest's organization and conduct in accordance with the Contest regulations;

To supervise the Contest due diligence and implementation of referees and management staff, their duties;

to notify timely all referees of the Contest about all changes in the guidance of the Contest;

to consider appeals and personally resolve them or bring them for the consideration of referee panel of the Contest;

to affirm Contest scoring;

to take the lead in guidance of Contest officials in the course of their preparation;

to conduct classes and seminars with referee panel; to supervise draw procedure;

to call a meeting of referee panel;

to monitor the preparation of reports for each stage of the Contest, ensure the submission of final documents to the Organizing Committee of the Contest.

to approve protocols and other documents determining consequence of participation of teams in the Competition, as well as calculation of race scoring and the Contest final results;

to ensure objective and impartial officiating during the Contest.

The Chief Referee is entitled:

To make changes in the schedule of the Contest;

to discharge from further performances in the Contest participants who have committed a gross violation of safety requirements, rudeness, and also showed a clear lack of preparation;

to discharge dysfunctional referees;

to review a video recordings of the race (stage of the race) during the race or a meeting of a referee panel in order to make a decision on controversial (complex) issues;

to cancel the decision of any referee.

Without medical support provision the Chief Referee is not allowed to start a race.

The Chief Referee together with the organizers of the Contest signs an inspection readiness notice of the firing range base, venue, tools, weapons and equipment for the upcoming Contest.

Deputy of Chief Referee of the contest is to be elected among referees of participating teams. He is responsible for leading the meeting of the referee commission on controversial issues' decision making arising with respect to the team of a country whose representative is the Chief Referee of the contest. Chief Referee and his deputy should be representatives from different countries.

Referees of the Contest

They appoint referees from participating teams. They appoint a person with professional training in the field of the Contest as a referee.

He is subordinate to the Chief Referee and responsible for impartiality and rightfulness of scoring calculation.

Referee is eligible:

To have knowledge of the Contest Regulations.

To monitor impartiality and rightfulness of the Contest and correct implementation of referees, field referees and management staff their duties, as well as scoring calculation of the Contest by them;

to carry out officiating professionally and impartially, avoiding errors leading to the scoring discrepancies, effectively and timely resolve issues emerged in the course of the Contest;

to take part in referee panel meeting under the supervision of the Chief Referee;

to consider scoring, appeals and to make jointly (in commission) decisions on them or put them to the public vote of the referee panel;

to sign reports and protocols of the scoring of the stages (races) of the Contest.

Referee is entitled:

to officiate the Contest, to wear a sleeve insignia (bandage), with the referee emblem placed on it;

to participate in draft decision of referee panel of the Contest;

in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer to involve other servicemen in tackling tasks assigned to him;

request and receive from the leaders of the participating teams the necessary information and documents;

participate in the discussion of issues related to the implementation of duties;

require the management of the Contest to assist in the performance of official duties.

The Assistant Chief Referee Video Assistant Referee (Video Review Referee) is a member of the Referee panel for prompt decision-making on controversial issues regarding hitting targets and overcoming obstacles by contestants. He reports to the Chief Referee of the Contest.

The video Review Referee is entitled:

to know the Regulations on the Contest and be guided by it;

by the command of the Chief Referee of the Contest, during the race (stage) of the Contest, review the video recordings of the requested episode and make a decision on it in accordance with the requirement of the Contest Regulations;

upon the request of the Chief Referee of the Contest to provide him with a video review of the episode to make a decision.

Register is obliged:

Take the minutes of referee meetings;

Along with the Chief Referee to carry out draw procedure for team (crew) participation and race variants and register draw results in the protocols;

To handle orders and decisions of the Chief Referee;

to accept applications, register and pass them to the Chief Referee of the Contest;

to keep all documents of referees;

conduct the secretariat's business;

With the permission of the Chief Referee to convey information to correspondents;

To prepare reporting documents of the Contest.

Field referee

Field referee at the track (range, obstacle) is appointed from among the officers. He is a subordinate to the Deputy head of the competition for practical actions and is responsible for the exact fulfillment of the safety requirements by all participants, compliance with the established procedure for overcoming track (range, obstacle) according to the provisions of the Contest's Regulations, timely bringing the results of overcoming the track (range, obstacle) by the contestants to the referee panel.

They include one representative from participating teams into field referees board in order to ensure impartiality, fairness and transparency of the contest as well as rightfulness of decision-making.

Field referee is obliged:

a) before the competition:

to familiarize with the Contest's program and Regulations;

to check the readiness of the track (range, obstacle) for the competition, its compliance with the requirements of the Regulations;

to have operational means of radio communication, flag signaling, warning means and be ready for their immediate use. To learn and know the call signs of competition's officials, communication procedure, to handle his local radio network;

to supervise crew operations – competition's participants, firing and driving standard operating procedures in accordance with the Contest conduct program;

to check obstacle's layouts availability at the site for setting up pillars, markers, poles and availability of substitutes;

to report competition zone readiness before the start; **b) in the course of competition:**

keep records of the scoring of overcoming obstacles by crews during the Contest's stage on his site;

to report timely to the referee panel by means of communication (or using signal flags, warning means) the scoring of overcoming obstacles by crews.

to fill in the register of overcoming obstacles by crews;

to restore timely damaged obstacles, pillars, markers (poles);

to report violation of safety requirements by crews to referee panel, stop immediately the contest stage, then act in accordance with the instructions received;

c) upon completing the race (after obstacle's passing by the combat vehicle):

report back to the referee panel the scoring of overcoming obstacles by crews; to manage maintenance and repair of damaged items of obstacles or site of the track.

They establish technical commission in the course of the contest in order to define technical failures as well as to make expert assessment of controversial issues. It consists of military experts (expert panels) from weapons and military equipment manufacturer and one representative of a participating team. Its composition is to be adopted on the first meeting of referee panel.

At the direction of the Chief Referee of the Contest, the technical commission checks the compliance of the weapons and military equipment engaged in the competition with the requirements of the Contest's Regulations.

In the event of a malfunction (failure, breakdown, damage, delay) on a piece of equipment, with the permission of the Chief Referee, the technical commission goes to the site where failure occurred to determine the cause of the malfunction (failure, breakage, damage, delay). The technical commission summary is to be registered before the meeting of the referees, signed by the members of the technical commission and handed over to the Chief Referee of the Contest at the next meeting of referees. This document is registered along with minutes of the referee panel meeting.

After technical commission's summary consideration, referee panel should decide whether this malfunction (failure, breakdown, damage, delay) occurred through the fault of a crew.

THE ORDER OF SOLVING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

Each participating team is entitled to put a question before the Referee Panel. This matter has to be considered at the earliest or at the special meeting by the decision of the Chief Referee.

The resolution of controversial issues is carried out by the referee panel of the Contest using photo materials and video recording of the scoring of hitting the target, overcoming track obstacles, as well as on-site visual inspection of a target. It is not allowed to replace a target until the resolution of this issue or until the arrival of the referee panel from the field.

If it is impossible to resolve the disputed issue with the use of photo and video recordings by the decision of the referee panel of the Contest, they call for an open voting of the referees from the participating teams. The decision is deemed adopted by a simple majority of votes of presenting referees. If the votes are equal, the final decision is taken by the Chief Referee of the Contest, in other cases his vote is not taken into account.

The heart of the disputed matter and the results of voting on it are recorded by the secretary of the Contest in the minutes of regular or special meeting.

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Appeal (claim) procedure

An appeal against the scoring results of the Contest (decisions of the refereeing panel) is submitted by the team leader in written form in Russian and English, on the race day before they approve the results of the race (The Contest).

An appeal is to be addressed to the Chief Referee and submitted to the secretariat. The appeal in free form indicates the heart of the disputed issue, the time and site of disputed scoring, actions (decisions) with attached photo and video recording of the controversial matter, actions (decisions) are required consideration by the referee panel.

The appeal decision making is carried out by the referee panel which should consider explanations from the person who submitted the appeal and the person against whom the appeal was lodged. They could make a decision by absentee voting when persons concerned failed to appear.

The appeal decision making is carried out by a majority of presenting referees votes.

With an equality of votes, a vote of confidence is to be given to the side in favor of which the Chief Referee voted.

Referee panel decision of the Contest could be challenged by an appellant to the Referee panel of the Army Games by the similar procedure.

They may challenge issues regarding the organization of the Contest in oral or written form to the Contest sponsors' representative.

Team leader should express dissatisfaction within 1 hour from its occurrence in the course of the Contest.

If an oral statement cannot be resolved on the spot and requires additional analysis, the team leader should express his reasonable argument in writing. Appeals affecting scoring for the day or stage of the Contest, the referee panel should consider within 24 hours from the moment of lodging the appeal and no later than the signing of the protocol for the day (stage) of the Contest.

The decision of the referee panel is duly adopted, if a quorum is present and at least 70% of the referees are participating in the meeting, it must be recorded in a

protocol and communicated to the appellant.

Referees are entitled to announce only the collective decision of the referees, registered in the protocol. After the decision is made, the Chief Referee and other referees are ineligible to express their views on controversial issues. The decision is final and binding upon the parties.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL
against scoring and procedure**

(Contest title)

from _____

(Coach, Team leader) (Full name) (Team)

(Stage) (Date) (Time)

Summary of the appeal. Which articles of the rules or the Competition Regulations are considered violated. Proposed solution and its justification.	Pending appeal consideration	
	Name of examiner	Resolution, justification. Signature of decision maker

I have read and understood,
«AGREE», «DISAGREE» _____
(delete as applicable) (date, time, signature of claimer)

REFEREE PANEL RESOLUTION

Chief Referee: _____

Referee Panel members: _____

(Date, time)

I have read and understood _____

(Signature, full name)

Commendation and reprimand

Commendation

For active and flawless fulfillment of duties of a referee, they may award referees with following:

awarding certificates, certificate of appreciation, memorable gifts found by Games' (The Contest's) Sponsors;
decorations awarded by a standard procedure and commendation as well as financial awards.

Reprimand

For non-compliance with the rules of the Contest or unsportsmanship behavior, any referee could be reprimanded. The degree of reprimand (increase of penalty time, etc.) is established by the Regulations on the Contest.

unsportsmanship behavior:

neglect of Referee's command;
dishonorable reference to referee;
touching of a referee;
bad language and insulting gestures;
obstructing of team actions assessment;
delaying of a race (stage)oftheContest.

They may announce reprimand, cautioning and disqualification for a team whose representative interfere with the operations of referees, shows disrespect and disdain with officiating.

They may announce a warning, two cautioning notices. They may discharge the team when it receives third cautioning notice.

Thus gross violation of the rules of the competition allows the referee to disqualify a wrongdoer (a team).

Only the Chief Judge is entitled to disqualify or discharge a team from the competition after an open vote of the referee panel where the decision is enregistered in a protocol.

They may apply following measures for non-compliance or neglect implementation of referees duties or other violations:

a warning;
discharge from officiating;
temporary disqualification with determined deadline.

Decisions on the application of penalties to referees are made by the judicial brigade collectively by an open vote of the majority of votes with the registration of the protocol

They may apply disciplinary measures by the open vote decision making by a majority of votes and registration that decision in the protocol.

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Requirements for equipment and organization of technical support during the Contest

The Contest is held using T-72 tanks or its analogues (hereinafter referred to as tank). They have to use for firing practice shells less than 1000 m per second muzzle velocity.

If there is a big difference in performances between the particular piece of military equipment and T-72 or look-alike tank, the relevant coefficients will be applied.

Maintenance, repair (if necessary), fueling and lubricating of the equipment are to be carried out by maintenance personnel at the combat vehicle pool of the unit. It is allowed to involve industry specialists and their repair organizations. After the team has received the military equipment and the document on technical condition has been put together, the responsibility for technical condition rests with the team. To avoid unauthorized access to military equipment, the teams shall cover tanks, place them under seals and put under security. Without having coordinated with manufacturer and the Chief Referee of the Contest it is prohibited to change factory settings, to break seals, to introduce changes in design. The tank with above mentioned violations is not allowed to participate in competition and the crew will be disqualified. Chief Referee of the Contest shall conduct scheduled and snap checks of technical condition of the military equipment. Final inspection, maintenance and preparation of tanks for the next day shall be performed in advance.

Practical training on the track is strictly prohibited.

Defeating of targets, designated according to Contest's conditions, shall continue until run-out of ammunitions. In case of delays during firing or when a crew is not able to expend all the ammunition due to any other reason, the Chief Referee of the Contest orders to unload the tank at a specially designated area (unload site) by unloading ammunition or shooting them at safety shield.

Variants of targets display are prepared in advance and put in envelopes, sealed and held by the Chief Referee without any distinctive marks. Just before the race the Chief referee gives the sealed envelope with the targets display variant to the Deputy Chief for Target Layout.

Examination of destroyed targets is performed by using technical means, visually, and if necessary with on-site close inspection.

If necessary, photo and video records to be used in order to determine destroyed targets. It is prohibited to replace targets until controversial issue is solved or referees return from target field.

Target is deemed to be destroyed in following cases:

- When shooting on armored target – if a target has direct hit of shells (a shell) or their substitutes, which have penetrated the target and left a hole, including distinctive trace open. If a shell (its substitute) has touched an edge of a target with its body, the target is not destroyed. If a target falls apart, it is deemed to be destroyed, if parts of the target have shell hits. If there are no obvious traces of direct hit or the target fell apart due to bound shot, this target is deemed to be not destroyed;

- When shooting on non-armored target – if a target has hole made by bullet or shell, including trace of fin and fragments.

If hit of a target is ambiguous and there is no strong indication of direct hit the target is deemed to be missed.

If conditions of the Contest prescribe to shoot on the move, each shot at halt (with full stop) will be evaluated as a miss.

Each missed target implies a penalty lap. Each unshelled target during gun fire sessions implies an extra penalty lap.

According to the results of shooting the Chief Referee of the Contest takes decision on giving a penalty laps to a crew. For violations of obstacle overcoming rules and safety requirements a crew will have to proceed to penalty site and penalty laps respectively.

The crew will have to perform an exercise “Walk-around inspection” at the penalty site according to annex №1.

To ensure correct performing of a penalty lap and penalty site the crew and referees on the track get the relevant command with indication of a number of appointed penalty laps.

A field referee has to direct a tank to the penalty lap making a signal to a crew.

If during the inspection it was determined, that the target was not engaged and a penalty lap was not appointed, then the best time of doing a penalty lap by this crew is added to the total runtime. If in course of race a crew did not make for a penalty lap, then the total runtime shall be increased for 1 minute.

If during the inspection it was determined, that the target was engaged and a penalty lap was appointed, then the time of making for a penalty lap by this crew is subtracted from the total runtime.

When leaving penalty lap a crew has to yield right of way to another tank, which moves directly. Pool out area from penalty lap is equipped with the sign “Yield ahead”.

In the case of a simultaneous finish of several crews, advantage is to be given to the crew with minimum amount of penalty points. With equity of penalty points, advantage is given the crew with minimum penalty laps.

Crews have to load up ammunition in accordance with operational requirements of a particular piece of military equipment in use.

With main tank' failure, it is to be replaced with backup from reserve. Replacement is to be done by command of the Chief Referee of the Contest with a help from backup tank's crew (driver) of a participating team. The backup tank has to move from start line to the place of breakdown on its track under control of backup crew (driver). Upon arrival the main crew has to change from broken tank to the one from backup, to report readiness and to continue race track by command of the Chief Referee. The march route of a backup tank can be changed in exceptional cases and by the decision of the Chief Referee.

If the tank's breakdown occurred through no fault of this crew, time of stop is not to be added to the total runtime. The decision on the reason of breakdown of a tank has to be taken by technical commission based on the inspection report (of technical condition) and has to be approved by the Chief Referee of the Contest. One copy of inspection report could be given to the representative of a team concerned.

Notwithstanding the reason of replacement of the main tank for one from backup, this team gets additional penalty lap or by the decision of the Chief Referee the time

required to pass the penalty lap is to be added.

The list of breakdowns through a fault of participants of the Contest, which cause disqualification of a crew or imply the last place in the ranking table, is indicated in Contest Regulations.