

TECHNICAL DRILL JUDGE A

The Technical Drill Judge A will judge the Leader and Team members for aspects of leg and foot action, posture, arm swing, halts, turns, moving to stand at ease and attention, spacing and salute throughout the Review and Inspection phase of the Technical Drills. This judge shall also judge tempo throughout the Review and Inspection phase. The criteria defining all these aspects are detailed in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical) Sections 2-8.

The Technical Drill Judge A must ascertain that the marchers are placed correctly for the Review & Inspection phase as per the Policies and Operations Manual (Technical), Section 1, Page 4 and mark the appropriate box at the top of the score sheet (RAC12.1 Y = Yes). Teams not complying will receive a RAC12.1 penalty.

The number of marchers marching in the Technical Drills Review and Inspection phase will be indicated with a circle for the appropriate number of marchers participating at the top of the score sheet.

Judging will commence on completion of the music command "BY THE CENTRE – QUICK MARCH" and will cease on completion of the Caliper Check as detailed below.

Teams will be judged on their overall performance by awarding points for each movement or phase as detailed on the sheets.

The Inspection will be an individual award given for the correctness of presentation at the completion of the Review and Inspection.

The total award for the sheet will be calculated by the recording room staff. These awards will be the result of the individual awards for each drill given by the Technical A judge.

Please refer to page 3 of the General Requirements for judging details on "Marking Score Sheets (Technical Judges).

Standing Position

3.0 metres in front of and 4.5 metres to the right of the leaders finish disc (when facing the team). This position may be varied slightly as required, but must be maintained in the same place throughout each Grade.

General

1. While it is a requirement of this judging position to observe the team for each drill of the Review & Inspection performance, a relaxed pattern of judging to allow appropriate comments and awards to be applied to the score is to be practiced by this Judge.
2. While observing the Team's performance, diagonal strokes will be marked through the headings to indicate aspects requiring attention. Crosses marked through headings will indicate an incorrect technical aspect. *It is NOT a requirement that a stroke or cross for each individual marcher per occasion be applied.*
3. All aspects executed by team members, whether stationary or moving, must be uniform unless otherwise stated.

Score Sheet Headings

Leg / Foot Action: (Pacing)

Action, direction and length of pace will be judged as detailed in the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical) - Drills – Section 2.

Hands/Hand Positions:

Hands and Hand Positions will be judged as detailed in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical) – Drills – Section 2.

Arm Swing:

Action and timing of arm swings will be judged as detailed in the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical) - Drills – Section 2.

Handgrip when Marching:

Action will be judged as detailed in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical) – Drills – Section 2.

Posture:

Erect and steadiness will be judged as detailed under “Body” for the Position of Attention in the Policy and Operations Manual (Technical) – Drills – Section 2.

To Attention / S.A.E:

Action and hesitations/pauses will be judged as detailed under the headings “Moving from Attention to Standing at Ease” and “Moving from Stand at Ease to Attention” as detailed in the Drills for Review and Inspection or the Review and Inspection details for the relevant Grade, as applicable.

Leg & Foot Action – Turns/Halts/Review Halt:

Action and hesitations/pauses will be judged as detailed under the heading “Right and Left Turns/**Halt/Review Halt**” as detailed in the Drills for Review and Inspection or the Review and Inspection details for the relevant Grade, as applicable.

Side Pacing from the Position of Attention:

Action, direction and timing of side paces (As defined in the Policies and Operations Manual (Technical) Competitive Requirements for Review & Inspection – Section 6.

Position:

Is used when it is obvious that a marcher is obviously not in their correct place in the formation, and it cannot be assessed whether a penalty should be for spacing, covering or dressing due to the position of the Team on the competition area.

Head Turns

Action and Timing of the Head Turns by the Team members will be judged as detailed under the heading “Head Turns” - Action/Timing in the Policies and Operations Manual (Technical) - Drills - Section 2.

Shuffle Direction:

Correct direction when shuffling to Dress (forward or back) or to Cover (left or right).

Salute:

Action and timing of the salute by the Leader and Team members will be judged as detailed under the heading “Salute at the Halt” in the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical) – Drills – Section 2.

Discipline:

Any audible talking or counting out loud is not permitted. (As defined in the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical) – General – Section 1

Tempo:

Tempo will be judged as defined in “Drill Definitions”.

Disc:

There will be an award of 2 points if the Leader finishes on the finish disc at the completion of pacing for Under 12, Under 16 **and Senior Grades**. A 'Nil' award will be given if the Leader fails to finish on the finish disc after the last halt in each grade.

Inspection:

Immediately following the final Salute by all team members, the Judge will move to a position of approximately 5 paces in front of and 3 paces to the left of (right of when facing the team) the No. 3 Team Members. The Judge will then move quickly and without pausing, across the Front Rank and the Leader and at the same time Inspect the Leader and the Front Rank for Handgrip, Hand Positions and Feet Angles. The Judge will then move to a position of approximately 3 paces to the right of (left of when facing team) and approximately 5 paces in front of the No. 1 Team Member and Inspect the Front Rank and the Leader for Heads, Shoulders Square and Posture. The Judge will then move quickly to the Centre Rank and move quickly along the rank inspecting the numbers 4, 5 and 6 Team Members for Hand Grip, Hand Positions and Feet Angles and at the same time inspecting the Front Rank for Heels in Line. The Judge will then move to a position of approximately 3 paces to the left of (right of when facing team) and 3 paces in front of the No. 6 Team Members and Inspect the Centre Rank for Head, Shoulders Square and Posture. Following the Inspection of the Centre Rank the Judge will then move quickly to the Rear Rank and Inspect the Numbers 9,8 and 7 Team Members for Hand Grip, Hand Positions and Feet Angles and at the same time Inspect the Centre Rank for Heels in Line. The Judge will then move to a position of approximately 3 paces to the right of (left of when facing team) and 3 paces in front of the No.7 Team Member and Inspect the Rear Rank for Heads, Shoulders Square and Posture before moving quickly along the rear of the Rear Rank to Inspect the Rank for Heels in Line. The Judge will then move quickly back to the front of the Team and proceed to carry out the Calliper Check.

The Judge has a section on the sheet for the Judges Inspection of the team. The Judge will mark each incorrect element with a stroke in the appropriate box. Each blank box will be totalled across and those totals added together to find total award for the Inspection.

Caliper Check: (Spacing)

The Judges track for the Caliper check will be as follows:- Leader-2, 2-5, 1-2, 2-3, 3-6, 6-5, 5-4, 4-1.

One point per correct spacing will be awarded – maximum award = 8points.

A tolerance of 2.5cms either side of the correct measurement (in all grades) shall be permitted.

The judging of spacing will be determined by the distance between identical positions of the same foot of adjacent marchers (e.g. the back of the heel).

Comments

The rear of the score sheet has a pre-printed comments section available covering the criteria of this judging position. Tick the boxes of those points to be brought to the Coach's attention regarding the Team's performance.

One or two comments WILL be written in the comments section on the front of the score sheet to indicate the worst aspects of the Review & Inspection. This may assist both the Judge and the Coach during the post-contest interview.

If a "cross" is given indicating incorrect technical execution, or a "Nil" award is given, this is to be clarified by the Judge in the comments section.

While Coaches will still need to know what aspects require attention, positive comments are encouraged for drills executed correctly.