



## The **BOYS' BRIGADE VICTORIA**

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### DRILL COMPETITION RULES 2015

1. All Companies in the Victorian Council are eligible to enter. Companies with limited Drill experience are advised to initially participate in the Introductory Drill Competition.
2. The Drill performed shall be in accordance with the current Boys' Brigade Drill Manual.
3. The Drill sub-committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Drill Competitions on behalf of the State Executive. Each Drill event will have an officer appointed as event coordinator. Under supervision of the Drill sub-committee they will organise the events and have all authority before, during and after each event. Thereby the decision of this coordinator is final over any contentious matter which may arise before or during the Competition. Any appeal against a decision must be submitted in writing to the State Executive within 14 days of the Competition.
4. The Victorian State Drill Competition involves two grades of drill standard: "A" Grade & "B" Grade. "B" Grade will now be known as Introductory Drill Competition, and involves elementary drill movements (Chapters 4-5), whereas "A" Grade, to be known as State Drill Competition, also has Squad Drill movements (Chapters 6). The number of movements and the method of allocation of marks will be at the discretion of the Drill Coordinator who shall set the paper. The paper shall contain the movements in writing; interpretation of each section of each paper is left up to the commanding person.
5. The Drill Squad shall consist of enrolled NCOs and Boys. A Staff Sergeant shall not be included in the Drill Squad. The Squad Commander may be any enrolled Officer, Warrant Officer, Staff Sergeant, NCO or Boy.

**When the Drill Squad is commanded by an N.C.O. or Boy, the Squad will receive a points bonus of 5% of its drill score. Staff Sergeants will not attract the Bonus points.**

6. The number of Boys in the "State Drill Competition Squad shall be eight (8) and in the Introductory Drill Squad shall be six or eight (6 or 8). The latter remains at the discretion of the Drill Coordinator.
7. Participating Companies shall advise the Drill Coordinator of their entry no later than 7 days before the date of the competitions, or a date nominated by the Coordinator.
8. All Drill Squads must present and perform in Brigade uniform as adopted by BB Australia. These are: Classic Uniform, and Contemporary Uniform. Squads must present in only one type of uniform, that is, all Boys must wear the same uniform with all respective elements present.
9. The Squad Inspections for the Presentation of the BB Uniform shall take place separately and prior to the Drill movements being carried out.

10. Competition marking will have the weighting of 80% for Drill and 20% for presentation of the squads BB Uniform.
- The judging of the drill component will be performed by one or more BB Officers experienced in Drill and if possible not a registered Officer/s of a Company in the Competitions. All such marking will be directed by the Drill sub-committee who will in their preparations for each event discuss and decide methodology and matters on which to focus. The goal is to continue to raise the standard of drill performance of our competing squads.
  - Marking for uniform shall be based on the correctness of the wearing of the Uniform as determined by the current BBA Uniform Policy. Personnel shall be appointed to fulfil this role, preferably from a company not participating in the competition.
  - Uniform score will be out of 20, irrespective of uniform type. Given the difference in complexity between the two uniform styles, the Classic Uniform will be marked out of 20; and the Contemporary Uniform will be marked out of 14. Each score will then be standardized to 20% of the total score.

Any penalties or errors in Classic uniform will incur 1 point; errors with the Contemporary uniform will incur  $20/14=1.43$  point.

This means: Classic, 3 errors, score is 17 out of 20; Contemporary, 3 errors, score is 11 out of 14 = 15.71 out of 20

11. The Drill Paper may be issued to the Officer in charge of the Squad either in part or in total prior to the Competitions, but the total paper will be issued 30 minutes prior to the parade of Squads. Squads will be penalised one mark for every minute or part thereof that the Squad is late in parading.
12. Trophies shall be awarded annually to winner/s of the Drill Competitions. The winners shall hold the Trophies (which shall at all times remain the property of the Victorian Council) for one year or until the final of the following Drill Competitions, whichever is the sooner, and shall be responsible for returning it in clean condition to the Judge at the final of the following Drill Competitions.
13. The State Executive shall offer financial assistance at its discretion towards transport costs to the winning "A" Grade Squad desirous of attending a National Drill Competition.

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