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Finnish National  
Defence University

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Last March the Estonian Military Academy organized recce competition. We would like to extend an invitation to the Finnish National Defence University to take part in this event. Event will take place 14th of March until 16th of March 2025.

The invitation is valid for one officer and four cadets. You will find the programme for the event and a participation form attached to this letter.

I kindly ask Finnish National Defence University to confirm the attendance of your delegation by e-mail to the POC ENS Raiko Pappel at raiko.pappel@mil.ee by 20 January 2025 at the latest by confirming your participation. More detailed information will follow after that.

For any further communication on the event, especially regarding administrative questions, I kindly ask you to use the previously mentioned e-mail address.

We are looking forward to welcoming your officer and cadets in Tartu!

Yours sincerely

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# **ESTONIAN MILITARY ACADEMY RECONNAISSANCE COMPETITION 2025**

## **COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

### **1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The "Estonian Military Academy Reconnaissance Competition 2025" is a military-sport intelligence competition where teams and opposing force (OPFOR) are given fictional background situations for completing tasks and performing counteractivities. The competition assesses the military knowledge and skills of teams and their members. The main organizer of the competition is the Estonian Military Academy in cooperation with national defense structures and the civilian sector.

#### **1.1 CONCEPT OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition simulates a tactical operation and is divided into three stages: the first and third stages involve a march and solving checkpoint tasks, while the second stage involves completing the main task assigned to the team. The route is approximately 60 km in a straight line.

##### **The route and its completion:**

The entire route is considered a "hostile area" for teams, except for security areas within a 500m radius of checkpoints.

The route passes through various terrains such as forests, open areas, swamps, populated areas, and agricultural areas. Teams must pass designated checkpoints and mailboxes in a specific order. Movement on the route is on foot without external assistance.

Teams must avoid contact with other teams outside the checkpoints.

Adding or reducing equipment on the route is prohibited.

Equipment checks may occur without prior warning.

Competitors must reach the finish line according to the schedule provided to them. The end of the competition is on March 16th (Time TBD).

### **2. OBJECTIVE AND SUB-OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION**

The objective of the competition is to determine the best team, enhance the military knowledge, skills, and cooperation of participating teams, and promote cooperation between structural units and allies.

Sub-objectives:

Identify the best teams capable of completing assigned tasks under physical and mental stress conditions.

Increase interest in physical fitness and military skills development.

Develop military cooperation and friendship between units of the Estonian Defence Forces and the Estonian Defence League through a military competition.

### **3. TIME AND PLACE**

March 14th - March 16<sup>th</sup>

Tartu and R pina area

### **4. EVENT MANAGEMENT AND STRUCTURE**

4.1 The structure of the event consists of the event organizer, event staff, judges, teams, and opposing forces (OPFOR).

### **5. PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPETITION**

#### 5.1 Teams

- Up to 14 four-member teams can participate in the competition.
- A team can continue the competition with a minimum of three members.

#### 5.2 Team Representative

- Each team must have at least one representative who represents the team in administrative activities during the competition and solves any problems that arise for the team. Representatives can observe their team's performance at open checkpoints. At an open checkpoint, the representative can communicate with their team before passing the checkpoint.

#### 5.3 Event Staff

- The staff is the event management body that directs and controls the course of the competition during the event and makes decisions as needed for the smooth conduct of the competition.
- The staff is led by the staff commander. The staff structure includes: S1, S2 (responsible for the course), S4, S5 (responsible for checkpoints), S6, opposing forces commander, rescue team commander, representative coordinator.
- The staff is mainly assembled from the personnel of the Estonian Military Academy.
- If necessary, representatives from other units of the Estonian Defence League are involved.

#### 5.4 Competition Judges

- Competition judges are marked with a blue ribbon and include members of the Estonian Defence League and the Estonian Defence Forces. Judges are divided into point judges and opposing forces judges. The role of opposing forces judges is to support the identification of rule violations.

#### 5.5 Supporting Structures for the Competition

- Real logistics is managed and organized by the S4 staff;
- Catering does not take place during the competition. Teams and representatives use their own food during the competition.

- First aid is organized by the competition medical service (KVA). A first aid point is located at the base camp, providing first aid 24/7. First aid is provided at all checkpoints. A rapid response unit of ambulance/medics is in constant readiness on the course and at the base camp. If needed, a team can receive first aid from opposing forces.

## **6. REGISTRATION FOR THE COMPETITION**

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Let us know if you are interested before 20 January 2025