

NM JROTC CONSTITUTION

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5.19 JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (JROTC)

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ARTICLE 1.0 NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the New Mexico High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC).

ARTICLE 2.0 PURPOSE: To further the goals of JROTC within the state of New Mexico. Specifically:

2.1 Promote citizenship through self-reliance and responsibility

2.2 Help students improve their academic standing, graduate from high school, and prepare for the next level

2.3 Develop character and leadership skills

2.4 Develop effective communication skills

2.5 Improve Physical Fitness

2.6 Provide incentive to live drug-free

2.7 Strengthen positive self-motivation

2.8 Provide a historical perspective of the military services

2.9 Teach students to work independently and as part of a team

2.10 Organize competitions between schools in military skills (i.e. drill, air rifle, physical fitness), as well as intramural sports (i.e. softball, flag football, bowling, basketball, volleyball, and Hooverball).

2.11 Foster Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering (STEM) education in JROTC Units and Middle School Leadership Programs by teaching and competing, as desired, in rocketry competitions such as the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC), the Air Force Association's Cyber Patriot Competition, the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center's Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Competition, and working with various organizations to launch high altitude balloons with attached experiments.

ARTICLE 3.0 ORGANIZATION: New Mexico High School JROTC is made up of all the JROTC programs (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force) within the state of New Mexico.

ARTICLE 4.0 MEMBERSHIP: All JROTC programs within the state of New Mexico are eligible for membership providing they are in good standing with their respective military service. Other organizations (e.g. Civil Air Patrol, Young Marines, 4-H, etc.) may affiliate with JROTC for specific purposes (e.g. Air Rifle Competitions, Middle School Drill Meets, etc.) but will not be considered JROTC programs nor will they have a vote in JROTC/NMAA matters.

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ARTICLE 5.0 ELIGIBILITY: All participants must meet NMAA grade requirements.

These grade requirements pertain only to JROTC Events: Drill, Air Rifle Marksmanship, and Physical Fitness. A student must be in good standing as determined by his/her high school. This includes academics, attendance, and deportment. Additionally, all competing cadets must be enrolled in JROTC in accordance with the respective rules and regulations of their individual service.

5.1 Consequences for violating eligibility rules. Prior to a competition, Instructors will obtain the official grades of their competing cadets, annotate their GPA, take them to the competition, and turn them in to the competition host. The competition hosts will, in turn, spot check grades for compliance. If a school is found not to be in compliance, the school will forfeit any trophies/medals earned and their name will be turned in to the NMAA and JROTC Executive Committee for any further consequence, if deemed necessary. Additionally, any school found to knowingly be using ineligible cadets (e.g. multiple violations, more than one cadet having less than a 2.0 GPA) will be banned from any JROTC/NMAA sanctioned meets for an entire year.

5.2 In accordance with the NMAA Constitution, all cadets participating in any extracurricular activities must have a current physical and accident insurance on file prior to participating in any events.

ARTICLE 6.0 CREED AND MOTTO: The mission of New Mexico JROTC will be the mission statement dictated by the respective service. For example, the mission statement of Army JROTC is “to motivate young people to be better citizens”.

ARTICLE 7.0 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

7.1 New Mexico JROTC Executive: For the purposes of administration and coordination only, one JROTC Instructor will be selected as the New Mexico High School JROTC Executive. The New Mexico High School JROTC Executive will not have any directive authority and is not a voting member of the Executive Board. The role of the New Mexico High School JROTC Executive will be to coordinate all decisions with member schools, to conduct all required coordination with NMAA, to complete all required documentation and administration, and to solicit funding for JROTC programs/events, as appropriate. The New Mexico JROTC Executive will be the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) District Military Instructor (DMI).

7.2 New Mexico High School JROTC Executive Board: In order to ensure that the perspectives of all military services are taken into account, a New Mexico High School JROTC Executive Board will be established. The purpose of the New Mexico JROTC Executive Board will be to provide advice and assistance to the New Mexico JROTC Executive. The New Mexico JROTC Executive Board will be made up of one JROTC Instructor from each military service. If there is not at least one representative from northern New Mexico or southern New Mexico, additional members will be added to the Executive Board to ensure proper geographic representation. The New Mexico Executive Board will be voted on by all member schools that are present at the end of school year In-Service/NMAA Meeting. All members of the Executive Board are voting members and will serve a term of two years.

7.3 New Mexico High School JROTC Committees: The JROTC Executive, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, will form committees to address issues that are common to all members and that require further study, research, and/or resolution. As of 2012, the Committees established were Drill, Rifle, and PT. As of May 2023 majority voted and agreed upon committee positions will be solicited by

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the Executive Director annually to ensure those who are on the committee still want to be on the committee and to solicit any vacancies. All committee positions will have a two year limit, unless there is no willing instructor wanting the vacancy. In this event the instructor would remain on for another two years as long as they are willing. If the incumbent is retiring the vacancy must be filled.

7.3.1 Drill Committee Responsibilities: The expectation of the drill committee is to be the subject matter experts and advise the Executive Director on all matters pertaining to drill while fully understanding each services drill regulations. All issues pertaining to drill can be submitted to the Drill Chair. It is the responsibility of the Drill Chair to hold a working group with the Drill Committee to discuss and vote on any issue or change to drill. If there is a majority vote within the Drill Committee to change or address the issue, the Drill Chair will forward all information to the Executive Committee. If the vote is critical an immediate vote can be sent out to the entire community for a majority vote. If not it will be added to the agenda for the next in-service. Drill Chair is responsible for reviewing all information for the All State Drill Team (see sec, 13.5).

7.3.2 Marksmanship Committee: The expectation of the Marksmanship Committee is to be the subject matter experts and advise the Executive Director on all matters pertaining to marksmanship while fully understanding CMP regulations. All issues pertaining to marksmanship can be submitted to the Marksmanship Chair. It is the responsibility of the Marksmanship Chair to hold a working group with the Marksmanship Committee to discuss and vote on any issue or change to Marksmanship. If there is a majority vote within the Marksmanship Committee to change or address the issue, the Marksmanship Chair will forward all information to the Executive Committee. If the vote is critical an immediate vote can be sent out to the entire community for a majority vote. If not, it will be added to the agenda for the next in-service. Logistically, the marksmanship committee has the most moving parts. The Marksmanship committee must be compiled for at least one representative from APS. This is to ensure coordination of all electrical target for match use, set up and management of the range for the match. Marksmanship Chair is responsible for reviewing all information for the All State Marksmanship Team (see sec, 13.4)

7.3.3 PT Committee: The expectation of the PT committee is to be the subject matter experts and advise the Executive Director on all matters pertaining to PT while fully understanding each services PT regulations. All issues pertaining to PT can be submitted to the PT Chair. It is the responsibility of the PT Chair to hold a working group with the PT Committee to discuss and vote on any issue or change to PT. If there is a majority vote within the PT Committee to change or address the issue, the PT Chair will forward all information to the Executive Committee. If the vote is critical an immediate vote can be sent out to the entire community for a majority vote. If not it will be added to the agenda for the next in-service.

ARTICLE 8.0 GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES

8.1 The New Mexico High School JROTC Executive will ensure that any NMAA issue involving more than two schools will be put to a vote. All member schools will have one vote on each issue. The voting will be done via the most expeditious means possible. The New Mexico High School JROTC Executive will ensure that each member school that participates in state JROTC activities and/or competitions receives an opportunity to vote, even if the member school chooses not to vote. JROTC

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units that do not participate in JROTC activities and/or competitions will forfeit their right to vote on state-wide issues.

8.2 The meet or match director of each sanctioned competition will have sole decision making authority regarding that specific competition (with the exception of Appeals as stated in Article 9.0 below). The meet or match director has the professional responsibility to ensure that the meet or match is conducted in a fair manner consist with military regulations, protocol, and precedence. The meet or match director will ensure that a meet or match Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or Letter/Memorandum of Instruction (LOI) is published far enough in advance that most questions and clarifications can be made prior to the competition. As much as feasible, the meet director will use the State Skills Meet SOP as a guide for their competition.

ARTICLE 9.0 APPEALS: The meet or match director will ensure that the meet or match SOP or LOI addresses appeal procedures. Members of the JROTC/NMAA Executive Committee and Sub-Committees on-site will form an Appeal Board for that particular meet and will hear appeals from instructors/coaches regarding SOP issues. The decision of the Appeal Board is final and cannot be overturned by the Meet or Match Director.(With respect to marksmanship, there may be an appeal to the national sanctioning bodies such as CMP, NRA, etc.)

ARTICLE 10.0 AMENDMENTS: The New Mexico High School JROTC Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, updated or changed by the vote of a simple majority (51%) of all members. Any member school may propose an amendment, update, or change to the constitution. The responsibility for coordinating the update, changes, and vote lies with the New Mexico High School JROTC Executive.

ARTICLE 11.0 DUES: Dues to the NMAA are covered by member schools, not individual JROTC Programs. The dues paid to the NMAA by member schools cover the school's JROTC Program.

ARTICLE 12.0 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BY-LAWS: All JROTC programs will abide by the regulations of their respective service. JROTC programs will not come under their school's athletic director for any issue under this constitution. Rules for specific competitions will be published by meet/match directors in SOPs and LOIs. Currently, there are no by-laws to the New Mexico JROTC Constitution. If a member school wishes for a by-law to be considered for inclusion, the process will be as stated in Article 10.0.

ARTICLE 13.0 STATE, LOCAL, AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

13.1 State Drill, Physical, Fitness, and Air Rifle Competition:

13.1.1 Any JROTC member program may host the JROTC State Championships for Drill, Physical Fitness, and Air Rifle Competition. A JROTC member program wishing to host the State Meet must notify the JROTC Executive and Executive Committee.

13.1.2 The primary goal or purpose of JROTC Competitions is to foster and encourage maximum participation by as many cadets as possible. To that end, all schools are eligible to compete at state and eligible for the JROTC State Championships.

13.3 Local Competitions:

13.3.1 Any JROTC member school may host a local competition. The host can determine how to run the event. It is up to the host if they would like to follow the NM JROTC standardized LOI or

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not. However, the Host of the State Drill Meet must follow the standardized State LOI. In tradition of maintaining standards, all cadets must meet the GPA eligibility regardless of event.

13.3.2 Local competitions can be held in the following events: Drill (may include Armed, Unarmed, and Color Guard), Air Rifle (must be a sanctioned match or a service postal), and Physical Fitness (to include all Raider and Cadet Challenges).

13.3.3 Reference the NM JROTC Ops Schedule for a list of all events.

13.3.4 There are additional Air Rifle Competitions and Leagues established. These competitions are held under the auspices and rules of the different Air Rifle national sanctioning bodies such as the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), the National Rifle Association (NRA), Junior Olympics, etc.

13.4 All State Air Rifle Designation: A cadet competing in air rifle will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Finishing in the top ten (Sporter or Precision) at the State Marksmanship Match, and
2. Competing in and finishing in the top 15 (Sporter or Precision) in at least two other matches during the year (shoulder to shoulder). and
3. Executive Board recommendation based on appearance, conduct, sportsmanship and any other criteria deemed important by the instructor/school/service.

Coaches believing that their cadet(s) meets the above criteria will submit their name **with documentation** to the Marksmanship Chair **no later than** one week following the State Marksmanship Match. The Marksmanship Chair will ensure that the cadet meets the above criteria. If all criteria is met, the names and information will be reviewed by the Executive Director. Once reviewed the JROTC All-State Air Rifle Marksmen will be published in enough time for schools to be able to recognize cadets in an awards ceremony or at graduation. If any issues arise, the Marksmanship Committee Chair will consult with the Marksmanship Committee Members and, if necessary, with the Executive Committee.

13.5 All State Drill Recognition. The number of All-State Drillers will be determined by where the team places at the State Meet: 1st Place-5 Cadets; 2nd Place-4 Cadets; 3rd Place-3 Cadets; 4th Place-1 Cadet. Total=13

Process: 1. In accordance with the State Meet Results, Instructors/Coaches of the 1st through 4th Place Teams will nominate cadets for All-State Drill Selection by completing a Competition Resume and forwarding them to the Drill Committee Chair one week after the State Meet.

2. Upon receipt, the Drill Committee Chair will ensure all paperwork is complete and cadets meet the criteria. If all criteria is met, the names and information will be reviewed by the Executive Director. Once reviewed the All-State Drillers will be published in enough time for schools to be able to

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recognize cadets in an awards ceremony or at graduation. If any issues arise, the Drill Committee Chair will consult with the Drill Committee Members and, if necessary, with the Executive Committee.

13.6 All certificate will come from the NM JROTC Executive Director recognizing all cadets selected to the All State Teams.

13.7 Following all drill, air rifle marksmanship, and physical fitness competitions, it is incumbent on the host school to provide results to all competitors, via email, within one week of the event. During this week, the event director will re-verify all scores. After the scores have been verified, the event director will offer to mail the score sheets to those instructors that request them. If there is a change in placement as a result of the re-verification, the correct trophies will be switched between schools.

ARTICLE 14.0 RESPONSIBILITIES TO NMAA

14.1 Any member JROTC Program wishing to participate in an NMAA sanctioned event has the obligation to abide by NMAA criteria for competition (i.e., eligibility) and to abide by the New Mexico JROTC Constitution and amendments/by-laws thereto.

14.2 Although any JROTC program in good standing with their respective service may compete in an NMAA sanctioned event, a JROTC Program also has the option not to participate in any NMAA sanctioned event.

ARTICLE 15.0 AFFILIATIONS

15.1 All JROTC Programs are affiliated with their respective military service.

15.2 Every air rifle match is affiliated with a national governing body (CMP, NRA, Jr Olympics, etc.) and follows the program and safety rules/procedures established by that body.

15.3 In the future, should any New Mexico JROTC program wish to host an orienteering competition, affiliation with New Mexico Orienteering or U.S. Orienteering may also be established.

ARTICLE 16.0 HISTORY AND BACKGROUND Informal discussions regarding an NMAA and JROTC partnership began in 2000. Because of questions regarding possible Athletic Director oversight of JROTC, these discussions were not pursued. In September 2005, LtCol Forester, Senior Naval Instructor at Manzano High School raised the subject again based on his positive experiences with the Arizona Interscholastic Association while at Tuba City High School. On September 28th, 2005, JROTC Instructors from LaCueva, Albuquerque, Del Norte, and Manzano met with the NMAA Director, Gary Tripp, to discuss a possible mutual association. Following that meeting, an email was published to all JROTC programs within the state of New Mexico summarizing the discussions and asking for issues. Following the receipt of these issues, a meeting was held at the NMAA on October 25, 2005. Present at the meeting were JROTC Instructors from LaCueva, Albuquerque, Del Norte, Manzano, Santa Fe, NMMI, and Farmington. Following the meeting, another email was sent out to all JROTC programs asking them to vote on the following issue: "Should JROTC be a sanctioned activity under NMAA?" Because several schools did not respond, a JROTC In-Service was announced to try and resolve the issue face to face. Present at the JROTC In-Service on December 2nd, 2005 were representatives from 14 schools. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, and Rudy Aragon, NMAA Assistant Director, both spoke and answered questions. Following their presentation, a vote was taken regarding the issue of NMAA sanctioning but, because a quorum was not present, it was decided that another email would go out showing the slides

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that were presented at the meeting and asking for a final vote. On December 13, 2005, an email was sent to the NMAA Executive Director stating that the final vote was

Yes-24 schools; No-7 schools; and Did Not Vote-7 schools. At the end of year InService/NMAA Meeting on May 30th, 2012, it was decided to update the JROTC NMAA Constitution, specifically Article 7.0. At the end of year In-Service/NMAA Meeting on May 27th, 2014, it was decided to; once again, update the JROTC/NMAA By-Laws to reflect updated changes. At the end of year In-Service on May 31st, 2017, it was decided to, once again, update the JROTC/NMAA By-Laws to reflect updated changes. At the end of year In-Service on May 24th, 2018, it was decided to update the JROTC/NMAA By-Laws specifically to include changes to the Appeal Process and to add All-State Drill as a category.

Voted changes to constitution via majority vote 22 yes schools to 12 no schools. Changes are for state eligibility, hosting events and specified billets to the sub-committees. All-State teams recognition is clarified and cadets will be recognized via the Executive Director via the appropriate sub-committee chairs.

ARTICLE 17.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS A JROTC Board of Directors does not exist. Articles 7.0 and 8.0 above, state the New Mexico JROTC Organizational Structure and Governance Procedures.