



2011 International Honor Guard Competition Rules and Guidelines

Hosted By Florida Fire Service Honor Guard Association

Welcome

The Florida Fire Service Honor Guard Association (FFSHGA), and the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA), welcomes you to the 2011 International Fire Service Honor Guard Competition at Fire-Rescue EAST 2011.

Join us at Fire-Rescue EAST, Saturday **January 22, 2011** in Daytona Beach, Florida at the Ocean Center.

For more information and to get the registration forms for the competition go www.firerescueeast.org or contact us at (386) 676-2744 or info@ffca.org.

Hotels for Fire-Rescue EAST are the:

Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Village, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118 (386) 947-8085 You can go to the below site and make your reservations online at:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/DABDHHF-FRE-20090124/index.jhtml>

The Plaza Resort & Spa, 600 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118
800-874-7420 FOR RESERVATIONS Ask for the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association Rate

Fire-Rescue EAST International Honor Guard Competition

The Fire Rescue East Honor Guard Competition is open to honor guards from fire departments, emergency medical services, forestry, and law enforcement agencies.

The order of competition will be determined by drawing. All teams will be present and ready to compete at least an hour before their assigned time. Drills will be judged on precision and symmetry using a demerit system from the maximum points pre-determined for each event, as follows:

A: Event I- Inspection

1. Maximum points: 140 points.
2. Two Judges maximum 70 points per judge.

B: Event II-Posting of Colors:

1. Maximum points: 240 points.
2. Three judges maximum 80 points per judge.

C: Event III- Casket Watch *

1. Maximum points: 180 points
2. Three judges maximum 60 points per judge.

D: Event IV- Flag Fold *

1. Maximum points: 180 points
2. Three judges maximum 60 points per judge.

* Note: If silent commands are used for the Casket Watch or Flag Fold, a bonus of 5 points will be awarded for each event.

If there is a tie for first through third places the judges will use the scores from the posting of colors to break the tie. If needed, the judges will use the scores from the flag fold followed by the inspection. The judges' decisions are final. All teams will be given their teams score sheets at the end of competition.

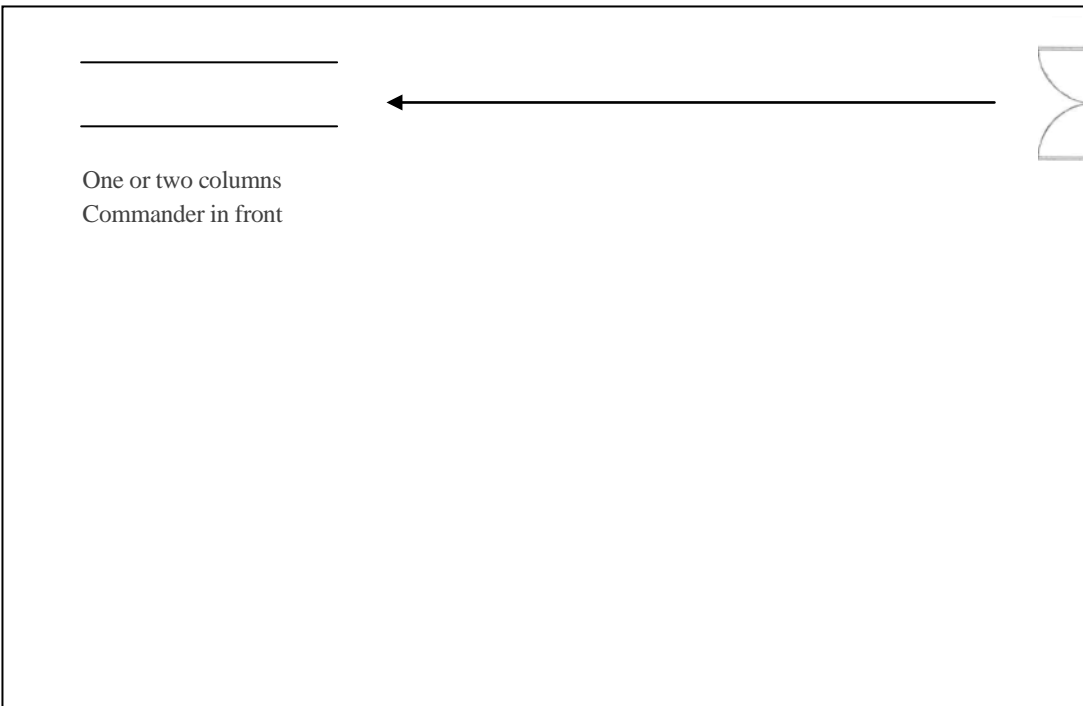
Competition Task

Event I- Inspection:

The Team Leader will form his/ her team up in one or two ranks in the doorway to the performance hall. All team members participating in the competition will be formed up for inspection. When the judge calls for the team, the team leader will call his / her team to attention and march them in to the designated spot. He / she will face them toward the judges and have them dress their ranks. If there are two ranks the team will be given open ranks. The team leader will have **5 minutes** to inspect his / her team and post himself / herself for inspection.

Once in front of his / her team the team leader will salute and report that his / her team is ready for inspection. The team leader will be inspected first followed by four members of the rest of the team chosen by the judges by drawing numbers from a hat. Teams will be at the position of attention for inspection. All appliances or weapons will be presented for inspection. Axes and pike poles will be brought to present arms when the judge approaches the member carrying the appliance. Rifles will be brought to the inspection arms position. Flag bearers will have their harnesses on for inspection. The team leader will accompany the judges in the appropriate position. When the inspection is done the team leader will take his / her position in front of the team and salute the head judge and dismiss his team.

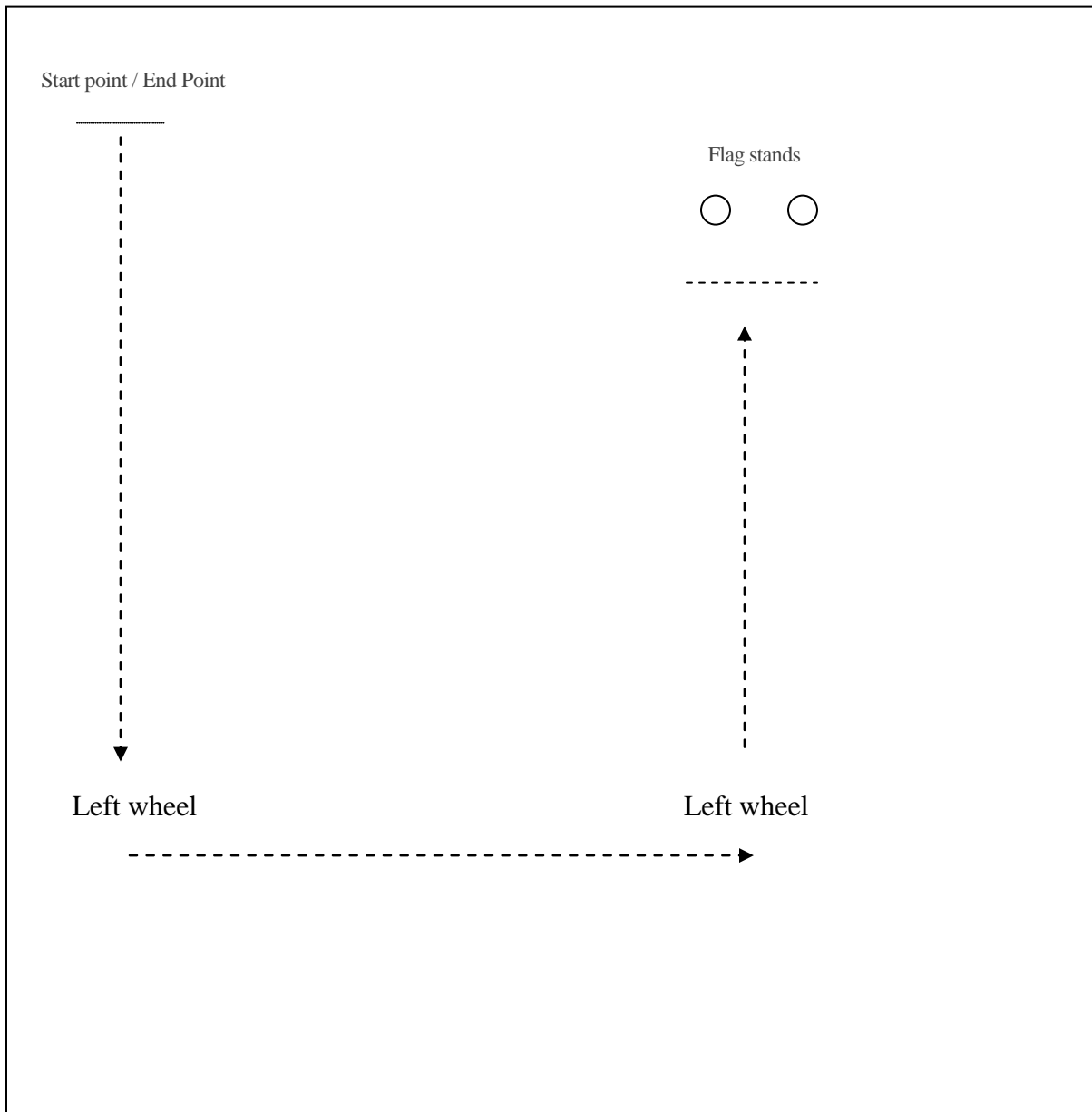
The only variations in uniform not penalized for will be those designating rank, different company patches and EMT and paramedic patches. Judging will be based on military standards for grooming and uniform appearance. Judges will understand that there is a difference between fire department and military uniforms. Uniformity will also be judged based on the team leaders' uniform.



Event II- Posting of Colors:

When Inspection is over the team leader will have his / her color detail assemble at the starting point for the posting of colors with their equipment. When the judges are ready they will instruct the team to begin. The team will march the designated course consisting of two left wheels. The team will halt in front of the flag stands. The team will then post the colors in the stands observing proper flag etiquette. The team will then return to the starting point performing two right wheels. The team will then dismiss.

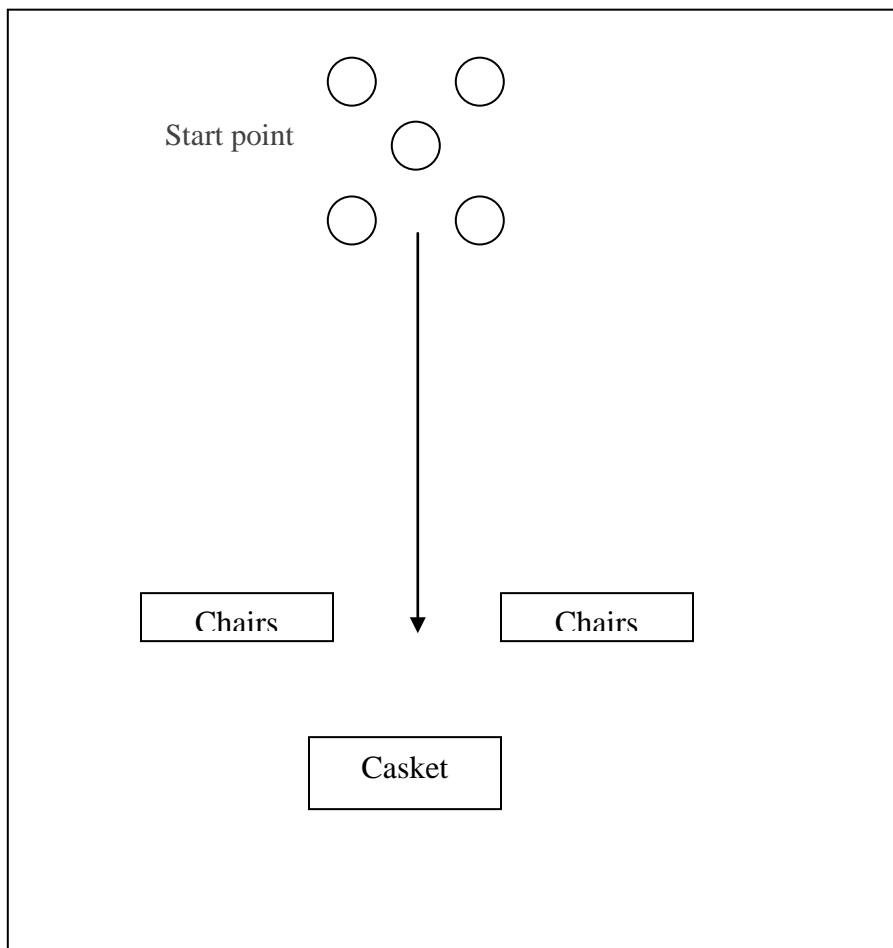
Proper flag etiquette will be observed throughout this event. Judging will be on proper flag etiquette, military bearing and dress of formation.



Event III- Casket Watch:

When the posting of colors is finished the team leader will assemble his / her casket watch team at the casket watch starting point. When the judges are ready the team leader will take his / her first two guards down and post them on the casket. The team leader then returns to the starting point and escorts the next two guards down to the casket to relieve the first two guards. He / she will then bring the first two guards back to the starting point and leaves them. The team leader returns to the casket and retrieves the second two guards and brings them back to the starting point. The team leader will then dismiss his / her detail.

Judging will be on military bearing and symmetry of movement.

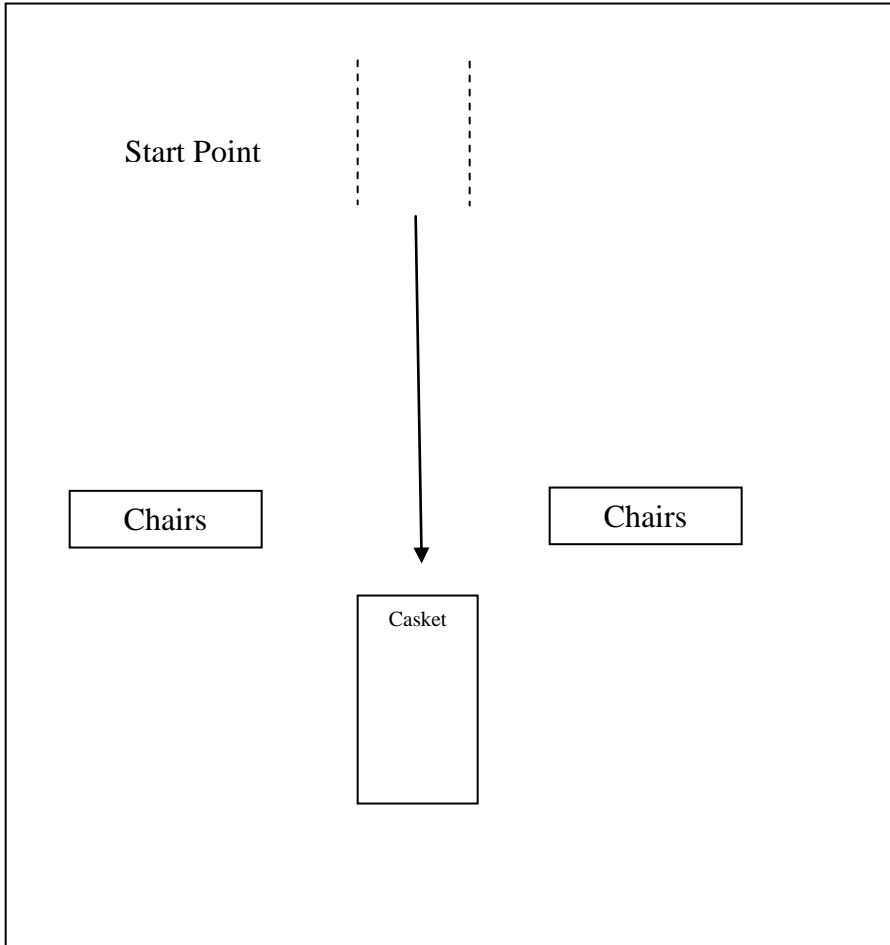


Event IV- Flag Fold – (time limit of 1:55)

When the casket watch is finished the team leader will assemble his / her flag folding team in the designated starting point. When the judges are ready the team leader will march his / her team to the casket. The team will then fold the flag in the proper manner and hand the flag to the receiving judge.

A time limit of 1:55 (one minute fifty five seconds) will “start” from the time when the flag comes off the casket and “ends” when the team leader completes his / her salute after passing the flag to the judge.

Teams may fold the flag over the casket or elect to move the flag away from the casket.



Judge