

Braden River High School JROTC Standard Operating Procedure 2021-2022



Rifle Team

Coach: LTC Bradin

Captain: Cadet Major Andrews

Assistant Captain: Cadet Captain McConnaghy

Rifle Motto

Focused and steady,

Always ready,

God as my witness,

My shot will hit this.

Pirate Battalion Rifle Team

Standard Operating Procedures

- 1) The **Purpose** of this SOP is to set standards and qualifications for membership on the Rifle Team, and to establish criteria for Rifle Team awards.
- 2) **Breakdown of the Team:**
 - a) **Rifle Team Captain**
 - i) The commander will normally be a LET 3 or higher cadet who normally has at least two years of experience on The Rifle Team. Specific duties of the commander are:
 - (1) Command the Rifle Team at all formation, meetings, functions, and training activities, under the supervision of the Rifle Coach (JROTC instructor).
 - (2) Plan training and other activities, under the direction of the Rifle Coach (JROTC Instructor). If the team commander does not plan it, it will not happen.
 - (3) Call meetings of the team to plan events as needed, and to call team meetings to inform them of decisions, and to train them. These meetings should be coordinated in advance with the Rifle Coach.
 - (4) Make recommendations to the Rifle Coach for appointment of subordinate leaders.
 - (5) Train subordinate leaders and make sure they are doing their jobs properly.
 - (6) Monitor supply and maintain equipment as well as informing the Rifle Team coach of any damaged equipment.
 - (7) Set an excellent example and ensure that members always exercise good traits of leadership and citizenship.
 - b) **Rifle Team Assistant Captain**
 - i) The Rifle Team Assistant Commander is a LET-2, LET-3, or LET-4 cadet who can assume all the duties of the commander. In addition, the Assistant Commander will:
 - (1) Assist in the training of The Rifle Team
 - (2) Ensure that all administrative tasks are complete.
 - (3) Take charge of the team in the absence of the commander.

- (4) Take role call at all formations, meetings, and other events, and keep an attendance log for all training sessions and events.
- (5) Make note of absences at all functions and determine if they should be listed as excused. If not excused, they should be reported to the team commander for necessary actions.
- (6) Track the progress for each Rifle team member using the point system as determined by the Rifle Team Captain.

c) Team Members

- i) Membership on the Rifle Team is open to all cadets in The Pirate Battalion, regardless their rank, class, or position. However, all members must meet minimum selection criteria:
 - (1) Be enrolled in the current school year as a cadet in JROTC
 - (2) Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, and a minimum of a “C” in every class
 - (3) Pass the Rifle team safety exam and shooting evaluation
 - (4) Shoot a 200 or above consistently to maintain their spot, or maintain standard scores as determined by the Rifle Team Captain
 - (5) Leadership, academics, shooting, and rank will all affect your eligibility of becoming a leader on the rifle team
- ii) Members will take orders from The Rifle Team Coach, the Rifle Team Commander, and the Rifle Team Assistant Commander. If a member of the team is a higher-ranking cadet, he or she is still outranked by The Rifle Team Commander, who oversees the team. Higher-ranking cadets should be aware of this point before joining the Rifle Team. The final decision-making authority for all Rifle team issues is the Rifle Coach (JROTC Instructor).

3) Procedures

- a) **Meetings:** The Rifle Team may hold meetings before school, separate from rifle practices. Team members will attend meetings as called for by the team commander or Rifle Coach. Failure to do so will result in point deduction, and possibly termination from the team.

- b) Attire:** The attire for Rifle Team includes the clothes that one can shoot best in. The JROTC rifle team jacket, jeans (no skinny jeans), and the standard JROTC Maroon shirt will be worn at all competitions. Flat sole shoes with no high-top are required to shoot as well. Boots are not authorized for practice or competition. For practice, it is recommended to have a jacket/sweatshirt, jeans or not excessively tight-fitting pants, and flat sole shoes with no high-top. If the correct shoes are not worn at practice it is expected you practice in socks, rather than the incorrect shoes.
- c) Attendance:** Rifle team members will be at school ready to shoot by 5:30 a.m... Practice is held 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). The rifle team commander **must** be notified if a member cannot participate in a practice or competition at least 2 weeks prior to the actual event. Attendance is a main factor which determines the amount of points a team member accumulates. The point system will be determined by the Rifle Team Captain, and an outline and standards will be provided to each cadet on the rifle team as well as provided in section four of the Rifle SOP.
- d) Practice:** Practices Will be arranged in the order that follows:
- i) Arrive between 5:10-5:25. And be ready to shoot by 5:30, log time of arrival.
 - ii) Within time of arrival prepare your individual shooting station in the proper order
 - (1) Set up targets with (name and date) by following the lines outlined on the shooting boards. Position lights and align your shooting station to the board itself.
 - (2) Retrieve Mat, kneeling roll, pellet stand/stool, scope stand, scope, blinder, sling, and pellets. Place in proper position.
 - (3) Lastly, retrieve your rifle, remove the cap, and fill with air. Ensure the air is filled every practice.
 - (4) Get into shooting position to zero and wait for the commands Load and Start.
- e) Matches:** Matches will be arranged in the order that follows:
- i) Matches are either at Manatee High School, Postal competitions at Braden River High School, or the state competition at Island Coast High School.
 - (1) Manatee High School Matches
 - (a) Leave the school no later than 1:00PM with all equipment packed the morning of.

- (b) Arrive at MHS at approximately 1:30PM
 - (c) Have shooting “B” Team set up portable range at the designated shooting area
 - (d) “A” Team should be performing minimal work as to slow their heart rate in preparation for shooting.
 - (e) “A” Team should start shooting by 2:30PM. Once “A” Team has finished shooting, “B” Team shall shoot.
 - (f) After shooting, everybody packs up. No exceptions.
 - (g) Everyone is required to be at the awards ceremony at the end of the match in their proper attire (as specified in section 3B of the SOP).
- (2) Postal
- (a) Postal matches are started promptly at 5:30AM on a standard day of shooting
 - (b) Orion targets are strictly used unless provided for by the competition coordinators.
 - (c) Postal competitions/practices should be taken as seriously as any other competition or event.
- (3) States
- (a) States does not always follow a standard structure. Yet the most notable difference is that there are only four shooters and one backup shooter. These five are chosen based off the score from Area 5. Others can come and watch the match. Only one shooter shoots in each firing order. The match normally lasts several hours. The matches are typically located in Cape Coral, Florida. It is tradition for the team to go out for dinner at the Hungry Howie’s on SR70.
 - (b) The following supplies are required to be brought to all competitions:
 - (i) Permissions slips
 - 1. Turned into team captain prior to event by specified date.
 - (ii) Packing list
 - 1. Rifles
 - 2. Range boxes
 - 3. Target boards
 - 4. Pins/staples

5. Targets (Only for postal)
6. Kneeling rolls
7. Match pellets (At least three tin containers)
8. Mats
9. Scopes
10. Scope Stands
11. Pellet Stands
12. Extra CBIs
13. Lights
14. Extra Blinders and Slings

4) **Point System:**

a) **Standards:** Every member begins with 0 points, and the lower amount of points the cadet maintains the better. The points take into account competitions and attendance. Once 30 points is reached or exceeded, that cadet will no longer be eligible for awards at the award ceremony, regardless of if negative points place the cadet lower than 30 again. Once 60 points is reached or exceeded the cadet will immediately be terminated from the team.

b) **Absences:**

i) **Excused Absences** will be determined on a case-by-case basis, for instance, medical emergencies or car accidents. However, if the event was previously planned, for it to be excused the rifle team captain must be informed at least 2 weeks prior to the event occurring. If a last-minute trip is planned or a last-minute doctor appointment is scheduled, these still do not count unless the cadet lets the captain know 2 weeks prior. If a cadet is sick and is unable to come into school that day, you must receive a doctor's note.

(1) Excused Absences will count anywhere from 2-5 points as determined by the Rifle Team Captain.

ii) **Unexcused Absences** are unacceptable, as a rifle team member, it is expected that all practices are attended unless excused beforehand. Most common unexcused absences include waking up late, forgetting practice, or academic probation. If placed on academic probation, this still counts as an

unexcused absence (there's no excuse for academic failure). However, if on academic probation and the cadet still attends the practice to work on homework less points will be added as specified below.

- (1) Unexcused Absences will count as 20 points
- (2) Academic Probation with continual attendance (not to shoot, but to complete schoolwork) will count as 15 points

iii) **Late Attendance**

- (1) Tardiness is inexcusable and will cause addition of points.
 - (a) Since there are 90 minutes in every rifle practice, every approximate 10 minutes will count as 2 points.
 - (i) 1 minute late will round up to 10 minutes (meaning 2 points added), 11 minutes will round up to 20 minutes (meaning 4 points added), and this continues until the maximum 20 points is reached

iv) **Bonuses from Competitions**

- (1) First Place: -3 points
- (2) Second Place: -1 points
- (3) Individual Awards: -3 points
 - (a) Note: If the cadet has 0 points at the time of receipt of these bonuses, the cadet does not then have negative points, they will remain at 0.
 - (b) Note: If the cadet has already exceeded 30 points, and their points go below 30 with the addition of bonus points, they still do not receive rifle awards at Military Awards Night.

5) **Awards**

- a) Awards are determined by the Rifle Team Captain and the Rifle Team Coach and are outlined as well in the Awards Book located in CSM Collis and LTC Bradin's classrooms.
 - i) N-3-7 Rifle Team Ribbon and Medal
 - (1) Awarded on Military Awards Night based off point system.
 - ii) Rifle Team Crest
 - (1) Presented to team members who have participated in one or more competitions and have scored at least a 220 in either competition or

practice. However, if scored in practice it must be approved by the Rifle Team Captain.

iii) Rifle Team Cord

(1) Presented to current members of the Rifle Team that have participated in at least one competition. They must have scored at least a 220 in either competition or practice. However, if scored in practice it must be approved by the Rifle Team Captain.

iv) Marksmanship Qualification Badge- Expert

(1) Presented to rifle team cadets who score 200 points or higher at competition.

6) Suspensions and Terminations

a) Failure to retain eligibility from the activity/athletic office. All members will be placed on the eligibility list at the school and meet all eligibility requirements.

i) Failure to handle the rifles and equipment in a safe manner.

ii) Failure to maintain a 'B' average in a JROTC class.

iii) Failure to keep a passing grade in all other non-JROTC classes (no D's or F's).

Members may not be on academic probation for any amount that places them higher than 60 points.

iv) Failure to adhere to the high standards of conduct and appearance of the Rifle team, to bring discredit to the Rifle Team and the corps of cadets.

v) Failure to wear the prescribed uniform on any cadet uniform day, and/or failure to maintain haircut and grooming standards set forth by the Rifle Team.

vi) The final decision-making authority for any and all Rifle Team issues is the Rifle Coach (JROTC Instructor).

vii) Failure to maintain a point score of 59 or below.

7) Funds and Related

a) The rifle team is the most expensive team to run in the Pirate Battalion. It costs over \$500 each year. For that reason, all Rifle Team members are required to participate in the yearly fundraising.

i) Members are required to participate in at least one of the football parking fundraisers on Friday evenings.

- ii) Members are required to participate in the annual battalion fundraiser and raise a minimum of 25 dollars.