ARTICLE 38

JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (J.R.O.T.C.)

38.1 **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework for the JROTC Programs of Arizona to participate in both curricular and competitive JROTC Programs are a partnership between their respective school districts and the specific service branch of the US Armed Forces that provides support to the program. The US Army, US Navy, US Air Force and the US Marine Corps all support JROTC Program within the Arizona Educational Community.

38.2 **PHILOSOPHY** – While it is a partnership, the home school district has the final word on what JROTC Programs may or may not do. All activities are to advance the JROTC mission of improving the educational success of the program's cadets. All JROTC Programs participate in curricular and competitive events, though each service branch has specific regulations that detail how programs will conduct these activities.

38.2.1 Required curricular activities. Because of service requirements, an activity is required by the curriculum can also be a competitive event (i.e. color guard may be curricular in presenting the National Colors at a community event and competitive at a drill meet where there is judging and awards).

38.2.2 Voluntary competitions. All JROTC Programs are encouraged to participate in competitions that enhance the program's educational goals. The AIA approved activities/events are listed in paragraph 36.8 EVENTS.

38.3 **MEMBERSHIP** – Any JROTC Program, regardless of Region membership, may participate in program-related events with any or all other JROTC Programs.

38.4 **PARTICIPATION** – Member schools may have program-related competitive events with one another under the following conditions:

38.4.1 All events involving three or more programs will be sanctioned by the AIA. Generally, these events will be submitted to the AIA during the spring semester, to included in the AIA's Sanctioned Events Calendar for the next school year.

38.4.2 All participants must be regularly enrolled JROTC cadets at a school having a JROTC program and must comply with the academic requirements of the AIA.

38.4.3 The primary intent is to ensure participation by the widest number of cadets. While there may be a small number of JROTC Cadets who compete in several categories of JROTC events similar to three sport athletes, their level of participation shall not be at the exclusion of other cadets nor exceed that of other multi-sport athletes at that school.

38.4.4 JROTC events will be self-funded.

38.5 **SEASON** – Generally, the season for JROTC activities is the academic school year which spans all three traditional sport season, fall, winter and spring. However, there are unique events that occur outside the school year, sponsored by external organizations that are curricular in nature, and are of no cost to the school district. These activities will be approved with a case-by-case evaluation by the concerned school district, and coordinated with the AIA.

38.6 **JUDGES** – Judges for competitive events will be unpaid volunteers from organizations that have expertise in the various skills and events being evaluated.

38.7 **AWARDS** – Awards will normally be paid for by JROTC funds or donated by Veteran/Military organizations. Awards of the following nature may be presented:

38.7.1 Rotating event trophies not to exceed **$100.00** each in value.

38.7.2 Retained event trophies or plaques not to exceed **$50.00** in value.

38.7.3 Individual awards or plaques, medals, ribbons or certificates not to exceed **$25.00** each in value.

38.8 **EVENTS** – There are three main categories of JROTC events which encompass a vast area of expertise, competitive conditions, and evaluations: Drill & Ceremonies, Marksmanship, and Field Activities/Physical Fitness. These events may be both JROTC curricular and competitive, depending on the situation and must meet the specific requirements and limitations on how their JROTC programs may participate in these areas as stipulated by each Military Service. Additionally, each Military Service stipulates minimum expectations for the number of events in each category in which a program must participate.

Any events not listed above must be sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board.

38.8.1 Drill & Ceremonies: Broadly, the definition of Military Drill & Ceremonies is derived from the relevant service manuals (i.e., US Army FM 3-21.5) and the Standing Operations Procedures (SOP) of each organization. Community support events (parades, presentation color guards, honor guards) are distinct from competition Drill Meets which involve judging and awards.

38.8.2 Marksmanship: All shooting activities fall within this area, whose relevant regulations are derived from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). Critical for all shooting activities is the teaching of safety and the maintaining of safe firing conditions.

38.8.3 Field Activities/Physical Fitness: This area includes activities that are the most physical in nature: Field Activities: Orienteering, Mountaineering, Leadership Reaction Courses, etc.; Physical Fitness: Fitness Tests (Presidential and Military), Running (Track and Cross Country), Team/Relay Events, etc.