## **2021 National High School Drill Team Championships**

**Covid Safety Protocols** 

January 25th, 2021

The following is the SNI guidance for maintaining necessary COVID protocols for the event which is scheduled for Saturday, May  $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$ .

- All individuals traveling from the school must be listed on an Advance Health Screening &
  Temperature Form that the instructor must have completed which will include temperature
  checks for each of the three days in advance of the event as well as the registration day. The
  instructor will certify this form with their signature.
- All staff, judges, VIPs and vendors will go through a health screening upon arrival.
- All individuals must remain masked while at the event, unless actively competing.
- Teams are given the choice whether or not they will compete with masks on or off. Should they choose to compete without masks, they will have to remove their masks in the Ready Area and put them back on immediately upon exiting.
- Judges will be masked at all times. Inspection judges may choose to wear clear face shields instead of masks.
- The normal process of cadet commanders initialing the scoresheets will NOT be in effect this
  year. Instructors will be strongly encouraged to check their scoresheets in the ready area after
  competition to verify their school name on all sheets.
- In Armed Inspection, judges WILL NOT take the rifle from the cadet this year.
- All individuals will be instructed to forego handshakes throughout the event, to include interaction between cadets & judges at awards presentations.
- Vendor booths will have adequate spacing to ensure safe distancing.
- Seating for registration waiting area will be spaced out.
- The Ocean Center has fixed seating for thousands. There is ample room for schools to socially distance within their seating area and allow A MINIMUM of 10' between schools.
- When not specifically competing, teams are directed to either be in their team seating area, their reserved meeting room or going to and from the vendor area, the Exhibit Hall practice areas, the concession area, or the bathrooms. Avoid congregating in public areas.
- Drill Area C (Color Guard) will be adjusted to have limited seating so as to allow safe distancing and will have an exit space at the back of the room, thereby eliminating the congestion at the entrance to the room.
- Inspection rooms will be adjusted to have limited seating so as to allow safe distancing.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up around the building.
- The Ocean Center has a highly regimented protocol in place to sanitize high touch surfaces throughout the hours the building is open.
- Seating for the Awards Ceremony will allow for extra space within each school and plenty of space between schools.