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SUBJECT: **2002 PROVINCIAL PATIENT CARE COMPETITION**

***** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY *****

The 2002 District/Provincial Patient Care Competition will be held Sunday, April 7, 2002. As in the past, these competitions will be conducted at separate venues across Ontario.

PROVINCIAL PATIENT CARE COMPETITIONS

TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams will consist of *TWO* qualified members from the same Unit with the option of having *ONE* spare. (i.e. teams are not required to have a spare unless they wish to designate one). Be advised that winning teams that meet the applicable entry criteria will be invited to compete at the 2002 Ontario Open First Aid Competitions that will be held in the fall of 2002.

PROVINCIAL PATIENT CARE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Teams may compete in *ONE* of the three following categories:

Senior: No age restriction
Intermediate: 17 years of age and under as of January 1, 2002
Junior: 14 years of age and under as of January 1, 2002

Please note that there are no gender specific categories in Provincial Patient Care Competitions. Teams may be composed of males, females, or both.

For your information, the Ontario Open First Aid Competition does categorize teams by gender.

Senior teams must hold a current Brigade Training System (BTS) Level 1 (or higher) certification. Intermediate teams must hold current qualifications of a Standard First Aid Certificate (or higher): It is recommended that Intermediate teams be trained to the level of Brigade Training System (BTS) Level 1. Junior teams must hold a current Emergency First Aid (or higher) certification.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PATIENT CARE SCENARIOS ARE DEVELOPED BASED ON BTS LEVEL 1 STANDARDS.

PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

Each team is responsible for providing it's own patient care equipment.

JUDGING

Scenarios will be designed on an "all - or - nothing" scoring basis with minimal requirements for Judges' discretion.

Judges shall be:

- a) Currently certified St. John Ambulance First Aid Instructors (ICP) and/or BAP Evaluators who hold a current BTS Level 1 certification (or equivalent qualifications). It is preferred that they have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge) and have attended a Competition Judge's Workshop.

OR

- b) Adult Brigade members who hold a current BTS Level 1 certification, have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge), and have successfully completed a Competition Judge's Workshop.

TWO judges will be required for each competition team.

Judges must possess the physical ability to effectively assess the words and actions of each competing participant.

PATIENTS AND SIMULATIONS

Patient (casualty) simulation will be used to enhance the quality of the competition scenario. When possible, the age and gender of the patients should reflect that of the age and gender of the patient in the competition scenario.

Simulators, when possible, should be the same gender as the patients they are preparing.

LOCATION

The location will be determined by the following needs as dictated by the nature of the competition:

1. Easily accessible by transportation
2. Accommodation/feeding of participants (if required)
3. Large staging area for competitions
4. Registration area
5. Team briefing room
6. Judges' briefing room
7. Simulation room
8. Patient holding area
9. Scoring area
10. Storage for equipment or props (if required)
11. Dining area (if required)

2002 DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

The competition will be composed of *TWO* patient care scenarios (designed to BTS Level 1 standards), involving *ONE* patient per team per scenario.

While there is no restriction on the number of teams that may enter District Competitions, the District Commissioner may at his/her discretion request that regional elimination competitions be held prior to the DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL Competitions.

District Commissioners will be responsible for the staging of the District/Provincial Competition, including the registration of all competing participants. They are to appoint a supervising judge who will be responsible for the briefing judges, simulators, patients and teams. This judge must meet the requirements for judging the 2002 patient care competitions.

These judges may be involved in scenario development, and will be briefed by the Provincial Training Officer, or designate prior to the day of the competition.

The Provincial Training Officer will arrange to have results forwarded to him immediately following the competitions. For the purpose of determining the Provincial winners, the following results will be required from each District following the competition:

The total (sum) of scenarios 1 and 2 for the highest scoring team in each of the *THREE* categories (junior, intermediate, and senior). All other marks and documentation will be retained by the District Commissioner or designate. In the event of a tie, total marks for patient care at various stages will be used to break ties.

Each District's highest scoring team in each of the *three* categories will be compared to determine the over-all provincial winning teams.

Official release of the results will occur on Monday, April 8, 2002. We continue to encourage members to use the competition's process as a learning experience, and therefore, will allow members to request blank copies of the marking guides from the Community Services Department at Council following the competitions.

Teams will be permitted to receive their marking guides one month following the competition, with no recourse to change the marks or alter the results.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each category at the provincial level will win respective Provincial Patient Care awards. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each category will be invited to compete in the Ontario Open First Aid Competition in the fall of 2002.

Winning provincial teams will be required to register separately for the Provincial Open Competitions, but will have their registration fee waived.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or guidance. Sample scenarios are available on-line at the Community Services Web-sites or by contacting the Community Services Department at Council.