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2001 NATIONAL BRIGADE PATIENT CARE COMPETITIONS

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 DID YOU KNOW that first aid competitions have been a St. John Ambulance tradition since 1880, when they were first introduced in England? National Competitions are held in Canada every three years, and the next one is being hosted by Ontario Council. The 2001 National Competitions will be held at York University in Toronto from 18 to 21 May 2001.

There are several reasons why we have the National Brigade Patient Care Competitions:

- to improve the efficiency of Brigade members;
- to promote the confidence of Brigade members by presenting a variety of surroundings in which to work, and an opportunity to work in full view of an audience;
- to maintain and increase interest in total patient care;
- to stimulate excellence in patient care performed at the site of an incident;
- to present an opportunity for Brigade members to develop camaraderie with their counterparts across the country, and to feel proud to be part of the larger St. John team; and
- to create interest among the general public

TEAMS

Teams competing at the national level have normally placed first in their category at the provincial/territorial level. The selection of team members is at the discretion of each Provincial/Territorial Commissioner. Each Council is entitled to enter a maximum of one team in each of the three Competition categories: Junior, Senior and Open. Each team is comprised of four members, one team spare (optional), and one Coach. If there are participants under 18 years of age, as of 18 May 2001, a Chaperon must attend the Competitions with them.



COMPETITION CHALLENGES

All Competition Challenges are simulated to bring as much realism as possible to the scenario. Many are held outside, regardless of the weather. They may involve emergency situations, one or more patients, or other situations which assess teamwork, initiative, problem-solving abilities and competency. All the Challenges are designed to be realistic. Competitors should approach the scene and provide care as if the situation is real. As in real life, advantage should be taken of any equipment or material found at or around the scene, unless advised otherwise by a Judge. Teams are challenged and evaluated according to their level of required training:

- ☞ Junior category Challenges reflect the full scope of the St. John Ambulance Youth Program
- ☞ Senior category Challenges reflect the skills and knowledge components of BTS Level 1
- ☞ Open category Challenges reflect the skills and knowledge components of BTS Level 3 and Oxygen Therapy (certification in either BTS Level 3 or Oxygen Therapy is not a prerequisite)

Spectators are welcome at all Challenge sites but must remain in the spectators' gallery outside of the site. Spectators will be informed of the scenario details, but they must not interact with any of the Competition staff on the Challenge site.

Full details of the 2001 National Brigade Patient Care Competitions can be found in the *Joining Instructions for Competing Teams*, available from Councils in October 2000.

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