

FROM: PROVINCIAL CADET OFFICER

RE: **INTERNATIONAL CADET FIRST AID COMPETITIONS - GUIDELINES**

This exciting competition began in the late 1960's as a friendly rivalry between several divisions in Canada and England and has now grown to include representation from: across Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, and South Africa.

INTERNATIONAL CADET FIRST AID COMPETITIONS

Team Composition and Qualifications:

Teams will consist of FIVE qualified brigade cadets from the same division, that is: FOUR competing cadets and ONE spare. These cadets must be 15 years of age or younger as of September 1st.

Please note that there are no gender specific categories in International Cadet First Aid Competitions. Teams may be composed of either males, females, or both.

Cadets must hold a current emergency first aid certificate, or higher.

There is no restriction on the number of teams that may enter the International Cadet First Aid Competition.

First Aid Equipment:

Each team is responsible for providing its own first aid equipment.

The Competition:

The competition involves ONE first aid scenario (usually two patients per team) followed by a series of oral questions (related to first aid) asked of each competitor.

Scenarios and questions are designed by a different participating country each year. Please note that standards are reviewed/ revised by each participating country to ensure fairness.

Designated Area Cadet Officers will be responsible for the staging of the competitions and the registration of all competing participants. They are to appoint a supervising judge who will be responsible for briefing judges, simulators, patients, and teams. This person must meet the requirements for judging the International Cadet First Aid Competition.

These supervising judges will be briefed by the Provincial Cadet Officer, or designate, prior to the day of the competition.

Immediately following the competition, designated Area Cadet Officers will forward all results and documentation to the Provincial Cadet Officer for submission to the competition's coordinating body in England.

Official publication of results, including international standings will occur around late November.

Team marking guides will not be discussed or released, however, we continue to encourage members to use the competitions process as a learning experience, and therefore, will allow members to request blank copies of the marking guides from the Brigade Community Services Department at Council following the competitions.

Judging:

Judges shall be:

- a) currently certified St. John Ambulance first aid instructors who hold a current standard first aid or BTS Level 1 certification and have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge).

OR

- b) adult brigade members who hold a current standard first aid or BTS Level 1 certification, have competition experience (competitor, coach or judge).

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 Simulation:

Patient simulation must 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.

Location:

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

- a) easily accessible by transportation
- b) accommodation/meals for participants (if required)
- c) large staging area for competitions
- d) registration area
- e) team briefing room
- f) judges' briefing room
- g) simulation room
- h) patient holding area
- i) scoring room
- j) storage for equipment/props (if required)
- k) dining area (if required)

Awards

A provincial brigade trophy is designated for this competition and will be presented at an appropriate place and time to the highest scoring team in the province. Competing participants may qualify for other awards pending the outcome of international standings.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these guidelines, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or guidance. A sample scenario is available from the Brigade Community Services Department at Council, upon request.