

## Administrative Instructions (Enclosure 1)

### 1) Background

The Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) sponsors the 2025 Best Mortar Competition (BMC) at Fort Benning, GA, from 04-12 APR 25. The competition is a multi-day event that tests the mental, technical proficiency, and physical stamina of competing teams from the Department of Defense (DOD). The competition is conducted in accordance with (IAW) TC 3-20.33 Training and Qualification of Mortars 2017.

### 2) Prerequisites

Competitors must be Indirect Fire Infantryman (11C MOS), or an officer currently serving in a Mortar Platoon Leader capacity, has no adverse personnel actions pending and preferably has graduated from the Infantry Mortar Leader Course (IMLC) and awarded the 3Z ASI. If the officer does not meet the IMLC requirement, then one enlisted competitor on the same team must have graduated from IMLC and been awarded the B1 ASI. Each competitor must complete a Gunner's Exam (DA 5964) within the last 6 months. A Fire Direction Control (FDC) and Gunner Examination Completion Memorandum signed by first O5 in chain of command must be submitted for each competitor. **Competitor Packets (Enclosure 2 for example) must be submitted in order to participate in the 2025 Best Mortar Competition.** The Competitor Packet is sent by the competitor's chain of command to BMC25@army.mil NLT 28 FEB 25. This allows MCoE to forecast the overall team layout. Late packets are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The Competitor Packet (Enclosure 2) consists of the following:

1. Updated Letter of Intent (including any changes to team organization)
2. Gunner/ FDC Examination Completion Memorandums IAW TC 3-20.33 (signed by O5)
3. Competitor biographies
4. Gunner's Examination dated within the past 6 months
5. Copy of diploma and orders awarding a competitor (min. 1 per team) the B1 or 3Z ASI (Infantry Mortar Leader Course Graduation Orders)
6. Soldier Talent Profile (STP)

Send the Competitor Packet as a **SINGLE** PDF to BMC25@army.mil NLT 28 FEB 25.

Competitors report to BLDG 2884, 6609 Welsh Ave, Fort Moore, GA, NLT 04 2359 APR 25. In-processing begins promptly at 05 0600 APR 25. Teams are required to have a physical copy on hand of their Competitor Packet for check-in. The POC for in-processing or lodging is SFC Robert Proulx at +1 (978)987-8694.

### 3) Concept of Operations

The competition consists of a series of physical and technical events spread across four days and three nights including the following: Expert Physical Fitness Assessment, Mortar Gunner's Examination, Declinate M2A2 Aiming Circle, FDC Exam, Mortar Fire Control System (MFCS), Lightweight Handheld Mortar Ballistic Computer (LHMBC) and M16

Plotting Board Basic and Advanced Examination, Handheld and Direct Lay 60mm mortar LFX, 81mm mortar LFX, 120mm mortar LFX, obstacle course, 11C Physical Demands Test, Foot marches, M4 and M17 Qualification, Mortar Firing Point (MFP) Emplacement, Land Navigation and other physical and team events.

Competitors receive action, conditions, and standards prior to the execution of each event. In-processing begins at 05 0600 APR 25; teams receive a commander's in-brief, competition overview brief, have team photos digitally uploaded to the 1-19 IN Facebook page for score distribution updates, and attend the 2025 BMC Competitor Social. Once the competition begins on 07 APR 25, 198<sup>th</sup> IN BDE, Cadre control all clothing and equipment exchanges. Receipt of any item from an outside source after the competition starts results in team disqualification. Additionally, the competition is a professional military competition and competitors are expected to adhere to the Army values and the spirit of the competition. The awards ceremony is located at the National Infantry Museum (NIM), Fort Moore, GA on 11 APR 25.

#### 4) Timeline of Key Events:

Date	Event
14 FEB 25	Letter of Intent Due
28 FEB 25	Competitor Packet Due
17 MAR 25	198 <sup>th</sup> IN BDE Releases By-Name Team List
22MAR-04APR 25	International and USMC Training and Validation
04 APR 25	Lodging available for all teams at FMGA
05 APR 25	Competitor In-processing
07-10 APR 25	Best Mortar Competition
11 APR 25	Award Ceremony / TA-50 Close Out
11 APR 25	Barracks Close Out

#### 5) Restrictions

The following is a non-exhaustive list of competitor restrictions:

1. Teams are not authorized to bring home station SI (i.e., M4s, Mortars, etc.). All SI is provided by DOTS at Fort Moore.
2. The 198<sup>th</sup> IN BDE is not responsible for the storage or security of any weapons brought by competitors.
3. Competitors are not authorized modify their uniforms with the intent of creating advantage (i.e. cutting straps, buckles, or pockets off).
4. Competitors are not authorized to receive any clothing or equipment from outside sources during the competition (07-11 APR 25).
5. Competitors are not authorized non-prescription medication or nutritional or performance supplements during the competition.

#### 6) Uniform and Packing List (Enclosure 3)

The basic competition uniform consists of OCP, patrol cap, ACH with cover, boots, FLC, and field pack. All components of uniform are required to be of same camouflage pattern and IAW Army or service-equivalent regulation. The

packing list (Enclosure 3) may be modified before the competition dates. During in-processing it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they have the current packing list that has been inspected and signed by a PSG or above. A layout is conducted before the competitor's in-brief on 05 APR 25. Point penalties are assessed against the team for any deficiencies.

Items **NOT** authorized during competition:

1. Any type of water container other than listed on packing list
2. Any type of Global Positioning System (GPS)
3. Any type of internet or e-mail capable device
4. Cell Phone (item is authorized for use off-duty, however not during the competition)
5. Any body armor or rucksack not issued to service member by their respective branch or nation.

**Note 1.** Uniforms are worn IAW AR 670-1 at all times throughout the competition unless directed otherwise by competition Cadre.

**Note 2.** Any optional equipment noted during the initial inspection must also be present during the final inspection. MOLLE (Large rucksack with frame) are inventoried at the competition start, during, and finish. Items are not authorized to be discarded if they become wet or damaged. Loss of any inspected item results in a penalty that may include elimination from the competition.

**Note 3.** 198<sup>th</sup> IN BDE is responsible for the issuing of any additional equipment as required for international teams.

