

Enclosure 2: Administrative Instructions

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1) Background.

Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) will sponsor the Best Jumpmaster Competition at Fort Benning, GA, 07 - 10 April 2026. The competition is a multi-day event that will test the mental, physical stamina, and technical proficiency of the competing teams.

2) Prerequisites.

Competitors must be a graduate of a U.S. Army approved Jumpmaster Course (United States Army Jumpmaster School, United States Army Advanced Airborne School Jumpmaster Course, or United States Army Special Operations Command Jumpmaster Course) and have no adverse personnel actions pending. Competitors must complete three administrative actions: 1) Letter of Intent, 2) Competitor Packet, and 3) Competition In-processing.

The Letter of Intent (Encl 3) is sent by the competitor's chain of command to (steven.m.bone2.mil@army.mil) NLT 02 March 2026. This allows ARTB to forecast the overall team layout.

The competitor packet consists of an updated Letter of Intent, including any changes to team organization, a copy of orders awarding each competitor the 5W ASI and Jumpmaster Graduation Certificate, DA Form 1307, Airborne Graduation Certificate, Hazardous Duty Orders, and a Competitor Biography (Encl 4). Send the competitor packet as a single PDF to (steven.m.bone2.mil@army.mil) NLT 16 March 2026.

3) Concept of Operations.

The competition will consist of a series of physical and technical Jumpmaster events spread across three days. The overall sequence of the events will remain unknown, but competitors will receive task, conditions, and standards prior to the execution of each event.

Competitors will report NLT 07 0900 April 2026 to 1-507th PIR HQ, BLDG 2747 for the beginning of Competitor Day. It is recommended that competitors report 06 April 2026 in the event of travel delays. Billeting will be available through 1-507th PIR. Once in-processed into the competition, teams will receive a one day orientation and training that will consist of Basic Airborne Refresher, Jumpmaster Refresher, Verbally Initiated Release System, and Special Items of Equipment. Once the competition begins on 08 April 2025, 1-507th cadre will control all clothing and equipment exchanges. Items received from an outside source after the competition starts will result in disqualification.

The awards ceremony will take place at Fryar Drop Zone on 10 1300 April 2026.

Overall list of competition events (subject to change):

1. Spot Jump
2. Pre-Jump
3. Special Items of Equipment Rigging
4. Nomenclature
5. Airborne History
6. Jumpmaster Knowledge
7. Foot March
8. Paratrooper Physical Fitness Assessment
9. JMPI
10. Door Bundles
11. SERJT/E
12. DZSTL Operations
13. DZSO Operations
14. Aircraft Inspection
15. Jumpmaster to Crew Brief
16. PWAC
17. In-Flight Rigging

4) Restrictions

The following is a list of competitor restrictions. This is not all-inclusive and additional restrictions may be briefed during competitor week:

- ARTB will not store/secure any weapons or equipment brought by competitors.
- Competitors may not modify their uniforms with the intent of creating advantage (i.e. cutting straps, buckles, or pockets off).
- Competitors may not receive any clothing or equipment from outside sources during the competition (07 - 10 April 2026).
- Competitors may not use any medication or nutritional/performance supplements during the competition unless authorized by ARTB medical staff. Drug testing may be conducted before, during, or after the competition. Any refusal to submit to testing or a positive test result will be grounds for disqualification.

5) Uniform and Packing List

The basic competition uniform will consist of OCP, patrol cap, ACH with cover, boots, TAPS, weapon, and MOLLE 4000 Rucksack. All components of the uniform will be of the same camouflage pattern and IAW Army or service-equivalent regulation.

ARTB will publish the packing list on the BRC website <https://www.Benning.army.mil/infantry/ARTB/bestjumpmaster>. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they have the current packing list during in-processing. The final packing list will be posted NLT 01 MAR 26 on the official Best Jumpmaster Competition website at (<https://www.Benning.army.mil/infantry/ARTB/bestjumpmaster>).