

## **Enclosure 2: Methodology and Administrative Instructions**

### **Methodology**

- Team allocations are based off the number of Ranger Tabbed Service members in each unit, the number of Brigade Combat Teams, and historical contributions to the Best Ranger Competition.

### **Administrative Instructions**

#### **1) Background.**

Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) will host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, GA, 10 - 12 April 2026. The competition is a multi-day event that will test mental, physical stamina, tactical and technical proficiency of the competing teams.

#### **2) Prerequisites.**

Competitors must be Ranger qualified and have no adverse personnel actions pending. Competitors must have a Ranger physical within the last 12 months and complete three administrative actions: 1) Letter of Intent, 2) Competitor Packet, and 3) Competition In-processing.

Potential competitors must NOT have won a prior Best Ranger Competition.

The Letter of Intent (Encl 3) is sent by the competitor's chain of command to (Andrew.b.desplinter.mil@army.mil) NLT 06 January 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 Ranger tab, a Competitor Biography (Encl 4) and a Ranger physical dated within the past 12 months (NET 12 April 2025). Send the competitor packet as a single PDF to (Andrew.b.desplinter.mil@army.mil) NLT 06 February 2026.

Each unit will submit a Training Survey (Encl 5) with their Competitor Packets. The purpose of the Training Survey is to identify the best training practices to inform TRADOC

and the War-fighting forum. Please accurately complete the Training Survey. The results will only be used for the BRC AAR to TRADOC.

### **3) Concept of Operations.**

The competition will consist of a series of physical and technical Ranger events spread across three days and two nights. 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 0800 April 2026 to Whetten Hall on Camp Rogers with all in-processing documentation. Billeting will be available on Camp Rogers. Once processed into the competition, teams will have three days of orientation and training on the course. Once the competition begins on 10 April 2026, ARTB 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 Marshall Auditorium on 13 1000 April 2026.

Overall list of competition events (subject to change):

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| 1) ANTI-TANK,                    | 19) HELOCAST,                     |
| 2) ARCHERY,                      | 20) HISTORIC WEAPONS UTILIZATION, |
| 3) BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE,       | 21) INTERSECTION/RESECTION,       |
| 4) BRIGADE MYSTERY EVENTS,       | 22) WATERBORNE OPERATIONS,        |
| 5) BUDDY RUN,                    | 23) LAND NAVIGATION,              |
| 6) BUDDY TEAM LIVE FIRE,         | 24) MALVESTI CONFIDENCE COURSE,   |
| 7) CALL FOR FIRE,                | 25) MILITARY KNOTS,               |
| 8) CHIN-UP ASSESSMENT,           | 26) MORTAR FIRE,                  |
| 9) COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL         | 27) MOUNTED & DISMOUNTED MACHINE  |
| ASSESSMENT,                      | GUN,                              |
| 10) DEMOLITIONS,                 | 28) PRUSIK CLIMB,                 |
| 11) FUNCTIONAL FITNESS TEST,     | 29) RANGER FIRST RESPONDER,       |
| 12) GUNNERY TABLES I-IV,         | 30) RANGER KNOWLEDGE,             |
| 13) GROUND ROBOTICS,             | 31) RAPPELING,                    |
| 14) MECHANICAL, BALLISTIC, AND   | 32) REPTILE IDENTIFICATION,       |
| EXPLOSIVE BREACHING,             | 33) RUN-SWIM-RUN,                 |
| 15) DARBY QUEEN OBSTACLE COURSE, | 34) SPEAR THROWING,               |
| 16) FOOT MARCH,                  | 35) SNIPER SHOOT,                 |
| 17) FRIES,                       | 36) SALUTE REPORT/COMMUNICATION,  |
| 18) GRENADE LAUNCHER,            | 37) SUAS UTILIZATION/ENGAGEMENT,  |

38) STRENGTH COMPETITION,  
39) STRENGTH TEST,  
40) STRONGMAN ASSESSMENT,  
41) URBAN ASSAULT COURSE,  
42) VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION,  
43) VEHICLE RECOVERY,

44) WALL CLIMBING,  
45) WEAPON ASSEMBLY/FUNCTION  
CHECK ON M4, M249, M240, M17,  
AK47, M2, M7, M250, AND OTHER  
SYSTEMS.

#### **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 conduct any preparatory training on the following sites after 23 February 2026: Darby Queen, Malvesti, CWSA at Victory Pond, Todd Field, or WTC Obstacle Course.
- 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 (10 - 12 April 2026).
- Competitors may not use any medication 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. Competitors may use supplements listed in Enclosure 7 COTS Nutrition Products\_24-04. Some supplements may be made available during the competition, or competitors may bring their own.

#### **4) Uniform and Packing List**

The basic competition uniform will consist of OCP, patrol cap, ACH with cover, boots, FLC, weapon, and MOLLE Field pack, Large. 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/BRC.html>. 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 02 MAR 26 on the official Best Ranger  
Competition website at (<https://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/artb/BRC.html>)