



Group Field Circular No. 03/2020

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6th June 2020

Victoria Group Review

1.0 Intention

- 1.1 This circular provides information to all members for the Victoria Group Review to be held on Sunday **29th November 2020**, as per the new Group Calendar version 7.
- 1.2 The Review will be held subject to The Victoria State Government and AAL covid-19 restrictions at the time, allowing the running of the Review.
- 1.3 There is also a reduced **Drill** competition being Junior Section Drill, Section Drill and Flag Party.
- 1.4 With the reduce competition due to limitation of diagram set up it will give all members to support and cheer on other squadrons in your Wing.

2.0 General

- 2.1 The Review will be held at the Victoria Group Headquarters.
- 2.2 All squadrons are required to attend, compete and take part in the afternoon parade. The Review is a **required event** on the Group Calendar for all units.
- 2.3 Units should note that a **minimum standard** of performance applies. Consequently, individuals or units who find that they are the sole entrant in a competition will be declared the winner only if they reach the minimum standard required.
- 2.4 Refer to the following documents for detailed information about available competitions:

Field competitions are described in **Appendix A** of this circular
Education competitions are described in **VC/EC/04/2020**.

3.0 Timetable

- 3.1

0730 hours	Duty Squad reports
0800 hours	All units to be present at the ground.
0815 hours	Judges briefing.
0845 hours	General Officers briefing and raising of the flags.
0900 hours	Field competitions commence
1100 hours	Entries for "On the March" competitions close.
1230 hours	Lunch Break.
1330 hours	Afternoon Parade forms up.
1400 hours	Parade marches on.
1500 hours	Approximate finish time.
- 3.2 A timetable of the events will be in place and used throughout the day. It is the responsibility of the Squadron Officers and the NCO in Charge to ensure that they report at their designated time. If a unit does not report on time they will NOT be allowed to compete regardless.

4.0 Uniform and Equipment

- 4.1 Members are required to wear full Australian Air League uniform as laid down in Section 18 of the Australian Air League Manual, including during travel to and from the Review.
- 4.2 Medals and decorations must be worn for the afternoon parade. Ribbons only are to be worn during the day, up until the afternoon parade. Only medals and badges authorised by the Australian Air League, and for which the member has an authority card, are to be worn.
- 4.3 Name tags may be worn during the day but are not to be worn during competitions and the afternoon parade.

- 4.4 AAL bomber jackets and navy-blue uniform jumpers are not to be worn during competitions and the afternoon parade but may be worn at all other times. Exceptions may be made weather dependent.

5.0 **Afternoon Parade Procedure**

5.1 **March On**

- 5.1.1 Units are to commence to assemble in column of route when directed at 1300hrs. The order of parade will be advised to units on the day.
- 5.1.2 The parade will march onto the parade ground, pass the dais and complete a circuit of the ground. After completing one circuit, the parade will form up as directed. No General Salute will be given during the march on.
- 5.1.3 Once all units are in position, the Parade OC will give the order for all units to left turn into line and face the dais.
- 5.1.4 Victoria Group will then perform a **General Salute**.

5.2 **Presentations**

- 5.2.1 Members receiving presentations must salute the presenter, regardless of whether they are uniformed or not.

5.3 **March Off**

- 5.3.1 The Parade OC will order the parade to turn right into column of route. The parade will then march and pass the dais.
- 5.3.2 Units will perform an **Eyes Right/General Salute** as they pass the dais. All officers salute (unless in a flag party) and all unit flags salute.
- 5.3.3 After passing the dais, the parade marches to the rear of the parade ground. Whilst the Group Flag Party is being marched off, all squadron and wing flags will General Salute as the Group Flag Party passes their immediate front.
- 5.3.4 At the completion of the above, Squadron and Wing OCs will be called to report to the Parade OC for debriefing. When all OCs are dismissed, they will return to, and immediately dismiss, their units.

6.0 **Applications**

- 6.1 Entries for "on the march" competitions must be lodged by **1100 hrs on the day** of the Review, using the entry form in **Appendix C** of this circular.
- 6.2 Entries for all other field competitions must be submitted to the Group Field Officer by 1400 hrs on Saturday **14th November 2020**, using the entry form in **Appendix B** of this circular.
- 6.3 Entries for education competitions must be completed as directed by **VC/EC/04/2020**.
- 6.4 No late entries will be accepted.
- 6.5 Squadron OCs are advised that all attending members are required to complete a Form 17a.

7.0 **Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 Squadron OCs are reminded of their duty of care responsibilities and should ensure that the members of their squadron are fit and well throughout the day. Members who are feeling ill should not attend.
- 7.2 As per Section 1 paragraph 5 of Australian Air League Manual, the Review is a **non-smoking event**. No person attending will be permitted to smoke whilst on competition and parade grounds.
- 7.3 There will be no canteen run at this event, members should bring their own meals as at the time of the issuing this circular the Australian Air League is not able to cater for its members with food and drink.

8.0 **Enquiries**

- 8.1 All enquiries should be directed to the Group Field Officer via email (field.vic@airleague.com.au) or phone (0477 267 779).

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Appendix A-Field Competitions**A.1 General Conditions**

- A.1.1 All members competing in field competitions must carry current membership cards.
- A.1.2 Other than those involved in the competing unit, no officers, NCOs, or attendees will be allowed onto the competition area during the day except with prior consent of competition staff or in an emergency. Failure to adhere to this condition may result in disqualification.
- A.1.3 Only competition staff may communicate with judges. Failure to adhere to this condition may result in disqualification.
- A.1.4 Any protests must be lodged **in writing** with the Review Marshal within 30 minutes of the completion of the concerned unit's competition. The decision of the Review Marshal shall be final.

A.2 Age Limits

- A.2.1 Members competing in Junior Section Drill must be **under the age of 12** as of 30th November 2020.
- A.2.2 Members competing as NCOs or cadets must be **under the age of 18** as of 30th November 2020.

A.3 Section Drill Competitions

- A.3.1 Sections must have a total of six members (including the NCO in charge) to be deemed competitive.
- A.3.2 The highest permissible rank for the **NCO in charge** is Corporal.
- A.3.3 The highest permissible rank **within a section** is Leading Cadet. No member of the section may outrank the NCO in charge.
- A.3.4 If a Leading Cadet is present in the section, they must also be the marker. There is no limit to the number of Leading Cadets that may be present in the section.
- A.3.5 The diagram to be performed is **Diagram 10**, as described in Section 12 paragraph 41 of the Australian Air League Manual.
- A.3.6 For this year only a Squadron may enter two sections in the Cadet section of Section Drill. A cadet or NCO may only compete in one Section Drill competition

A.4 Flight Drill Competitions

- A.4.1 There will be no Flight Drill competitions for 2020

A.5 Flag Party Competitions

- A.5.1 Flag parties must have the full complement of three flags, three escorts, and one NCO in charge to be deemed competitive.
- A.5.2 The highest permissible rank for the **NCO in charge** is Sergeant, except where there is a Squadron Sergeant in the squadron but no Sergeants in attendance.

- A.5.3 The highest permissible rank for **bearers** is Corporal. No bearer may outrank the NCO in charge.
- A.5.4 The highest permissible rank for **escorts** is Leading Cadet. No escort may outrank the bearers or the NCO in charge.
- A.5.5 The diagram to be performed is **Diagram 10**, as described in Section 13 paragraph 13 of the Australian Air League Manual.

A.6 "On the March" Competitions

- A.6.1 For "best flight on the march", the flight must consist of one NCO in charge and at least twelve cadets.
- A.6.2 For "best flag party on the march", and for this year only a Squadron only needs to field a Flag Party with the Squadron Flag and two escorts. No escort may outrank the bearer. The highest permissible rank for the bearer is Corporal.
- A.6.3 For "best squadron on the march", the squadron must consist of at least two officers, one flag party (as per A.6.2) and at least one flight (one NCO in charge and at least twelve cadets).
- A.6.4 For "best wing on the march", the wing must consist of members from at least two squadrons with at least thirty members.
- A.6.5 Armbands will be issued when the entry form in **Appendix C** is lodged. Squadron and Wing OCs are to wear these armbands on their left arm.

A.7 Unit Drill Competitions

- A.7.1 There will be no Unit Drill Competitions for 2020

Appendix B – Field Competitions Entry Form**2020 Victoria Group Review
Field Competitions Entry Form**

Return to the Group Field Officer no later than 1400 hrs Saturday 1 February 2020.

Squadron: _____ **Wing:** _____

Please tick the competitions you wish to take part in

Junior Section Drill**Section Drill A****Section Drill B****Flag Party Drill**

Squadron / Wing OC: _____

NAME

SIGNATURE

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Appendix C – Afternoon Parade Statement

2020 Victoria Group Review Afternoon Parade Statement

Must be lodged no later than 1100 hrs on the day of the Review.

Squadron: _____ **Wing:** _____

NUMBER ON PARADE

Cadets

Officers

TOTAL

Please tick yes or no for each "on the march" competition.

YES

NO

Best Flight

☐
☐

Best Flag Party

☐
☐

Best Squadron / Wing

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Squadron / Wing OC: _____

NAME

SIGNATURE

Date: ____ / ____ / ____