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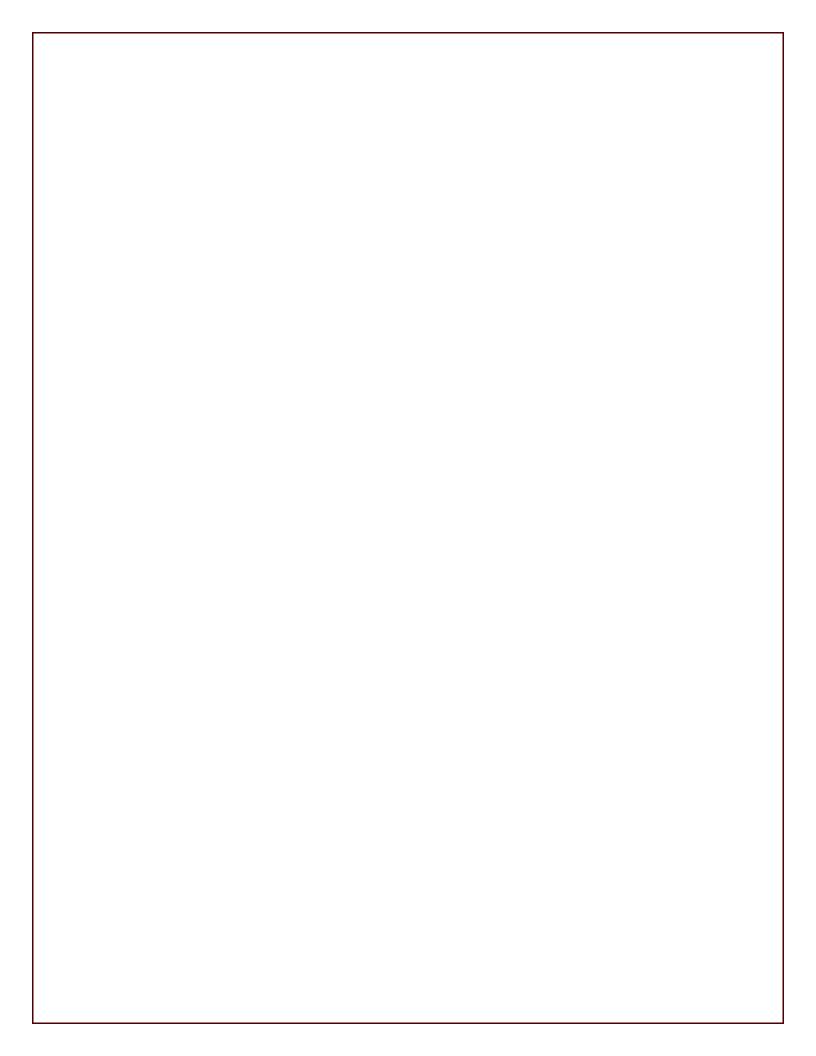


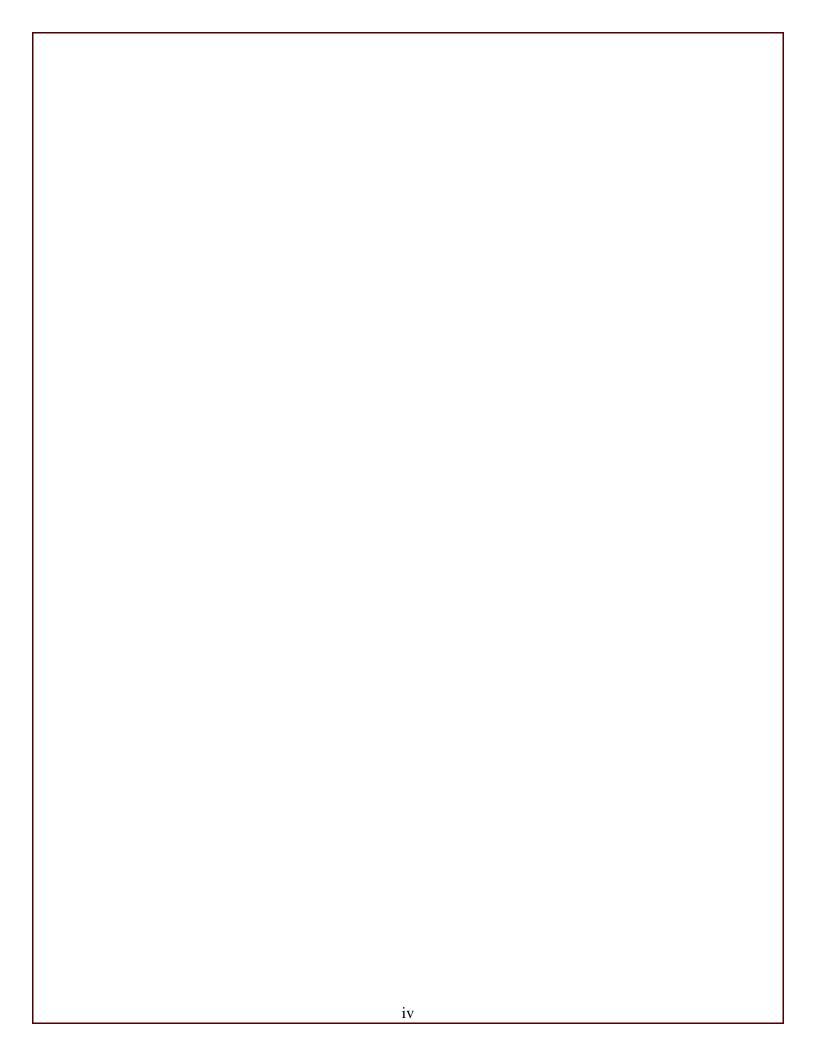
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15 Oct 18	Updated the Schedule of Demerits (Figure 1) and the Restricted Weekend/Marching Tour Codes (Figure 2)		
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CHAPTER 1 – DISCIPLINE POLICY

1. DESCRIPTION

Discipline is essential to achieve the Corps mission of developing well-educated leaders of character. It is required to sustain a culture of exemplary individual and collective conduct that consistently and deliberately demonstrates self-discipline, duty, and honorable character.

- A. Standards of conduct for members of the Corps of Cadets are set forth in writing in order to give cadets general notice of prohibited conduct. These rules should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.
- B. Violations of the Corps Discipline Policy may result in disciplinary sanctions as defined in Chapter 5 of this order. Any disciplinary sanction imposed by the Corps of Cadets may precede and shall be in addition to any penalty that might be imposed by the university Student Conduct Office and any off-campus authority.
- C. Cadets are responsible for being aware of and following the most current Texas A&M University Student Rules.
- D. The Department of Defense employs a strict discipline code on students in ROTC programs. Essentially any student/cadet found responsible for violating University/Corps rules and regulations related to charges of Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH), Illegal Drug Use, or Hazing cannot enroll/remain in an ROTC program. Enrollment in an ROTC program is a requirement for membership in the Corps of Cadets for freshman and first semester sophomore cadets. Accordingly, freshman and sophomore cadets found responsible for one of the above violations will be denied the ability to apply/reapply for Corps membership for the freshman year and first semester of the sophomore year.

2. REPORTING DISCIPLINE VIOLATIONS

It is the **DUTY** and responsibility of every cadet regardless of class or rank to report possible or suspected violations of any offenses through cadet channels to the ACD. Self-reporting to the ACD is encouraged. If the cadet chain of command fails to act on a reported violation, the cadet should report directly to their CTO, the ACD, or other member of the Commandant's staff.

CHAPTER 2 – SEXUAL HARRASSMENT, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, OR RETALIATION

Texas A&M University and the Corps of Cadets strives to maintain a work and educational environment free from discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, dating and domestic violence, and related retaliation in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Individuals are encouraged to report all unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, stalking, or domestic / dating violence, and should not wait to report conduct of concern until it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent harassment. University officials can take proactive steps to address conduct, perhaps prevent conduct from continuing or escalating, and/or to protect or otherwise assist the recipient of the conduct. For more information on the Texas A&M University Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure go to: http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule47.

1. REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Students have the option of notifying or not notifying law enforcement authorities including university and local police. University Police Department – 979.845.2345.

2. REPORTING TO THE UNIVERSITY

- A. Students may contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life (studentlife.tamu.edu/979.845.3111) for assistance with reporting a complaint to the University.
- B. Students may also make inquiries or file a complaint by contacting the University's Title IX Coordinator (TitleIX.Coordinator@tamu.edu / 979.845.0977).

3. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OPTION

In most cases, counselors in the Student Counseling Service (scs.tamu.edu/979.845.4427) are not required to, nor may, report an incident that in any way identifies the student concerned without the student's consent. However, if an imminent harm situation is present, the counselor must take action to protect whomever is at risk.

4. SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Student Assistance Services –979.845.3113
- B. University Police Department Victim's Advocate 979.845.2345
- C. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) 979.845.4427, SCS Helpline 979.845.2700
- D. Student Health Services 979.458.8316
- E. Women's Resource Center 979.845.8784
- F. GLBT Resource Center 979.862.8920
- G. Sexual Assault Resource Center (Community Resource) 979.731.1000

CHAPTER 3 – PROHIBITED ACTIONS

1. VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW

Violation of any law of the United States or the State of Texas, or violation of municipal ordinances.

2. VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT RULES

Violation of any rules and/or regulations specified in the University Student Rules. The following are examples of prohibited conduct extracted from University Student Rules. The University numbering system has been retained for ease of reference. This list is not designed to be inclusive or exhaustive.

3. STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

See https://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule24/ for the most current Student Conduct Code.

4. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A CADET

A cadet is responsible of "conduct unbecoming a cadet" when his or her actions or conduct could be interpreted to be detrimental to the best interests of the individual cadet, other persons, the cadet's unit, the Corps of Cadets, or Texas A&M University.

5. DISRESPECT OR INSUBORDINATION

Any cadet who is disrespectful or insubordinate in demeanor, word or action toward any university official or cadet in the chain of command, whether or not this occurs in their presence is subject to sanction under this action.

6. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ORDERS

Failure to follow the verbal or written orders/directions of the Commandant, any university official or cadet in the chain of command.

7. NEGLIGENCE OF LEADERSHIP

Anyone in the cadet chain of command is responsible for ensuring the cadets under their authority follow and obey the corps requirements. Additionally, a cadet in the chain of command must be wise with his/her use of authority. His/her actions and directives must be reasonable and prudent.

8. PERMISSION TO TOUCH

- A. It is improper for a cadet to touch another cadet without his or her permission unless there is a legitimate safety reason (e.g., a cadet about to fall, in danger of being hit by a vehicle, etc.).
- B. It is proper to touch, with permission, another cadet when making minor corrections such as adjusting a hand salute.
- C. It is never proper for a cadet to touch or grab a fellow cadet for the purpose of harassment or disciplinary action.

D. When upperclassmen are addressing or instructing underclassmen, a safe rule of thumb is to remain at least one arm's length away from the underclassmen.

9. ABUSE OF CLASS RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Upper-class cadets will not require lower class cadets to perform "personal service" tasks (e.g., moving the upper class cadet's car to avoid a parking violation, picking up cleaning, etc.). Performing personal service or unauthorized details directed by upperclassmen with or without remuneration is also a violation.
- B. Upper-class cadets will not require lower class cadets to "earn privileges" or perform unauthorized physical training to receive a "special position or duty" or unit "passdown."
- C. Do not borrow items (e.g., money, services, vehicles, uniform items, clothes, etc.) across class lines. This practice disrupts good order and discipline and may pose a question of coercion or abuse of position/power.

10. IMPROPER CADET RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Improper relationships are those inter-gender (male-female) or intra-gender (male-male, female-female) relationships that could result in actual or perceived favoritism, unfairness, or partiality, that are detrimental to good order and discipline within the unit or the chain of command.
- B. Dating among cadets is permissible; however dating will be conducted with the same standards of discretion and good judgment expected of all cadets. If cadets within a major unit decide to date, they will consult with their Cadet Training Officer for potential reassignment. CTOs will resolve outfit assignments for cadets in personal relationships.
 - (1) Upper-class cadets will not date freshman cadets.
 - (2) There will be no intra-outfit dating (within same outfit). The Texas_Aggie Band is considered to be six separate outfits.
 - (3) Cadets will not date others in their direct chain of command.
 - (4) Dating between fish will be allowed provided the relationship is not intra-outfit.

11. PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

- A. Cadets in uniform will refrain from personal/romantic contact in public view. A male cadet may offer his left arm to a woman when walking. A female cadet may take the arm of a man while walking. Walking arm-in-arm does not preclude the requirement to render proper military courtesy. Holding hands or walking or sitting with arm around waist or shoulder is not permitted.
- B. The Aggie Tradition of kissing after the football team scores is permitted and not considered a violation of this policy.

12. CONDUCT IN THE DORMITORIES AND LEADERSHIP LEARNING CENTERS

- A. All cadets must respect the rights of others to privacy and must maintain good neighborly relations with those who are housed in the Corps area dormitories.
- B. No cadet will disturb study conditions in the dorm, or dorm area, and all cadets should be especially careful to comply with all quiet hour restrictions.

- C. Cadets will not do anything that might cause personal injury or destruction of private property or dormitory facilities. "Flood outs," "drown outs," "Babo bombs," "Skoal bombs," "quadding," etc. are strictly prohibited.
- D. Cadets will be dressed appropriately at all times. Cadets will at least wear shorts and a T-shirt when in the hallway. When going to/from the shower, at a minimum, cadets will wear shorts and a T-shirt or a bathrobe over underwear. At no time will nudity or a towel alone in place of shorts and a T-shirt be acceptable in hallways or other common areas.
- E. Cadets will not remove, disable or render inoperative any fire protection equipment or other alarm systems in the dormitories.
- F. Cadets will not engage in inappropriate sexual behavior.

13. USE OF PROFANITY

Members of the Corps of Cadets will not use profanity when performing Corps functions, in the "Corps environment", or while wearing Corps uniforms (i.e., all cadets are expected to use good judgment and restraint in expressing themselves).

14. INTERFERENCE WITH FREE TIME

As a general guide for cadet conduct, all students are entitled to use free time to study, sleep or attend to personal matters, except when otherwise directed by competent authority. No person subject to these policies shall curtail or interfere with the use of available free time by any other person subject to these policies. The following are expressly prohibited:

- A. Ordering any person subject to these policies to run errands or placing any person on an unauthorized detail; conversely, submitting to the running of errands or the performing of any unauthorized detail or service with or without remuneration. For additional information refer to abuse of class relationship.
- B. Requiring freshmen to participate in "uniformity" activities (e.g., requiring a "fish Buddy" to enter/exit the quad/dorm or get another plate of food, etc.).
- C. Requiring cadets to return to the dorm between classes unnecessarily.
- D. Requiring any unauthorized activity during the Academic Day

15. MOTOR VEHICLES

No motor vehicle will enter, be operated on, or parked in the quadrangle or dormitory area.

16. PETS

Per Texas A&M University Student Rule 36 students are prohibited from keeping pets or other animals on the campus or taking such animals into dormitories, dining halls, or other University buildings. Pets include all forms of wild or domesticated animal life. The exception to this rule is the Aggie Mascot, Reveille, and fish in an aquarium. Maximum approved aquarium size for use in a Corps dorm room is 20 gallons. Cadets must consult with Corps Housing before bringing an aquarium measuring 10-20 gallons. Requests for exceptions will be submitted to Corps Housing through the appropriate CTO. Refer to Standard Order 4 (Chapter 1, paragraph 4.H.) for a further discussion on animals in the Corps dorms.

CHAPTER 5 – DISCIPLINE PROCESS

1. INITIAL ACTION

Upon receipt of a report of an alleged violation, the Commandant or ACD may ask for recommendations from the cadet's CTO or from any other appropriate source. The decision to require joint action with Student Conduct Office or handle the alleged violation within the Cadet system will be made in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Dean of Student Life and the Office of the Commandant.

2. RIGHTS

These include the right to an Advisor, the right to know the specific charge being brought against them, the right to be informed in writing at least three (3) class days before the hearing, the right to waive the three-day notice of charges, the right to remain silent, the right to present witnesses, the right to review their cadet record, the right to receive a written statement of the outcome of the hearing, and the right to an appeal.

3. CHARGES

The issuance of a charge letter is the first step in the conduct hearing process. This letter states the alleged rules violation and/or incident of concern and requires the cadet(s) to schedule a hearing with the appropriate office. The charge letter does not indicate a presumption of responsibility of a rule violation, but rather a complaint has been made against the cadet and there is a need to hear both sides of the situation. Once a charge letter has been sent, the student may have access to view a part of the conduct file and information that resulted in the charges.

4. SANCTIONS

Sanctions involving expulsion and suspension from the University will be assessed by the ACD and representatives from the Student Conduct Office via a Student Conduct Panel in accordance with the joint Memorandum of Understanding. Sanctions of offenses not involving removal from the University will normally be assessed by the ACD and possibly a representative from the Student Conduct Office again in accordance with the joint Memorandum of understanding. Sanctions for offenses may include:

- A. University/Corps Expulsion. Separation action without option for readmission to the Corps and/or University.
- B. Corps Dismissal. Separation action for an indefinite period; readmission to the Corps is not guaranteed but will be considered upon request which can be submitted any time after the start of the Dismissal.
- C. University/Corps Suspension. Separation for a defined period; readmission is not guaranteed but will be considered upon request after the defined period of suspension.
- D. Corps Deferred Suspension. The sanction of suspension may be placed in deferred status. In this case, a violation of the Corps Discipline Policy during this period will cause the suspension to take effect immediately without further review. Additional action may also be

- taken regarding the most recent offense. Deferred suspension also carries the restriction a student is "**Not in Good Standing**" with the Corps of Cadets
- E. University/Corps Conduct Probation. An official warning a cadet's conduct has been in violation of University Rules and/or the Corps Discipline Policy, but is not serious enough to warrant expulsion, dismissal, or suspension. Conduct Probation means a cadet is "Not in Good Standing" with the University/Corps. Violation of any part of the probation may result in further sanctions. This sanction includes the same restrictions as Deferred Suspension, therefore the Cadet:
 - (1) May not hold a leadership position (defined as any Green Tab position, including CO, XO, SGM and 1SG for both Corps Units and Special Units e.g., Ross Volunteers).
 - (2) May not represent the Corps of Cadets to anyone off campus (e.g., Corps, Band, and PMC trips).
 - (3) Will have their Corps-administered scholarship reviewed. The ACD will be responsible for notifying the scholarship administrator a cadet is not in good standing.
 - (4) Further Corps provisions may be imposed by the Commandant on the sanctions outlined in the Sanction letter.
- F. University/Corps Conduct Review. An official warning the cadet's conduct is in violation rules and regulations, but is not sufficiently serious to warrant conduct probation. A cadet on Conduct Review shall remain "In Good Standing" with the Corps. This sanction may require regular meetings with an appropriate official and could also result in:
- G. Relief from Command or Position.
- H. Reduction of Cadet Rank.
- I. Payment of Damages.
- J. Restricted Weekends/Marching Tours.
- K. Letter of Reprimand.
- L. Demerits.
- M. Other similar and appropriate sanctions as approved by the Commandant.

5. APPEALS OF CORPS AND/OR UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

Cadets receiving sanctions as a result of a student conduct process have the right to appeal as outlined in their Sanction Letter.

6. SUSPENSION FROM THE CORPS OF CADETS

Any cadet who receives a sanction of suspension or higher, must follow the written instructions presented to them in their sanction letter. The instructions for administrative separation are the same as suspension from the Corps of Cadets. They include:

- A. A definite time in which they must leave the Corps.
- B. Paperwork for leaving begins with the Assistant Commandant of Operations.
- C. Failure to check out properly may result in additional administrative uniform and housing fees.

D. Admission back into the Corps is dependent upon completion of the sanction and approval by the Commandant.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS

The following are examples of actions that may result in administrative separation from the Corps.

- A. Failure to take or pass the For the Record Corps Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and/or failure to meet the Corps Weight Management standards each semester.
- B. Any cadet who fails to make a C or better in any of the required SOMS classes.
- C. Any cadet who delays more than two weekends to begin serving their restricted weekends (RWs) or fails to complete their RWs prior to the end of the semester. This information is found on the cadet CMS.
- D. Any cadet failing to meet the requirements of their Corps Academic Probation Contract.
- E. A sanction of Corps Dismissal from the Cadet Performance Review Board (CPRB).
- F. A loss of trust and confidence.

CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

1. ALCOHOL USE

- A. In support of good order and discipline, **Alcoholic Beverages are Not Permitted** "On the Quad" (the area enclosed by Lewis Street, Coke Street, and Lubbock Street with the east side of the Quad bounded by the east edge of the Band Drill Field and Dunn and Aston Halls in the Commons). The transport, storage, or use of alcohol in the dorms and public areas such as hallways, LLCs, bathrooms, quad courtyards, and parking lots is not permitted. Alcohol containers (vessels in which alcohol is sold) are not permitted on the quad or in a Corps dorm.
- B. Cadets who are in possession or drinking alcohol "On the Quad" will be charged with violating Corps/University Alcohol Policy rules and with Conduct Unbecoming of a Cadet.
- C. Cadets will not consume alcohol while in uniform on or off campus unless specifically approved by the Commandant or his designated representative. Cadets who perform a duty representing Texas A&M or the Corps of Cadets (e.g., Fighting Texas Aggie Band, Football Corps March-in, Corps Reviews and Parades, Officers of the Day, Color Guard, PMC, RV, FDT, etc.) will not consume alcohol during the time period defined as 8 hours prior to the event until after the completion of the duty event. Additionally, all cadets must be fit for duty and not be suffering ill effects of alcohol consumption at the commencement of the duty event.
- D. Cadets who are 21 years old or older and publicly intoxicated, on or off the university campus, will be charged with violating University Student Rules. This rule also applies to cadets, who allow, provide, or do not attempt to stop a cadet under the age of 21 from drinking, on and off campus. Sanctions for most alcohol-related infractions include University/Corps Conduct Probation and alcohol abuse education. Cadets who provide alcohol to minors may be suspended for at least one semester.
- E. Cadets who are under the age of 21, and in possession of, or drinking alcohol, or publicly intoxicated, on or off the university campus, will be charged with violating University Student Rules. Sanctions for most under 21 alcohol-related infractions include University/Corps Conduct Probation, alcohol education, and a letter to the cadet's parents.
- F. Outfit Social Events off/on campus. Any social event sponsored by an outfit cannot use outfit funds to purchase alcohol for the event. Additionally, at an outfit social event where any cadet is under the age of 21, alcohol may only be served/available IAW Student Activity Rules (i.e., positive control of no alcohol to minors). All outfit sponsored social events off campus require a Risk Assessment form (approved by Student Activities and the outfit CTO) and a military letter approved by the Corps Commander.
- G. If you know of a cadet who appears to have a serious drinking problem (e.g., constantly drinking, getting drunk several nights a week, etc.), express your concern to an appropriate Corps or Office of the Commandant official (CTO). If he/she is having drinking problems, he/she also may be having other problems (e.g., social, academic, mental, physical, etc.). Referral of the cadet to the Student Life Alcohol and Drugs Education Programs or Student Counseling Services may also help.

2. ILLEGAL DRUG USE / ABUSE OF LEGAL SUBSTANCES

- A. As a deterrent against the illegal/inappropriate use of drugs, all cadets are subject to selection for a random drug test.
- B. Inappropriate drugs are defined as non-prescription substances that produce effects that impair the judgment of the cadet and interfere with "good order and discipline" (e.g., salvia, "herbal tobacco", etc.). Use of prescription drugs without a valid prescription is illegal. Cadets found to be using drugs without a valid prescription will be dealt with as though they were using illegal drugs.
- C. Use of illegal/inappropriate drugs in the Corps of Cadets will not be tolerated. Cadets should submit any information regarding illegal/inappropriate drug use on or off campus to the appropriate authority (i.e., outfit commander, CTO, ACOT, ACD, etc.), who will notify University Police and take appropriate disciplinary action.
- D. Cadets found responsible for use or possession of illegal/inappropriate drugs are normally suspended for at least one semester. If a cadet is allowed to remain in the Corps (due to extraordinary circumstances), or is readmitted, he/she may be required to submit to drug testing (at their own expense) and test negative on all the required drug tests as outlined in the Corps Sanction Letter. The Commandant may require additional provisions on drug related sanctions.
- E. In the event of an overdose or other drug related problems needing medical attention:
 - (1) Call the emergency number 9-911.
 - (2) Transport to Beutel Health Center if situation dictates (845-1511).
 - (3) Bring possible clues for drug identification (empty pill bottles or vomit samples).
 - (4) Immediately call the Commandant's Office (845-2811) or Operations and Training (862-4311). If emergency occurs on a weekday after 1700 and before 0800, or on a weekend, notify the Commandant's Duty Officer through the Guardroom at 979-845-6789 or directly at 979-229-5826.
- F. Commanders (or others) should contact any or all of the following in handling a drugrelated problem.
 - (1) CTO or any other member of the Commandant's.
 - (2) Student Life Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, 979-845-0280.
 - (3) Student Counseling Service, 979-845-4427.

3. RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICY

A. Intent. The use of illegal/inappropriate drugs in the Corps of Cadets runs counter to the values we hold, and our vision for character and leadership development. Illegal drug use will not be tolerated. Being under the influence and/or misuse of a controlled substance, or abuse of prescription drugs will also not be tolerated. This also includes substances similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs"). As a deterrent against the use of these drugs, all cadets are subject to random drug testing via urinalysis. This policy outlines cadet expectations for compliance, execution of random drug testing, and actions taken

upon the results of a positive test or when a cadet is found to be using or possessing illegal drugs.

B. Compliance

- (1) Incoming freshmen cadets must complete a Random Drug Test Notification Waiver during Freshmen Orientation Week (FOW) or Spring Orientation Week (SOW). 100% compliance is required in order to be a member of the Corps of Cadets.
- (2) Returning cadets (upperclassmen) must re-apply to the Corps of Cadets each year and agree via the Random Drug Test Notification Waiver to random drug testing to be granted re-admission and remain members of the Corps of Cadets.
- (3) Execution of Testing. At random times during the school year at the discretion of the Assistant Commandant of Operations, cadets will be informed they have been selected for a drug test. Cadets must comply with all procedures of the published program within the time specified or face Corps Disciplinary actions for non-compliance. Notification and testing will be accomplished as follows:
- (4) For standard testing, the Assistant Commandant of Operations will notify the CDO the night prior to a scheduled testing period of which cadets will be tested the following morning and alert CTOs of the need to conduct testing the following morning.
- (5) At 0545 the morning of random testing, the CDO will notify the cadet leadership of affected cadets and provide the following instructions:
 - a. The Commandant's staff will conduct random drug testing to commence at 0600.
 - b. All identified cadets must line up in the hallway at 0600 in outfit PT gear carrying only their student ID card.
 - c. Cadets are not permitted to leave the dorm for any reason or to use the latrines until after random testing has been completed.
 - d. Cadets may drink water, coffee, soft drink, etc., to hydrate if needed.
- (6) Commandant's staff members will post in the hallway of the affected outfits as follows:
 - a. Two staff members at a table to collect student ID cards and complete testing paperwork.
 - b. One or more staff members to monitor sample collection in both the male and female restrooms.

NOTE: If no female staff members are available, a male staff member will inspect the female restroom prior to testing and post outside the door while females (individually) provide a testing sample. (Alternatively, a female cadet from Corps Staff or the Major Unit Staff will monitor sample collection in the female restroom.)

- (7) Cadets will provide their student ID card to a member of the commandant's staff and will be handed a collection vessel.
- (8) Cadets will proceed to the restroom to provide the requisite amount of sample material as instructed by members of the Commandant's staff. The staff member will verify the sample is within the required temperature range and ensure a proper amount was collected.

- (9) Cadets will turn their sample into the Commandant's staff member who will verify the collection vessel is properly closed for packaging.
- (10) Cadets will initial their sample vessel and packaging labels and verify student ID numbers have been transcribed correctly and match on all documents. Cadets on prescription drugs must notify the Commandant's staff member handling the collection paperwork.
- (11) Commandant's staff members will affix a tamper resistant seal to the sample vessel, package according to manufacturer instructions, and affix the second seal to the outside of the package.
- (12) Students will sign paperwork acknowledging proper handling and packaging and will be given a copy for their records.
- (13) Following the testing period, samples will be boxed and shipped via express mail for laboratory testing. Between the end of sample collection/packaging and shipping, representatives from Commandant's office will maintain 100% control and accountability of the collected samples.

C. Notification of Test Results

- (1) The Assistant Commandant of Operations will receive the testing results via secured email and will review for positive findings.
- (2) Cadets identified with a positive finding on the test results will be referred to the Assistant Commandant for Discipline for investigation and disciplinary actions as necessary.

CHAPTER 7 – CORPS WEAPONS POLICY

1. PURPOSE

This policy governs weapons use on campus by Corps of Cadets and ROTC students.

2. WEAPON TYPES

- A. Operational Weapons. Weapons capable of firing projectiles (bullets, blanks, pellets).
- B. Training Weapons. Rubber and/or de-militarized weapons not capable of firing projectiles.
- C. Personal Weapons.
 - (1) A personal weapon, in regards to dormitories and on campus, includes firearms, knives (including military fighting knives [K-Bar or bayonet]), bows and arrows, machetes, non-ceremonial swords, etc., over 4 inches, as well as axes and axe handles, clubs, taser/stun guns, and other items that logically could be used as a weapon.
 - (2) In addition, the following items are prohibited from being used inside of any residence hall room or public area: Airsoft guns, paintball guns and Nerf guns. These items may be stored in a residence hall room, but may not be used anywhere inside of a residence hall.
 - (3) Texas State law allows an individual with a Concealed Carry permit to possess and store personal handgun(s) on campus. This change applies only to handguns. Additionally, the individual must have completed the Concealed Carry course and possess a license/permit to carry a concealed handgun. All other personal weapons as described in paragraphs 2.C.a. and 2.C.b. above remain unauthorized.
 - (4) Refer to ResLife regulations for a further discussion on the required storage of an authorized handgun in a campus dormitory by a cadet possessing a Concealed Carry permit.
 - (5) The Office of the Commandant may grant approval for Corps special units (such as but not limited to Fish Drill Team, Ross Volunteer Company, Recon, SEAL Platoon, Rudders Rangers, etc.) to store in the residence halls "training weapons" which are utilized in their approved activity. Cadets who are part of these approved units/organizations are encouraged to secure the weapon with a locking mechanism. Additionally, senior cadets in the Corps of Cadets are authorized to possess and store their ceremonial sword that is part of the senior cadet uniform in their dorm room.
 - (6) Prohibited items discovered during an inspection will be confiscated and disciplinary action will be taken. Confiscated items will be turned over to the Assistant Commandant for Discipline who will make final disposition in concert with the Student Conduct Office as required. UPD may also be notified. Failure by a concealed carry permit holder to properly secure their handgun in their dorm room (locked in an approved safe) when not in control of their weapon on their person is a violation of student conduct and housing regulations. UPD and the Assistant Commandant for Discipline will be notified for immediate action.

3. DESIGNATED TRAINING AREAS

- A. Designated training areas for the Corps of Cadets and ROTC students include: the Quad, Spence Park, the football tailgating park south of the Koldus Building, Military Science Building (the Trigon), Brayton Firemen's Training Center, Riverside Campus, Simpson Drill Field, Obstacle/Stamina Course area, and Fiddler's Green,.
- B. In other than designated training areas, any cadet or ROTC student possessing any training weapon will be in a recognizable cadet or ROTC uniform. Physical training uniform is not acceptable.
- C. The University Police Department will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of any training involving training weapons by emailing the date, time, and location of the training to the following: Patrol Supervisors, patrol_supervisors@police.tamu.edu; and the Communications Office, communications@police.tamu.edu. A call to the University Police Department (UPD) (979-845-2345) should be made in the event you need assistance or the training is cancelled. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - (1) Best Ranger Competition.
 - (2) Road Marches.
 - (3) Training at the Student Recreation Center.
- D. No ROTC-issued training weapons are authorized in any building on campus, (other than the Trigon) during normal training times with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Part of a military ceremony.
 - (2) During ROTC sponsored Leadership Laboratory meetings.

4. SECURITY AND STORAGE

- A. Operational Weapons will be issued and returned according to prescribed regulations and will be secured in designated storage areas located in the basement of the Military Science Building.
- B. ROTC Affiliated Special Units such as Rudder's Rangers, RECON Company, SEAL Platoon, and the Special Tactics Squadron, along with standard Corps outfits will comply with all ROTC procedures for training weapons (specifically Rubber Rifles) issue and storage. These training weapons can be maintained over night by cadets in their dorm rooms as required for training purposes. A member of the ROTC or Commandant staff is not required to be present for the issue, or use of the training weapons as long as the training has been previously approved by Operations Order or Cadet Military Letter and the proper notification of their outside use has been provided to campus authorities.
- C. Corps of Cadets Issued Training Weapons: This includes training weapons issued to the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team, Color Guards, and Parson's Mounted Cavalry.
 - (1) Training weapons for the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team, and Color Guards may be kept in an individual cadet room.
 - (2) Any individual or group training outside of normal, scheduled practices, will be conducted within the boundaries of the Corps dormitory area (the Quad).

(3) All Corps of Cadets issued training weapons will be returned, inventoried, and secured upon completion of the academic year. Cadets taking their training weapon home for semester break (to practice) must complete an accountability form and follow all rules and regulations as to storage, transportation and use of the training weapon.

5. TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS

- A. Operational Weapons will be transported in authorized vehicles designated by the ROTC program or the Office of the Commandant. These vehicles will be accompanied by either a member of the respective ROTC staff or designated advisor from the Office of the Commandant.
- B. Training Weapons will be transported in authorized vehicles and/or containers. When transported in quantity, weapons will be accompanied by either a member of the respective ROTC staff or designated representative from the Office of the Commandant.
- C. Individual Transport of Training Weapons. Members of the Ross Volunteers, Fish Drill Team and Color Guards are authorized to transport their assigned ceremonial weapon in a privately owned vehicle during recognized student holiday periods. For loading/unloading of a weapon, the vehicle must be parked along Coke Street. The weapon will be moved directly from/to the dorm and the vehicle, and secured.

CHAPTER 8 – AGGIE HONOR SYSTEM OFFICE

- 1. The Aggie Honor System Office serves as a university system established to respond fairly to university academic violations of the Aggie Code of Honor.
- 2. All academic violations of the Aggie Code of Honor will be handled by the Aggie Honor System Office.
- 3. Any cadet who is contacted by the Aggie Honor System Office regarding potential Aggie Honor violations will notify the Assistant Commandant for Discipline.

CHAPTER 9 – CADET PERFORMANCE REVIEW BOARD

The procedures and operation of the CPRB are specified in the Cadet Performance Review Board Manual, located on the cadets.tamu.edu homepage, under CPRB. The CPRB is organized by the Assistant Commandant for Discipline.

- 1. The CPRB will be composed of a pool of 10 to 25 Senior cadets. These cadets shall be selected by the Cadet Performance Review Board President and will be approved by the Corps Commander. The actual review board will consist of five cadets when hearing a case.
- 2. Members shall be appointed to serve for one year. Appointments may be terminated at any time for cause.
- 3. The CPRB will review cadets that have been charged by a Commanding Officer, a Major Unit Commander, or the CPRB President. The Cadet Performance Review Board will determine whether the cadet is responsible for the charges presented. If found responsible, the CPRB may levy sanctions on the subject cadet.
- 4. The recommendation of the Board will be forwarded to the Corps Commander, who has the final decision on sanctions.

CHAPTER 10 – DEMERIT SYSTEM

- 1. Demerits serve both as a disciplinary tool and a performance indicator. Unit Commanders are responsible for ensuring the system works properly. All demerit codes have a maximum number of demerits assigned to them (e.g., if a demerit code has a max limit of 6 demerits, anywhere between 0-6 demerits may be issued for that offense). Assigning more than the maximum number of demerits could result in the issuer receiving demerits.
- 2. The Cadet Corps Commander will determine who is authorized to give demerits in the Cadet Chain. The ACD and the Assistant Commandant of Operations and his staff are authorized to issue demerits.
- 3. Demerits are awarded in accordance with the Figure 1, Schedule of Demerits, and may be removed by marching tours and restricted weekends.
- 4. Any cadet who receives 15 demerits will automatically receive a Restricted Weekend. Cadets normally have two weeks to complete their restricted weekend from the date entered into the Cadet Management System (CMS). If a cadet receives 45 demerits or more in one semester, their status in the Corps of Cadets will be reviewed and a recommendation made concerning their continued membership.
- 5. Cadets have the right to appeal the demerits assigned by following the instructions online in the Cadet Management System (CMS). All appeals will be filed with the issuing individual within three (3) working days of when the demerits are awarded. Cadet Training Officers will resolve disputes resulting from the appeals process.

Code	Range	Description		
301	1-3	Room Standard Set-Up Violation: bed improperly made, dirty mirrors/sink, improperly arranged closet, desk, or cabinets		
302	1-3	Uniform Violation: unshined shoes, missing uniform parts or brass missing CDISH card/Cadence (freshmen)		
303	1-3	Lack of military bearing at formation or training time		
304	1-3	Failure to know required knowledge		
305	1-3	Unauthorized articles in room		
306	1-3	Wear of unserviceable uniform parts or inappropriate uniform items		
401	4-6	Improper haircut/shave		
402	4-6	Sleeping in uniform in public		
403	4-6	Violation of class privileges (see standard for class privileges)		
404	4-6	Failure to comply or appear, Minor Offense		
405	4-6	Gross personal appearance		
406	4-6	Failure to attend required formation/activity		
407	1-3	Failure to submit required reports, Minor Offense		
408	4-6	Inappropriate public display of affection while in uniform		
409	4-6	Failure to follow schedule of demerits		
410	4-6	Unsatisfactory score on Standard of Living Inspection		
501 4-10 Failure to wear correct UOD to class (i.e., wearing ACUs when is Bravos)		Failure to wear correct UOD to class (i.e., wearing ACUs when UOD is Bravos)		
502	4-10	Wearing unauthorized item(s)		
503	4-10	Display of offensive material		
504	4-10	Room in gross disorder		
505	4-10	Failure to sign out during EST		
506	6-10	Failure to Comply or Appear, Major Offense		
507	4-6	Failure to submit required reports, Major Offense		
601	1-10	Commandant's Room Inspection		
602	1-10	Failure to Enforce Standards		

FIGURE 1 – SCHEDULE OF DEMERITS

CHAPTER 11 – MARCHING TOURS

- 1. Cadet conduct violations warranting marching tours are considered more severe than violations that would call for demerits and less severe than actions that would call for Restricted Weekends. Marching tours may be awarded in the case of multiple infractions that, on an individual basis, would only warrant demerits. Marching tours are awarded by members of the Commandant's staff, the Corps Commander, major unit commanders, outfit commanders, special unit commanders, and designated cadet staff members
- 2. A cadet may be awarded hour(s) of marching in conjunction with a restricted weekend, but a marching tour will not automatically be issued with a restricted weekend.
- 3. A cadet must complete an awarded marching tour by the deadline indicated in CMS. Failure to complete a marching tour results in the assignment of a Restricted Weekend in addition to the original marching tour. Cadets who fail to complete an marching tour by the suspense deadline will be denied certain privileges detailed below until they complete their marching tour:
 - (a) Removal from leadership (green/gray tab) position. Command team members will be evaluated for continued service in their respective positions.
 - (b) Prohibited from participating in any special unit activities (to include ROTC special unit activities) or Corps sports team activities.
 - (c) Denial of Military Letter requests to leave campus for the weekend.
- 4. It is the responsibility of the cadet who was awarded the marching tour to schedule an assigned marching tour with the Corps Discipline Sergeant via cadets.tamu.edu. See <u>Standard Order 3.2</u> for Marching Tours execution.
- 5. Cadets have the right to appeal a marching tour by following the instructions online in the Cadet Management System (CMS). All appeals will be filed with the issuing individual within three (3) working days of when the marching tours are awarded. Cadet Training Officers will resolve disputes resulting from the appeals process.

CHAPTER 12 – RESTRICTED WEEKENDS

1. Restricted Weekends (RWs) are awarded for serious cadet conduct violations as outlined in Figure 2 below. Restricted Weekends are awarded by members of the Commandant's staff, the Corps Commander, major unit commanders, outfit commanders, special unit commanders, and designated cadet staff members.

Code	Description
200	Requiring underclass cadets to perform unauthorized duties
201	Repeated violation of Category II offenses
202	Blatant Disrespect or Insubordination
203	Failure to appear at Corps wide functions where military letters are required
204	Violation of a directive
205	Repeated evasion of responsibility i.e. Failure to perform assigned task
206	Failure to comply after given warnings
207	Repeated violation of study conditions, quiet hours, or scholastic policy
208	Breach of restriction
209	Repeated academic neglect, includes non-attendance of scheduled classes
210	Improper conduct in Dining Hall, includes violations of Dining Hall Policy
211	Improper care of assigned property
212	Violation of visitation policy
213	Use of obscene, profane, or improper language or gestures
214	Failure to wear any uniform to class or required building
215	Excess (15) Demerits
601	Commandant's Room Inspection
602	Failure to enforce standards

FIGURE 2 – RESTRICTED WEEKEND/MARCHING TOUR CODES

- 2. All Restricted Weekends must be completed by the suspense deadline as indicated in CMS. Cadets may sign up for Restricted Weekends on cadets.tamu.edu.
- 3. In rare circumstances, cadets may petition the Corps Discipline Officer to complete their RWs by serving a Restricted Week or by completing an eight-hour work detail with Parsons Mounted Cavalry or with the Uniform Distribution Center. Restricted Weeks and work details will be coordinated through the Corps Discipline Officer and must be completed by the original suspense deadline.
- 4. Cadets who fail to complete an RW by the suspense deadline will be denied certain privileges detailed below until they complete their RW:

- (a) Removal from leadership (green/gray tab) position. Command team members will be evaluated for continued service in their respective positions.
- (b) Prohibited from participating in any special unit activities (to include ROTC special unit activities) or Corps sports team activities.
- (c) Denial of Military Letter requests to leave campus for the weekend.
- 5. If a cadet earns three Restricted Weekends in one semester, the Corps Discipline Officer will consult with the cadet's commander to determine if a Cadet Performance Review Board is warranted.
- 6. Failure to complete an RW by the end of the semester will result in dismissal from the Corps. Cases involving graduating seniors with outstanding RWs will be sent to the Student Conduct Office for a formal university hearing.
- 7. Cadets have the right to appeal RWs assigned by following the instructions online in the Cadet Management System (CMS). All appeals will be filed with the issuing individual within three (3) working days of when the RWs are awarded. Cadet Training Officers will resolve disputes resulting from the appeals process.

CHAPTER 13 – CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL TRAINING

1. GENERAL

The purpose of the Corrective Physical Training (CPT) Policy is to further define permissible activity as it relates to administering physical training as a form of corrective action for minor infractions of cadet performance or behavior. CPT provides cadet leaders a tool to motivate and instill discipline in underclassmen while drawing attention to and counseling/correcting minor infractions. Individual Corrective Physical Training (ICPT) provides leaders a tool for correcting the behavior or actions of an individual. Group Corrective Physical Training (GCPT) provides a cadet leader the vehicle to administer CPT to a group of cadets (within a unit, i.e., squad or platoon) for minor infractions. Serious disciplinary infractions will be referred to the chain of command. "Punitive PT" (used solely to punish) is not authorized – cadet leaders using punitive measures or conducting CPT outside the following guidelines will incur disciplinary actions in accordance with *The Standard* and University Student Rules.

2. COUNSELING

Reverting to a CPT session for a cadet(s) who needs to be motivated or whose actions need correction should not be the default answer. Counseling of the cadet(s) by the leader needs to have occurred first. Possibly more than one counseling session needs to have occurred before the leader determines CPT is required. If the leader determines to conduct a CPT session, counseling of the cadet(s) during the CPT session must occur to ensure the cadet(s) understand their poor performance and how to correct their actions.

3. INDIVIDUAL CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL TRAINING

- A. Cadet leaders may begin to administer ICPT the week following FOW/SOW, provided cadet trainees have passed a medical screening and are not currently on medical restrictions.
- B. Only cadet leaders possessing a numbered "Corrective Physical Training Instruction Card" for the current year may conduct CPT. The CPT Card must be available on cadet leader's person during the administration of CPT.
- C. A cadet leader will only administer ICPT for a single cadet.
- D. Each ICPT session will include a combination of at least three different exercises from the list below (as outlined on the CPT Instruction Card) and will include a 30-second break midway through the session where the leader should be counseling the cadet. Cadets will select exercises that use different muscle groups.
- E. Time limits for an ICPT session:
 - (1) Fall semester: 3-min exercise / 30-second rest / 3-min exercise.
 - (2) Spring semester: 4-min exercise / 30-second rest / 4-min exercise.
- F. Only the following exercises are authorized:

Aerobic Exercises	Upper-Body Exercises	Lower-Body Exercises	Abdominal Exercises
Mountain Climbers*	Pull-Ups*	Squats	Crunches
Side Straddle Hops*	Dips	Squat Thrusts*	Sit-ups
Stationary Double Time	Push-Ups (Hands Shoulder Width)*	Stationary Lunges	Planks
Steam Engines*	Arm Rotations		Flutter Kicks
Burpees*			Russian Twists

^{*} Exercises are done with a single-count cadence.

- G. Cadets conducting an ICPT session will emphasize proper techniques. Do not reinforce poor techniques. If a cadet is struggling with technique, move to the next exercise. At the conclusion of the ICPT session, the leader needs to demonstrate the proper technique if there were problems.
- H. Cadets will empty the contents of their pockets prior to performing CPT.

4. EARNING A CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTION CARD

- A. Each CPT Instruction Card is numbered and has the cadet's name and the issuing authority on the front of the card.
- B. A cadet must be in a leadership position (Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon/Flight Leader or Sergeant, First Sergeant, Executive Officer or Commanding Officer) to earn a CPT Instruction Card.
- C. To earn a CPT Instruction Card, a cadet must first demonstrate the ability to properly execute each exercise and professionally conduct one CPT session. Major Unit leaders will facilitate CPT certification to ensure unit standardization of training and submission of certified trainee names to their respective CTO.
- D. Cadet Training Officers (CTOs) are the issuing authority for their units upon the recommendation of the Major Unit Commander.
- E. CPT Instruction Cards are only valid for the current academic year.
- F. Cadets who abuse the CPT program (improperly execute a CPT session, allow their CPT Instruction Card to be used by another cadet, or otherwise violate the CPT program) will lose their leadership position and have their CPT Instruction Card revoked. Cadets could also face disciplinary action.

5. RESTRICTIONS

- A. Group CPT will never be conducted as a result of a single cadet's actions.
- B. A cadet will complete no more than one CPT session in a one-hour period.

- C. A second upperclassman cadet is required to be present for a CPT session. The second cadet observes the session and uses a watch to keep track of session time.
- D. CPT will not be administered during the Academic Day or Evening Study Time. Weekend CPT must be authorized in writing by the Major Unit Commander via Military Letter.
- E. CPT may only be administered on the Quadrangle, Spence Park and the park south of Koldus/University Parking Garage, Simpson Drill Field, and the Obstacle Course training area. (Fightin Texas Aggie Band leaders may use the Band Field to administer CPT.)
- F. Running is not an authorized exercise for CPT. A leader conducting CPT will not vigorously run cadet(s) to one of the approved locations to conduct CPT. Jogging to the location is appropriate.
- G. ICPT is authorized in dormitory hallways when inclement weather precluded ICPT from being conducted outside. At no time is GCPT conducted in the dormitory.
- H. CPT is limited to the exercises, techniques, and duration as described herein and on the CPT Instruction Card.
- I. CPT will NOT be performed:
 - (1) While in "Class B" Uniform (PT Gear or C's & T's are the only authorized uniforms for CPT.)
 - (2) While in a medically restricted status.
 - (3) At any location other than the areas identified previously.
 - (4) In soggy or watered down areas or ground that is hazardous for training (i.e. gravel, brush, etc.).
 - (5) In confined spaces or any location or environment considered unsafe where a cadet could possibly be injured.
 - (6) By cadets not authorized to conduct CPT (cadets not issued a CPT Instruction Card; cadets not in possession of their CPT instruction Card; cadets conducting CPT with a CPT Card issued to a different cadet).

NOTE: Violations of these guidelines will be investigated as potential hazing incidents.

6. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR CONDUCTING CPT

A. During Hot Weather:

- (1) Increase water consumption and supervise regular intake by cadets.
- (2) Regulate training according to the heat conditions as posted on cadets.tamu and as defined in the Heat Condition Table in *Standard Order 3.1*.
- (3) Be alert to heat illness symptoms and other physical illnesses and take appropriate actions (outlined under "Safety Program" in *Standard Order 3.1* and on the "Corrective Physical Training Instruction Card").
- (4) Modify uniform clothing, as authorized, for proper UV radiation protection, ventilation and dissipation of body heat.
- (5) CPT will not be conducted during "Black Flag" conditions.

B. During Cold Weather:

- (1) Ensure water consumption by cadets.
- (2) Guard against hyperthermia by ensuring proper clothing and use of gloves and head covering.
- (3) Do not require cadets who have worked up a sweat to stand or remain outside in the cold weather conditions. Build in time to have cadets change into dry, warm clothes prior to further training or formation.

7. ON-THE-SPOT DISCIPLINE DURING MILITARY TRAINING TIMES

- A. The purpose of On-The-Spot Discipline is to correct an individual cadet failing to comply with training requirements or failing to pay attention during military training time. Examples include:
 - (1) Consistent failure to respond/comply with orders.
 - (2) Lack of engagement during training time.
- B. On-The-Spot Discipline will consist of no less than 10 push-ups and no more than 30 push-ups. The push-ups will not be performed in the Class A or B uniform.
- C. On-The-Spot Discipline is only authorized during training times and at formation, except in the Class A or B uniform. On-The-Spot Discipline will only be conducted outside.

