

# *Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team*

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## Drill Judging Pointers

### **Procedures**

- Before class begins review the judging categories and their meanings (see Judges Sheet).
- We recommend that all drill judges use a scribe with a duplicate judges score sheet when available.
- Keep your eyes on the troop at all times and comment on positive and negative elements of the drill (scribe records comments when available).
- As the drill is presented place check marks in the approximate scoring level in all categories.

### **After Drill**

- Be careful not to place the first troop too high in order to insure scoring flexibility throughout the day.
- Mentally place this troop's performance ranking with other troop drills.
- Compile the scribe's comments onto your Judge's Sheet.
- Determine point value of the performance in each category.
- After the drill you may talk to the other judge about errors/clarification but you should not be evaluating each other's scores.
- It is acceptable to modify your scores throughout the day to maintain the troop's placement rankings.

### **Subtleties:**

- Ensure the drilling maneuvers are shown in all or most of all units (Troopers, twos, fours, squads, line, etc)
- Don't over-do split maneuver drills.
- Make sure variety is broad (circles, interchanges, building/breaking, etc.)
- Show a variety of speeds (at least walk and jog).
- Be alert for high speed or "razzle dazzle" drills that don't show basic drill fundamentals, especially when those fundamentals are fudged or ignored.
- Make sure that the drilling officer is close to the troop and all members can hear the drills.
- Make sure the troop responds to the commands and not from memorization of the drill.