

„SOOKOLL 2023“

GENERAL

Patrol challenge Sookoll 2023 is a military sports competition for the members of sub-units in which squad-sized units compete with one another in the completion of different assignments which have been composed to test the capability and level of the squad. Teams composed of 9 members participate in the competition.

INSTRUCTION

Time of the challenge: 27–29. October 2023

The place: Pärnu County. The challenge starts and ends at the staff area of the Defence League Pärnumaa district (KL PN): Lennubaasi immovable, Eametsa village, Tori rural municipality, Pärnu County.

Registration: NLT 25.09.2023 at the address kristo.sinivee@kaitseliit.ee. For registration please send the contact details and the name of the team

Mandate: 27.10.2023 KL PN staff area on Lennubaasi immovable from 18.00–19.00.

Composition of squads: The size of a team is 9 (squad leader, assistant squad leader, machine gunner, assistant machine gunner, antitank gunner, assistant antitank gunner, combat medic, driver, signalman). The squad participates in the exercise as a whole. The squads arrive on the mandate area of the competition with their own transportation. AT gunner and assistant AT gunner must be able to shoot CG gen 3. The driver must hold at least category C1 driver's licence and also have passed the type training. In case of absence of type training it shall be conducted on the site in expedited manner before the start.

Aim of the challenge: The general aim is to harmonise the training of squads and inspect the knowledge of squads of different sub-units. The challenge tests the capability of the squad as a whole, the physical qualities, endurance and professional knowledge of the squad. The assignments are performed by the squad in full membership.

Opposing force: Opposing force (OPFOR) marked with yellow ribbon operates on the track. Opposing force operates everywhere on the terrain by creating ambushes, patrols and other tactical activities to control the area.

General schedule:

27 OCTOBER

18:00–19:00	Mandate in Eametsa, Lennubaasi immovable
19:00–20:00	Line-up of the challenge Sookoll 2023.
20:00–21:00	Dinner (for all).
21:00–22:00	Meeting of representatives and squad leaders. Drawing of the start sequence.
23:00	START of the first team

28 OCTOBER

00:00-24:00	Completing the challenge by teams.
06:00-07:00	Breakfast (staff, opposing force, referees)
12:00-13:00	Lunch (staff, opposing force, referees)
19:00-20:00	Dinner (staff, opposing force, referees)

29 OCTOBER

08:00-09:00	Breakfast (staff, opposing force, referees)
11:00-15:30	Arrival of squads
11:00-16:00	Maintenance, sauna, catering.
16:00- ...	Rewarding and final line-up of the challenge.

Rules of the challenge: starting from the beginning of the challenge at 19:00 on Friday evening until the end on Sunday, the squads shall be subject to procedure pursuant to which they may not use auxiliary assistance and are only allowed to use the equipment and devices carried by themselves or provided by the referee for completion of field assignments
Physical resistance to opposing force is strictly prohibited.

A team shall be removed from the challenge for the following activities:

- upon use of auxiliary means of transportation for covering the track;
- upon exchange and supplement of equipment and food supplies unless found in nature;
- procurement of unauthorised information by any means and use thereof for improving one's position. All authorised information for the given exercise is provided in the instruction and by the organisers/referees;
- if the squad has 6 members left;
- upon resistance/dispute between squad leader/squad member and the checkpoint instructor.

A team shall be removed for the following activities:

- upon incorrect carriage of a weapon (packed in rucksack, taken into pieces or carriage in any other manner unfit for the occasion and the soldier);
- in case of losing the weapon (surrendered to the adversary, forgotten to the checkpoint etc);
- in case of physical resistance to opposing force.

Removal is performed by a checkpoint referee, chief of the opposing force or the head of the challenge.

Max 12 teams shall be allowed to participate in the challenge. In the mandate of the challenge the representative of the team shall submit the completed registration form (sub-annex 1). In case of absence thereof, the respective form is available on the spot.

Inspection of equipment:

All mandatory individual and team equipment and weapons shall be inspected. Participation in the challenge without important mandatory equipment (weapons, helmet, food) is not allowed. In addition, the team receives penalty points for each missing piece of equipment (each missing object 5 penalty points upon every inspection). Damage to or loss of equipment and weapons issued by the organiser is accompanied by 20 penalty points.

Calculation of results:

The amount of penalty points determines the final result. The team who has received the least penalty points shall win.

Procedure for filing protests:

Protests may be filed in writing for up to 30 minutes after the last team has finished. The protest committee is composed of: Chief organiser of the challenge, assistant chief organiser of the challenge, chief of the relevant checkpoint or opposing force, and representative of the team having filed the protest.

In case a team member cancels, the squad receives 75 single penalty points. Up to 2 (two) team members may cancel.

Topics covered in checkpoints:

- tactics;
- shooting;
- signal;
- logistics assignment;
- medicine;
- engineer;
- knowledge of the ADV.

The checkpoint assignments have equal weight and they all give max 30 penalty points, being late in the checkpoint for more than 10 minutes and failure to complete the assignment gives 40 penalty points and failure to pass the checkpoint or refusal from the assignment gives 60 penalty points.

Mandatory equipment:a) individual equipment:

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| · national combat uniform with army boots | · mandatory |
| · rucksack | · mandatory |
| · tactical vest/webbing | |
| · personal first aid kit MK-1 (minimum off bandage, tourniquet) | · mandatory |
| · throwing knife / bayonet / multitool | · mandatory |
| · compass | · mandatory |
| · fire making equipment | · mandatory |

· torch/head-torch (with red light filter)	· mandatory
· water bottle/camelbag, min. 1 litre	· mandatory
· standard equipment automatic or semi-automatic weapon (except for machine gunner)	· mandatory
· blank cartridge firing tool (for automatic weapon or machine gun)	· mandatory
· six magazines (except for machine gunner)	· mandatory
· 6 magazines of blank cartridges (min. 240 cartridges) (except for machine gunner)	· mandatory
· 3 sets of earplugs	· mandatory
· safety glasses for shooting	· mandatory
· battle helmet	· mandatory
· camouflage equipment (min. 2 colours)	· mandatory
· tent coat (bivy)	· mandatory
· sleeping bag	· mandatory
· sleeping mat	· mandatory
· ABC equipment (can be a onetime usable disposable painters suit + gas mask)	· mandatory
· cord 30 metres	· recommended
· night surveillance equipment	· recommended
· binoculars	· recommended
· signal equipment (internal)	· recommended

- b) squad leader's additional equipment
- waterproof marker (at least 3 different colours)
 - notebook or 5 sheets of A4 paper

c) combat medic's additional equipment:
squad's medical kit MK-2 (to be completed according to the assignment what may be actually needed within the next 36h), which shall be inspected by the medical officers.

- d) machine gunner's additional equipment:
machine gun kit (2 belts, 1 belt bag, 1 spare barrel)
minimum 500 blank cartridges in a belt

e) squad's equipment:

- 1 GPS device
- 2 carabines for rope
- 2 safety ropes (15m, 400 kg tractive force)
- weapon oil (at least 100 ml)
- antitank grenade launcher „Carl Gustav“
- hand saw
- 1 mobile phone with charged battery
- 2 x 25L water canister

f) transport:

- The teams use their own means of transportation in the challenge, which must be transport vehicle MB Unimog, MB 1017 or similar vehicle intended for transportation of the team. The driver should pass the type training before the challenge, if possible. **In case of absence of the means of transportation please notify the organisation team of the challenge upon registration.**

NB! In case of deficient mandatory equipment the team receives penalty points, each object 5 penalty points upon every inspection. No penalty points are given for missing recommended equipment.

Equipment inspection may take place at random times. In case of lack of armaments the team shall not be allowed on the track.

Loss of or damage to equipment issued by the organisers of the competition is accompanied by 20 penalty points.

Safety requirements for the use of weapons, ammunition and imitation equipment:

It is prohibited to point a weapon at a human being.

Weapons must always be handled as if loaded with battle ammunition.

Upon handling a weapon, always perform the safety check of the weapon.

For checking the weapons first detach the magazine, check that there is no cartridge in the chamber, attached to the lock or magazine opening.

Perform a test shot in a safe direction and put the safety catch on.

Upon continuing the use of a weapon it must be observed that there are no foreign objects inside the weapon.

Weapons must not be left unguarded.

The safety catch is only removed if one is convinced in the target and wishes to destroy it.

It is strictly prohibited to use weapons, ammunition and imitation equipment for which the user does not have respective training.

Environmental protection requirements:

Movement within nature protection zone is allowed only on roads.

Making of fire is allowed only in the places prepared for that purpose.

Food waste and other waste shall be gathered and taken to the place intended for waste collection in Eametsa area on the Lennubaasi immovable.

Any unauthorised burning and burial of waste at the area of the challenge is prohibited.

All competitors are required to get acquainted with the safety and environmental protection requirements on Eametsa area and give a relevant signature thereon.

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Challenge for squads „Sookoll 2023“ from 27 to 29 October 2023

REGISTRATION FORM AND SAFETY MEASURES INSTRUCTION SHEET

(In capital letters, please)

Unit, sub-unit.....

Participants:

	Rank	Given name	Surname	Signature on safety
Squad leader				
Assistant squad leader				
AT grenade launcher				
AT assistant grenade launcher				
Machine gunner				
Assistant machine gunner				
Driver				
Combat signalman				
Combat medic				

Contacts (name, phone, e-mail):

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The completed registration form shall be sent before the challenge in electronic form kristo.sinivee@kaitseliit.ee with a digital signature or submitted in the mandate before the start of the challenge on 27.10.2023.