

An aerial photograph of the Sydney Harbour Bridge during its construction. The two massive steel arches are raised, creating a large opening over the water. Two biplanes are flying in the sky above the bridge. The city of Sydney is visible in the background, and several boats are in the water.

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1.0 MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to attend the Australian Air League Review in 2009.

In my role as Chief Commissioner, I am often privileged to attend parades, reviews and numerous other ceremonies and functions conducted by the Groups around the Nation. As wonderful as those events are, what sets the AAL Review apart is that it provides the rare opportunity for each and every Group, Wing, Squadron and individual member, to join together at the National level, in order to compete in the spirit of friendly competition and fellowship.

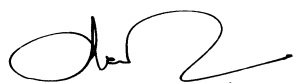
I am also conscious that the cost of travelling to and from an AAL Review may prove difficult, particularly in these uncertain economic times. This is especially the case for those of us who will be required to travel long distances to attend.

However, let me reassure you that it has been my very definite experience gained over many years of service, that attending an AAL Review can prove to both Cadets and Officers alike, one of the most enriching and rewarding experiences that the Air League has to offer. Your attendance and that of your Unit is guaranteed to provide enduring memories which will stay with you forever.

As you would be aware, 2009 also marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Australian Air League. The AAL Review promises to be the highpoint of our organisation's celebrations. Hence, it is an opportunity not to be missed and never to be repeated.

I look forward with anticipation to the attendance of each and every member at the 2009 75th Anniversary Australian Air League Review.

A Vinculo Terrae



Chief Comr. Ian S Rickards L.M., DSA., MSA.,
Chief Commissioner

2.0 AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE REVIEW LOCATION AND GENERAL DETAILS

The 75th Anniversary Australian Air League Review will be conducted on Saturday 26 September 2009 in Sydney.

The venue for the 75th Anniversary Review is Parramatta Stadium, O'Connell Street, Parramatta.

Located on the banks of the Parramatta River, adjacent to historic Parramatta Park, the Stadium was officially opened in 1986 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Stadium was redeveloped to its current condition in 2003.

[Parramatta Stadium location map:](#)

[Virtual Tour of Parramatta Stadium](#)

The Education competitions will be conducted in the lounge area of the Grandstand, Parramatta Stadium. Field competitions will also be conducted at Parramatta Stadium. All competitions will commence in accordance with the Review timetable of events as described in Chapter 3 of the Digest.

In a continuing effort to ensure competitors at the AAL Review maintain their strive for excellence in the competitions, a minimum standard of marking competitors shall apply. 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.

Officers selected as judges for Field competitions are required to attend a judges briefing prior to the commencement of the relevant competition they are judging. The briefing shall take place in accordance with the timetable of events.

3.0 AAL REVIEW 2009 TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2009



0700 hrs	Duty Squad set up Field competitions at Parramatta Stadium. Education Display / Model competitions commence set-up at Parramatta Stadium.
0800 hrs	Review Staff briefing
	All Units arrive at the Ground
0830 hrs	Judges briefing commences for the following competitions : Solo Drumming and Bugle; Squadron, Junior and Wing Section Drill; Flag Party Drill
0900 hrs	Flag Rise Education Display, Aero Modelling and Diorama competitions judging commences. Solo Drum and Bugle competitions commence. The following drill competitions commence; Squadron, Junior and Wing Section and Flag Party.
0930 hrs	Flight Drill judges briefing
1000 hrs	Flight Drill competitions commence
1030 hrs	Officer Section Drill judges briefing
1100 hrs	Officer Section Drill competitions commence
1200 hrs	Education Display / Model competitions judging concludes Lunch break
1215 hrs	Physical Activities judges briefing
1230 hrs	Physical Activities competitions commence
1300 hrs	Ball Games judges briefing
1330 hrs	Ball Games competitions commence Band judges briefing
1400 hrs	Band competitions commence
1500 hrs	Assembly for Review Ceremonial Parade General Officers Briefing
1530 hrs	Review Ceremonial Parade commences – followed by Presentations
1730 hrs	Review Concludes

4.0 HOW TO ENTER COMPETITIONS!

Listed below are all the competitions available to be entered by individuals or units. Full details of each competition and conditions of entry are contained within this Digest. All you have to do is select the competitions you or your unit wish to enter from the Digest.

Field Competition Entry Form - complete the entry form

Education Competition Entry Form - complete the entry form

When you have properly completed these entry forms, forward the Field Competitions entry form to your respective Group Field Commissioner and forward the Education Competitions entry form to your respective Group Education Commissioner / Officer. Competition entry forms must reach your respective Group Commissioner / Officer on or before Saturday 1 August 2009. Group Field and Education Commissioners / Officers will check and forward the entry forms to the Federal Field and Education Commissioners / Officers respectively on or before Saturday 15 August 2009.

Note: All entries must comply with the conditions of entry for the relevant competition set out in the Digest. Further, each entry must comply with the Australian Air League Manual, relevant Instructions, Circulars and Standing Orders.

The Competitions are as follows:

Individual Competitions

Solo Snare and Tenor Drum and Bugle - Age groups apply

Drum Major - Conducted in conjunction with band competitions

Model Aircraft - Plastic, Balsa, Chuck and Built-ups. Age groups apply

Education Essay - Age groups apply

Examination Competitions - To be nominated by Group Executive Commissioners. Age groups apply

Diorama Competitions - Age groups apply

Squadron Competitions; Education Display; Squadron Section Drill; Junior Section Drill; Flag Party Drill; Flight Drill; Physical Activities; Band Competition. Conditions apply

On The March Competitions; Squadron on the March; Flight on the March; Flag Party on the March. Conditions apply.

Wing Competitions; Wing Section Drill; Band Competition; Wing on the March. Conditions apply.

Group Competitions; Ball Games; Group on the March; Officer Section Drill. Conditions apply.

5.0 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

With the exception of the afternoon Ceremonial Parade, the dress for the AAL Review will be full AAL summer / tropical uniform. If inclement weather conditions prevail, Officers may wear tunics or AAL jumpers. Cadets may wear AAL jumpers. However, AAL jumpers shall not be worn during the uniform judging in competitions. Members will be advised by the AAL Review Commanding Officer on the day. Authorised decorations shall be worn on the uniform in the form of ribbons only.

6.0 EDUCATION DISPLAYS AND COMPETITIONS

The education displays and competitions to be conducted at the 2009 Australian Air League Review will provide a medium of friendly competition that will enable members to showcase their competition entries to their peers, the general public, official guests and media. The education display and essay competitions will focus attention upon a specific subject area of aviation and will encourage entrants to let their imagination and creative juices flow. Since some judging must be conducted prior to the date of the Review, all entries in essay and education examination competitions must be received by the closing date notified on the entry form. Details of the education displays and competitions are provided as follows.

6.1 EDUCATION COMPETITION STAFF

O.C. Education Display and Education Competitions - Gp. Comr. Andrew Dennis
2.I.C. – Gp. Comr. Gordon Manning JP. MSA.

6.2 SQUADRON EDUCATION DISPLAY

Squadrons are invited to enter an Education Display subject to compliance with the 'theme' and in accordance with the conditions of entry below. Separate Boys' and Girls' Squadron Education Display competitions shall be conducted.

Theme: The theme for the 2009 AAL Review Education Display and Competition is:

"An Airline Pilot is not the only job in Australian Civil Aviation"

Conditions of Entry

1. Unless approved by the Education Competition Staff, all displays shall not exceed two square metres in size.
2. All entries will be designed around a maximum table size of two metres long by one metre wide. Tables will be provided for displays.
3. Squadrons wishing to display items which could be regarded as unconventional in shape or requiring special items of equipment are to advise their Group Education Commissioner / Officer who will advise the specific nature of the requirement to the Education Competition Staff at least six weeks prior to the competition.

4. Entries are to be notified to the relevant Group Education Commissioner, by **Saturday 1 August 2009**. Entries are required from all units, including nil returns, to ensure that all squadrons are accounted for. The Group Education Commissioners then have until **Saturday 15 August 2009** to pass all entries to the O.C. Education Display and Education Competitions. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the O.C. Education Display and Education Competitions.
5. Electricity is available in the display area however squadrons shall provide their own extension cords and power boards where required.
6. Displays shall be erected and dismantled by squadron personnel.
7. On Saturday 26 September 2009 arrangements will be made for the display area to be open from 0700 hours for the erection of displays. All displays must be erected for judging by 0900 hours.
8. Displays are to be disassembled and removed from the display area following the Ceremonial Parade and Presentations.
9. All squadrons shall provide a name tag to identify their display. The name tag shall be 40cm x 10cm with the squadron name clearly printed on the tag. The name tag shall be able to be removed or concealed for judging. The name tag shall be the only means of identifying the Squadron. The Squadron name or identification must not appear on the model display or education display itself.
10. In order to compete, for any squadron entering a display all squadron member(s) who participated in the construction of the display must be financial members of the League.
11. A listing of member's names, ages and the specific part or parts of the display that they participated in shall be attached to the entry form.

Judging: Judging of Squadron education displays will commence at 0900 hours. Except for authorised personnel, all persons will vacate the display area whilst judging is being conducted.

Squadron education displays will be judged on the following criteria with points allocated as indicated:

Layout (10 points): A well-structured and uncluttered display is expected compared to one that is unstructured and cluttered.

Visual Impact (10 points): Legibility at a viewing distance of 1.5 metres is essential and the initial impact must be pleasing.

Use of Materials (10 points): Creativity in the use of materials is sought. No preference shall be given to hand sketches compared to photos or magazine pictures.

Skill (10 points): More points shall be given to the use of a wider range of skills compared to a narrow set of skills

Cadet Participation (20 points): Names and ages of members must appear on a separate document indicating which member is responsible for which component of the display. This may be at a research, drawing, sheet, operating component or written section level. Where a number of cadets completed one component, their combined names should appear (5 points). The greater the percentage of members of a squadron participating, the higher the mark, based upon the squadron strength at the end of June 2006. This information is to be supplied by each squadron and shall be attached to the entry form.

Content (30 Points): Preference will be given to those displays that more extensively cover the theme compared to those which choose to cover a narrow part of the theme.

Standard of Overall Finish (10 points): The quality of workmanship shall be assessed taking into account the age of the members used in the preparation of the display.

Adherence to Rules (10 points): Points will be deducted for each rule not adhered to eg. entry form not completed with all relevant information, late entry or cadet participation level not indicated.

Note: Unless prior approval has been obtained education displays which exceed the maximum prescribed size of 2 square metres will not be judged.

6.3 AERO MODELLING

In conjunction with the squadron education display, aero modelling competitions shall be conducted for individual members. Members may compete in the following nominated age groups and shall be subject to the conditions of entry.

Separate boys and girls entries shall be accepted for the following categories:

- Chuck Glider - wing span not less than 30cm
- Built-up Balsa Model - (Control-line; Radio Control; Free Flight)
- Plastic Model
- Diorama

Judging shall be based on the following criteria:

Chuck Glider: Wingspan not less than 30cm.

Group One - Best Boys and Best Girls Chuck Glider Competitions
(8 - 11 years of age inclusive)

Group Two - Best Boys and Best Girls Chuck Glider Competitions
(12 - 14 years of age inclusive)

Built up Balsa Model (Control-line; Radio Control; Free Flight)

Group One - Best Boys and Best Girls Balsa Model Competitions
(8 - 11 years of age inclusive)

Group Two - Best Boys and Best Girls Balsa Model Competitions
(12 - 14 years of age inclusive)

Group Three - Best Boys and Best Girls Balsa Model Competitions
(15 - 17 years of age inclusive)

Group Four - Best Boys and Best Girls Balsa Model Competitions
(18 years of age and over)

Plastic Model

Group One - Best Boys and Best Girls Plastic Model Competitions
(8 - 11 years of age inclusive)

Group Two - Best Boys and Best Girls Plastic Model Competitions
(12 - 14 years of age inclusive)

Group Three - Best Boys and Best Girls Plastic Model Competitions
(15 - 17 years of age inclusive)

Group Four - Best Boys and Best Girls Plastic Model Competitions
(18 years of age and over)

Diorama

Group One - Best Boys and Best Girls Diorama Competitions
(8 - 11 years of age inclusive)

Group Two - Best Boys and Best Girls Diorama Competitions
(12 - 14 years of age inclusive)

Group Three - Best Boys and Best Girls Diorama Competitions
(15 - 17 years of age inclusive)
Group Four - Best Boys and Best Girls Diorama Competitions
(18 years of age and over)

General Conditions of Entry: All entries in the aero modelling competitions must comply with the following:

1. Individual members shall enter only **one** model each in each aero modelling competition.
2. All models entered **must** be the work of the entrant entirely. In the case of Group 1 (8 - 11 years) entrants, an absolute minimum of help is permitted, but not encouraged.
3. Age of entry shall be as at the date of the Australian Air League Review 2009.
4. All models being entered in the aero modelling competition(s) shall be set up between 0700 hours and 0900 hours in readiness for judging.
5. All models shall be removed from display following the Ceremonial Parade and Presentations.
6. Entries are to be notified to the relevant Group Education Commissioner / Officer, by **Saturday 1 August 2009**. Entries are required from all units, including nil returns, to ensure that all squadrons are accounted for. The Group Education Commissioners / Officers then have until **Saturday 15 August 2009** to pass all entries to the O.C. Education Display and Education Competitions.
7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the O.C. Education Display and Education Competitions up to the date of the Review. Late entries will not be accepted on the day for judging, but any models that have not been entered may be displayed in the display area subject to available space.
8. Members entering models shall be current financial uniformed members of the Australian Air League, Inc. Membership cards may be checked. Therefore, entrants or their representatives shall ensure that the entrant's membership card is brought to the competition area.
9. Models that have previously won either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in an Australian Air League Review aero modelling competition will not be accepted. It is encouraged that entered models which did not win a place at a previous Australian Air League Review are also not entered again. Models that have been entered into respective 2009 Group Review Competitions will be accepted.

10. Whilst all care will be taken to safeguard models from damage or loss, the Council of the Australian Air League accepts no responsibility for any model or diorama.

Judging: All models entered in aero modelling competitions shall be set up as directed between 0700 hours and 0900 hours. Judging of the aero modelling competitions shall commence at 0900 hours. Except for authorised persons all persons will vacate the display area whilst judging is being conducted.

Judging criteria for the aero modelling competitions shall be as follows:

6.3.1 Balsa Chuck Glider – Aero Modelling

Additional Conditions of Entry for Balsa Chuck Gliders

1. The wingspan of any model shall not be less than 30cm.
2. The model shall be capable of stable flight.

Outline: The outline shall be sharp and smooth. For example, straight edges to be cut straight. Avoid scallops or missing chunks. Curves to be smooth, avoiding missing chunks. Both halves of the wing shall be isometric. For example, if the wing was cut through the chord at the centre of the span and folded one side over the other, sides should be the same shape. The outlines of parts are not to be undercut. In order to avoid undercut, the knife of the blade shall be held so that the cut remains vertical to the cutting surface.

Finish: The whole model shall be sanded to a smooth finish using very fine sandpaper. Chuck gliders are not usually decorated. However, it is recommended that the model be given two coats of thin dope or banana oil to seal from moisture and this also assists to obtain a smooth finish. No additional points are given for decoration.

Construction: The different parts of the model shall be glued to ensure all joints fit tightly together. Gaps between joints are to be avoided. Similarly, excessive use of glue and smearing of glue is also to be avoided.

Alignment: It is important to ensure the chord of the wing and tailplane are parallel to the centre line of the fuselage. Also, the fin shall be mounted vertical to the fuselage. The wings shall be mounted so that if a line was drawn horizontal to the fuselage under them, the distance measured from this line to the leading edge of the wing at any given point is the same on both sides of the fuselage.

Note: It is recognised that on some models the tailplane may be offset from the horizontal and the control surfaces may also be offset. This is necessary to trim the model for flight. Such a model shall not incur any penalty.

6.3.2 BUILT-UP Balsa AERO MODELLING (CONTROL-LINE; RADIO CONTROL; FREE FLIGHT)

Additional Conditions of Entry for Built-up Balsa Models

1. Pre-cut models shall not be accepted for the Group 3 and Group 4 level, but may be submitted at the Group 1 and Group 2 level.
2. The maximum wing span of any model shall not exceed 1m.

Level of Difficulty: Pre-cut or partially built-up models require less effort than a model that is fully built-up, and will be marked accordingly.

Assembly: All base components, ie. wing, tailplane, etc shall be attached and correctly aligned for flight. All auxiliary components, ie engine, control surface linkages and hinges etc shall be installed correctly.

Paint: On those parts of the model that have been painted, care shall be taken to avoid brush marks, paint runs etc.

A judging formula has been developed and shall be applied as follows:

1. A model which is fully painted shall be marked out of 20 points
2. A model which is partially painted and covered with plastic film shall be marked out of 15 points
3. A model which is fully covered in plastic film only shall be marked out of 10 points

Construction: The different parts of the model shall be glued to ensure all joints fit tightly together. Gaps between joints are to be avoided. Similarly, excessive use of glue and smearing of glue is also to be avoided.

Finish: Attention shall be given to the covering materials used on the model and how they have been applied. The following shall be taken into account; creases in the covering, sealing of edges, excessive amount of dope used resulting in warping the structure, too much heat being used to apply plastic coverings, if used the proper application of decals or decorations.

6.3.3 PLASTIC AERO MODELLING

Overall Appearance: The overall appearance is judged on the first impression from approximately one arms distance. This takes into account the way the model is presented and the general appearance as would be seen by a casual observer.

Paintwork: The paintwork is judged on how the member has painted the model. It takes into account the use of brush or airbrush. For brush: whether there are brush marks, cleanness of line, thickness of paint and to a limited extent authenticity. For airbrush: whether there is over spray, cleanness of lines, thickness of paint and again to a limited extent authenticity. Overall: whether details have been painted eg. cockpit, undercarriage, ordinances, engine etc.

Attention to Detail: This judging criterion shall be based on how the member has assembled the model and whether the member has detailed the model beyond just putting the kit together. Attention shall be given as to how the member has assembled all the small parts that are sometimes missed.

Decals: This judging criterion shall be based on how the decals are applied to the model, including correct alignment and an example of this is the direction that the kangaroo faces on Australian military aircraft. A model without decals would in most cases lose marks.

Overall Finish: This judging criterion takes into account the overall finish of the model. This shall include how the joins are finished. It also takes into account how the model looks at closer inspection. This should be achieved without the need to pick up the model in order to inspect it thoroughly.

Glasswork: Glasswork shall take into account the way windows; canopies, lights etc are attached to the model. It shall also take into account how the glasswork is detailed.

6.4 DIORAMA MODELLING

Additional Conditions of Entry for Dioramas

1. Each diorama shall contain at least one aircraft model.
2. The maximum size of the base of the diorama shall not exceed 50cm x 50cm.

Scale: All elements in the diorama should be in approximately the same scale.

Layout: A well-structured and uncluttered diorama is expected compared to one that is unstructured and cluttered.

Use of Materials: Creativity in the use of materials is sought.

Skill: More points shall be given to the use of a wider range of skills compared to a narrow set of skills

Construction: Construction faults will be noted. The different parts of the models used in the diorama shall be glued to ensure all joints fit tightly together. Gaps between joints and tool marks are to be avoided. Similarly, excessive use of glue and smearing of glue is also to be avoided.

Finish: Attention shall be given to how the materials used on the diorama have been applied. The following shall be taken into account; the proper application of decals or decorations, brush marks and paint runs, unrealistic weathering and contamination.

Presentation: The overall presentation is judged on the first impression from approximately arms distance. This takes into account the way the elements in the diorama are positioned, the realism of their presentation and the general appearance as would be seen by a casual observer.

6.5 EDUCATION ESSAY

Members are invited to submit entries for the education essay competitions. Separate boy's and girl's competitions shall be conducted.

Theme: The theme for the 2009 AAL Review Education Essay Competition is:

"An Airline Pilot is not the only job in Australian Civil Aviation"

Conditions of Entry: Entrants in the education essay competition shall be in the following age groups and must comply with the following:

1. All entrants must be current financial uniformed members of the Australian Air League.
2. Only one entry may be submitted per member
3. Each entry must be clearly marked with the entrants name, age, certificate number and Squadron name and Group.

4. All entries must accompany the entry form provided to each Group and be submitted by the prescribed date.
5. **All entries must be sent to your relevant Group Education Commissioner by 25 July 2009, which will then be forwarded by them to the 2.I.C. Education Display and Education Competitions by 1 August 2009 for judging.**
6. Group One: 8 - 11 years of age. A simple project type of presentation in a project book.
Group Two: 12 - 15 years of age. An essay of between 1500 and 2000 words.
Group Three: 16 years of age and over. An essay of between 2000 and 3000 words.

The age of the entrant shall be as at the date of the Australian Air League Review 2009
7. All entries remain the property of the Australian Air League.

Judging: All entries shall be displayed as part of the education display at the 2009 Australian Air League Review. Judging for the essay competitions shall be based on the following criteria:

Presentation: The overall appearance of the information presented will be judged. The layout should be clear and well presented. Where pictures have been attached to the page, the alignment with other elements and neatness will be considered. Neat handwriting will be considered as equivalent to typed/printed information.

Content: Preference will be given to those presentations and essays that more extensively cover the theme compared to those which choose to cover a narrow part of the theme.

Accuracy of information: Information presented will be checked for accuracy. Misleading, outdated or incorrect information shall be marked down. Presentations and essays that present more detailed information relevant to the topic will be preferred.

Interest level for the reader: This judging criterion shall be based on how well the attention of the reader is captured by the manner in which the information is presented.

Structure: The presentation or essay will be judged on the way the information flows from the introduction to the conclusion. Information that is grouped appropriately will be preferred over information that is presented in a haphazard fashion.

Wording: Preference will be given to those presentations and essays that do not just contain words that have been copied from other sources. Efforts made by the member to expand on the theme in their own words will be recognised. It is permissible to use internet for research, but obvious 'internet downloads' without substantial member input will **not** be judged favourably.

6.6 EXAMINATION COMPETITIONS

Each Group is invited to enter the Examination Competitions. Separate boys and girls competitions shall be conducted.

Purpose: The purpose of conducting the Examination Competitions is to recognise and reward outstanding achievement and contribution to the objectives of the Australian Air League education and field syllabi since the last Australian Air League Review.

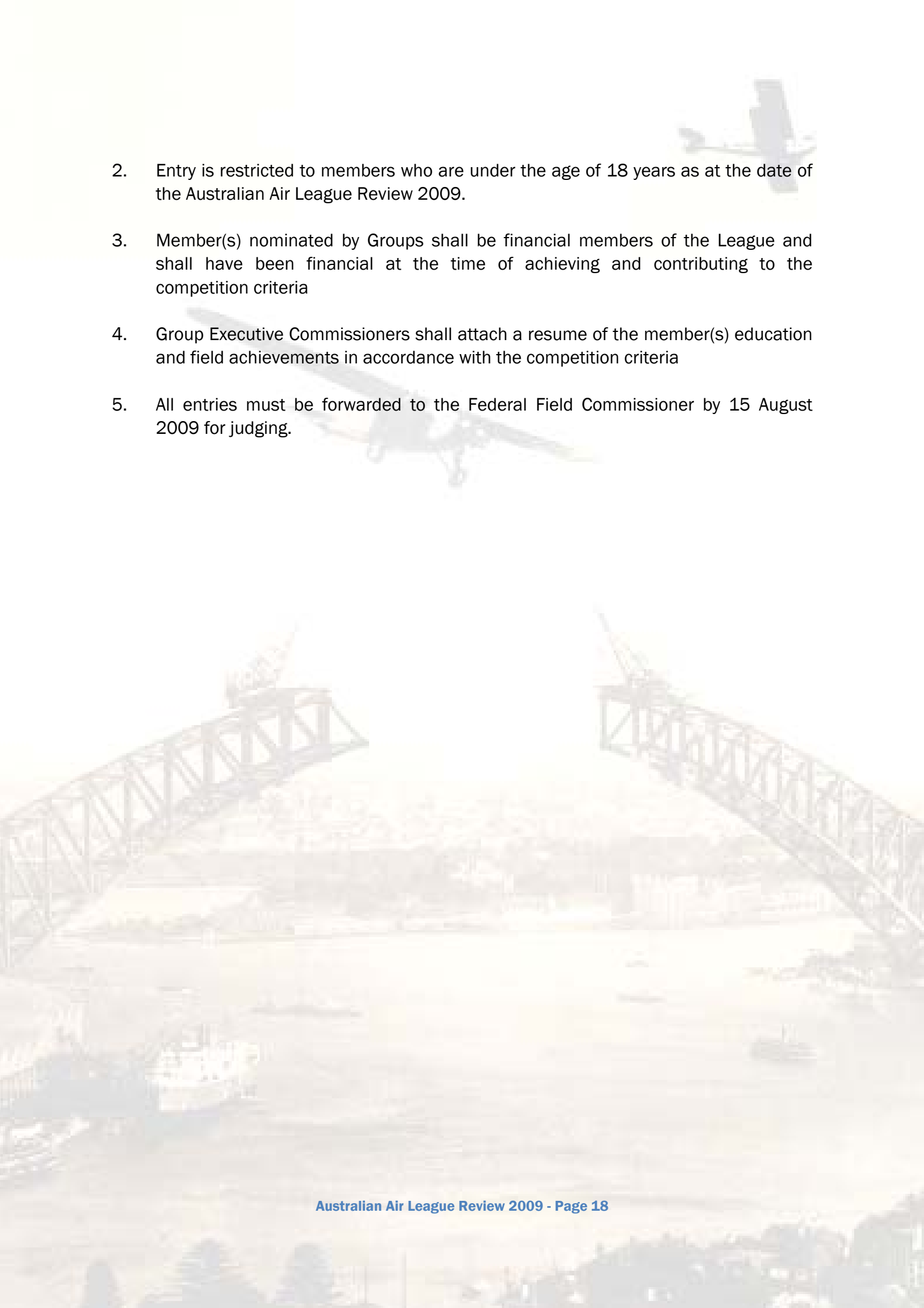
Competition Criteria: Group Executive Commissioners are responsible for nominating a member or members for these competition(s). Entry will be based on examination records and will note achievements gained since the previous Australian Air League Review.

The following criteria will apply.

1. Education and Field subjects passed. In the case of theory subjects members pass marks shall be included. In the case of practical subjects, a list of subjects passed only shall be included
2. Instructor badges gained. In addition a summary of instructor achievements detailing the number of members passed and pass marks achieved under the instruction of the nominated member(s) shall be included.
3. Education Diploma participation, where appropriate.
4. Participation by the member in Squadron, Wing or Group Education and Field Competitions from the time of the Australian Air League Review 2006. Details of nominated member(s) participation in aero modelling and education display competitions shall be included

Conditions of Entry

1. Each Group shall nominate one boy member and / or one girl member with an overall examination achievement in accordance with the above competition criteria.

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2. Entry is restricted to members who are under the age of 18 years as at the date of the Australian Air League Review 2009.
 3. Member(s) nominated by Groups shall be financial members of the League and shall have been financial at the time of achieving and contributing to the competition criteria
 4. Group Executive Commissioners shall attach a resume of the member(s) education and field achievements in accordance with the competition criteria
 5. All entries must be forwarded to the Federal Field Commissioner by 15 August 2009 for judging.

7.0 FIELD COMPETITIONS

The Australian Air League Review is undoubtedly the pinnacle of all competitions conducted within the League. The field competitions which incorporates physical activities provides the ideal opportunity for every member to participate as an individual and / or as an integral part of a unit at the highest and most prestigious level of competition our organisation can provide.

When entering any of the field competitions set out in this Digest, all individuals, units and where appropriate their equipment must comply with the relevant sections of the Australian Air League Manual and Instructions. Each competition has specific conditions of entry and operation set out in this Digest which must also be complied with. Once you have entered a particular competition you may withdraw from it any time prior to the Review by notifying your Group Field Commissioner.

You may also withdraw from a competition on the morning of the Review by notifying the relevant Marshall(s). However, do not withdraw unless you have a valid reason. Neither should you enter a competition unless you have a reasonable expectation of actually competing.

To compete effectively at AAL Reviews requires a determined and sustained commitment to train for your chosen competitions. You and your unit can be the best in the Air League. It's up to you. I wish you and your unit every success.



Comr. P. Glover. MSA..
FEDERAL FIELD COMMISSIONER

7.1 COMPETITION FIELD STAFF

A team of key personnel have been selected to conduct the Field Competitions. These Officers will perform a variety of important tasks. Every member is required to give them their absolute support and co-operation in order that they may efficiently and effectively perform their duties.

AAL Review Commanding Officer : Comr. P. Glover MSA..

AAL Review Adjutant : Comr. R. Bell OAM., LM., DSA., MSA..

Chief Competition Marshall : Chief Comr. I. Rickards LM., DSA., MSA..

Competition Marshalls :

Lt Comr J Owen MSA and Gp. Comr. J Dixon

Boys' Squadron Section Drill; Boys' Junior Section Drill; Boys' Wing Section Drill; Boys' Officer Section Drill (Group); Girls' Squadron Section Drill; Girls' Junior Section Drill; Girls' Wing Section Drill; Girls' Officer Section Drill (Group); Boys' Flight Drill; Girls' Flight Drill.

Lt. Comr. R McKenzie DSA., MSA. and Gp. Comr. P. Price MSA

Boys' Physical Activities; Girls' Physical Activities; Boys' Ball Games (Group); Girls' Ball Games (Group); Boys' Band; Girls' Band; Boys' Flag Party; Girls' Flag Party.

Gp. Lt. C Bailey MSA.

Boys' Solo Drum and Bugle; Girls' Solo Drum and Bugle;

Duty Officer : Wg. Capt. G. Crockett MSA

Duty Squad : New South Wales Boys' Group

7.2 SQUADRON SECTION DRILL

Conditions: A section shall consist of six (6) members including not more than one (1) Corporal and a maximum of three (3) Leading Cadets. The Corporal shall be the N.C.O. in charge. Points will not be deducted for lack of N.C.O.'s. However, if N.C.O.'s do participate they must assume their normal positions. Sergeants WILL NOT take part in Section Drill competitions. Members of a section shall comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Australian Air League Manual with regard to uniform. Separate male and female competitions shall be conducted for Section Drill.

Procedure: N.C.O. in charge shall position the unit in a straight line as required in the 'Fall In' procedure as detailed in the AAL Manual. The N.C.O. in charge will then report to the Uniform Judge, giving the name of the Squadron. On completion of the judging they will report back to the Uniform Judge. On the Judge's instruction to proceed they will report to the Static Judge. N.C.O.-in-charge will then report to the Static Judge, giving the name of the Squadron and fall-in the unit as per the fall-in procedure.

On completion of the fall-in, the N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Static Judge, and on the Judge's instruction, proceed to march the unit to the position indicated on the appropriate diagram for field judging. N.C.O.-in-charge will report to the Field Judge, giving the name of the Squadron, then move to the centre of the competition area and give the necessary commands for the field competition movements. On completion of the field competition movements, N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Field Judge, and after being dismissed will march the Section off the competition area.

Note: N.C.O.-in-charge should stand in the centre of the competition area for field judging, but may move closer to the Section if necessary for commands to be heard.

Movements: The movements to be performed for Section Drill are in accordance with Diagram No.6 of Section 12 of the Australian Air League manual.

7.3 JUNIOR SECTION DRILL

Conditions: All members competing in Junior Section Drill shall be junior cadets in accordance with the Australian Air League Manual. Except as herein provided, all other conditions, procedures and movements shall be in accordance with Squadron Section Drill.

7.4 WING SECTION DRILL

Purpose: Wing Section Drill competitions are conducted for Squadrons within a Wing to combine to compete as a Wing Section because those Squadrons have insufficient members to form and compete as a unit in their own right in Squadron or Junior Section Drill competitions.

Conditions: Wing Section Drill must consist of members from Squadrons within the same Wing and must consist of members from at least two (2) Squadrons from within that Wing. Wing Section Drill is open to junior and / or cadet age groups.

However, any Squadron which competes in their own right in either the Junior Section Drill or Squadron Section Drill competitions are ineligible to compete in the Wing Section Drill competition. Except as herein provided, all other conditions, procedures and movements shall be in accordance with Squadron Section Drill.

7.5 OFFICER SECTION DRILL

Conditions: This competition is conducted on a Group basis only. Each Group may enter a Section consisting of six (6) Officers. Members of the Officer Section may be Warrant Officers, Trainee Officers or Officers of any rank or appointment. The Officer in Charge shall be equal or senior in rank to any other member of the Section.

As separate male and female competitions shall be conducted, composite Groups wishing to compete shall enter a separate male and female Officer Section for this competition. Except as herein provided, all conditions, procedures and movements shall be in accordance with Squadron Section Drill.

[Section Drill Diagram Link](#)

7.6 FLAG PARTY DRILL

Conditions: A Flag Party must consist of three (3) bearers, three (3) escorts and an N.C.O. in Charge. N.C.O. in Charge should be a Sergeant. If a Sergeant is not available, the N.C.O. in charge must be senior or equal in rank to the bearers. Bearers should be Corporals, but if Corporals are not available, must be Junior or equal in rank to the N.C.O. in charge, and senior or equal in rank to the Escorts. Escorts may be Leading Cadets or Cadets, but must be junior or equal in rank to the Bearers. For competition purposes only, where a Sergeant is not available to be the N.C.O. in charge a Squadron Sergeant may act in that capacity. Members of the Flag Party shall comply with the provisions as laid down in Section 13 of the Australian Air League Manual regarding equipment and dress. Full details regarding uniforms shall be as detailed in Section 18 of the Australian Air League Manual. Separate Boys' and Girls' competitions shall be conducted for Flag Party drill.

Procedure: N.C.O.-in-charge shall position the unit in a straight line as required in the 'Fall In' procedure, will then report to the Uniform Judge, giving the name of the Squadron. On completion of the judging, the N.C.O.-in-charge will report back to the Uniform Judge.

On the Judge's instruction to proceed, the N.C.O.-in-charge will report to the Static Judge, giving the name of the Squadron and fall-in the flag party in accordance with the 'Fall-In' procedure. On completion of the 'Fall-In', the N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Static Judge and on the Judge's instruction proceed to march the unit to the position indicated on the appropriate diagram for field judging and order flags. N.C.O.-in-charge will report to the Field Judge, giving the name of the Squadron, then move to the correct position at the rear of the Flag Party and give the necessary commands for the field competition movements.

On completion of the field competition movements, N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Field Judge, and when instructed slope flags and march the Flag Party off the competition area.

Movements: The movements to be performed for Flag Party Drill are in accordance with Diagram No.9 of Section 13 of the Australian Air League Manual.

[Flag Party Drill Diagram Link](#)

7.7 FLIGHT DRILL

Conditions: A Flight must consist of at least thirteen (13) members, including not more than one (1) Sergeant and three (3) Corporals. A maximum of nine (9) Leading Cadets are permitted to compete in Flight Drill. If a Sergeant is not available, a Squadron Sergeant may act as the N.C.O. in charge.

(Static Judge will deduct one (1) point for each member short of a full Flight ie nineteen (19) including N.C.O. in-charge.)

Procedure: N.C.O.-in-charge having arranged the Flight in a straight line, will then report to the Uniform Judge, giving the name of the Squadron. On completion of the uniform judging, the N.C.O.-in-charge will report back to the Uniform Judge. On the Judge's instruction to proceed the N.C.O.-in-charge will report to the Static Judge, giving the name of the Squadron and fall-in the flight in accordance with the 'Fall-In' procedure, except there will be no 'Open Order March' for inspection as it has already been carried out. On completion of the fall-in, the N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Static Judge, and on the Judge's instruction proceed to march the unit to the position indicated on the appropriate diagram for field judging.

N.C.O.-in-charge will report to the Field Judge, giving the name of the Squadron, then move to their correct position and give the necessary commands for the field competition movements. On completion of the field competition movements, N.C.O.-in-charge will again report to the Field Judge, then march the unit off the competition area.

Note: N.C.O.-in-charge should stand in the centre of the competition area for field judging, but may move closer to the Flight if necessary for commands to be heard.

Movements: The movements to be performed for Flight Drill are in accordance with Diagram No.9 of Section 14 of the Australian Air League Manual.

[Flight Drill Diagram Link](#)

8.0 MUSIC AND BAND COMPETITIONS

8.1 SOLO DRUM AND BUGLER

General : Members may enter the Solo Snare Drummer and / or the Solo Tenor Drummer and / or the Solo Bugler competitions in accordance with each age group as follows:

Snare Drum – Junior (9 – 11 years)
Snare Drum – Cadet (12 – 16 years)
Snare Drum – Senior (17 – 18 years)
Snare Drum – Officer (19 years and over)

Tenor Drum – Junior (9 – 11 years)
Tenor Drum – Cadet (12 – 16 years)
Tenor Drum – Senior (17 – 18 years)
Tenor Drum – Officer (19 years and over)

Bugle – Junior (9 – 11 years)
Bugle – Cadet (12 – 16 years)
Bugle – Senior (17 – 18 years)
Bugle – Officer (19 years and over)

Separate Boys' and Girls' competitions shall be conducted in each age group for each competition.

The name and date of birth of competitors must be entered on the entry form.

The tunes General Salute or Last Post must not be played / sounded as the free choice piece.

Competitors will be required to play / sound a fixed piece tune as detailed in the links which follow and a free choice piece tune.

Competitors are not permitted to use or be assisted by the use of music during the competitions.

8.1.1 SOLO SNARE DRUM RULES AND PROCEDURES

Competitors in the Solo Snare Drum competition shall be required to play a two 3 beat roll introduction and then play the compulsory tune 'Maynard's Fancy'.

This tune must be played according to the music contained in the link provided.

At the conclusion of the compulsory tune, and on the Judge's instruction, the competitor shall play a 'free choice' piece tune. With the exception of General Salute and Last Post, this tune may be played at the discretion of the competitor. However, the 'free choice' tune is to be a minimum of 1 minute in duration and a maximum of 8 minutes in duration.

Musical performance played during a 'free choice' piece tune can be as creative as the competitor wishes.

8.1.2 SOLO TENOR DRUM RULES AND PROCEDURE

Competitors in the Solo Tenor Drum competitions shall be required to play the compulsory tune 'Maynard's Fancy'. The tune must be played according to the music contained in the link provided.

As the conclusion of the compulsory tune and on the Judge's instruction, the competitor shall play a 'free choice' piece tune. With the exception of General Salute or Last Post, this tune may be played at the discretion of the competitor. However, the 'free choice' tune is to be a minimum of 1 minute in duration and a maximum of 8 minutes in duration.

Competitors must be accompanied by at least 1 but not more than 2 accompanying snare drummers. Competitors must provide their own accompaniment.


Musical and visual performance displayed in the 'free choice' can be as creative as the competitor chooses.

[Solo Drum Compulsory Tune Link](#)

8.1.3 SOLO BUGLE RULES AND PROCEDURE

Competitors in the Solo Bugle competitions shall be required to sound the compulsory tune 'Maynard's Fancy'. This tune must be sounded according to the music contained in the link provided.

At the conclusion of the compulsory tune, and on the Judge's instruction, the competitor shall sound a 'free choice' piece tune. With the exception of General Salute and Last Post, this tune may be sounded at the discretion of the competitor.



Musical performance sounded during a 'free choice' piece tune can be as creative as the competitor wishes.

[Solo Bugle Compulsory Tune Link](#)

8.2 DRUM MAJOR

If the nominated competitor is unable to compete on the day, a substitute may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Marshall. The provisions of the Australian Air League Manual, Section 20 will apply to the competition.

8.3 BAND

Conditions: A band must consist of not less than nine (9) players or no more than twenty-three (23) players, plus one Drum Major. Static Judge will give one (1) point for each member in excess of the minimum nine (9) members in the band (not counting the Drum Major). The provisions of the Australian Air League Manual will apply to the competition. Separate Boys' and Girls' band competitions shall be conducted.

Music: Bands shall play one (1) fixed piece of music which shall be the tune 'Maynard's Fancy' and one (1) free choice piece. The tune must be played according to the music contained in the link provided. The fixed piece is to be played twice on the march. The first time on commencing manoeuvres and the second time so that the tune will be completed at the conclusion of the manoeuvres. The band shall come to a halt when the front rank of the Band is in line with the last marker. Upon the front rank of the Band reaching the last marker, the Band may mark time and or halt on the Drum Major's signal and continue to play to the end of the tune.

Alternatively, upon the front rank of the Band reaching the last marker, the Band shall immediately 'crash halt' on the Drum Major's signal.

After the Band has come to the Halt and completed the fixed piece, the Drum Major will give the order for the Band to play its free choice. During the playing of the free choice, the Band is not required to remain at the halt and may change formation.

Music for Salutes shall not be played during the competition. (eg General Salute or Last Post).

[Band Compulsory Tune Link](#)

Procedures: The Drum Major having lined up the Band in standard Band formation will report to the Uniform judge, giving the name of their Squadron. The judge will then proceed to inspect the uniforms and equipment etc. On completion of the judging, the Drum Major will report back to the Uniform judge. On the judge's instruction to proceed they will report to the Static judge.

Upon reporting to the Static Judge, the Drum Major will give the name of their Squadron and fall-in the Band in accordance with the "Fall IN" procedure.

On completion of the Fall-In, the Drum Major will again report to the Static judge, and on the judge's instruction proceed to march the Band so that the front rank of the Band is in line with the position "A" indicated on the appropriate diagram for field judging.

The Drum Major will be four (4) paces beyond the first marker at the time of commencement.

The Drum Major will report to the Field Judge, giving the name of their Squadron, then move to their correct position and give the necessary commands for the field competition procedure. Circular Counters extend outside the diagram. All other evolutions must be performed inside the diagram.

When the Band has completed the diagram they are entitled to perform either a 'crash halt' or 'mark time' at the final marker, then halt. In any case the Drum Major will be four (4) paces outside the diagram ie. past the final markers.

At the conclusion of the Diagram manoeuvres, the Band may play a 'Free Choice' tune.

The Band does not have to remain at the halt when playing the 'Free Choice' tune.

On completion of the Field competition procedure the Drum Major will again report to the Field judge. On the Judges instruction, the Drum Major will march the Band off the competition area.

Movements: The movements to be performed for the Band Competition are in accordance with Diagram No.9 of Section 20 of the Australian Air League Manual.

[Band Drill Diagram Link](#)

9.0 PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES COMPETITIONS

9.1 BALL GAMES

Conditions: Each Group as appropriate may enter a team to compete in separate Boys' and Girls' ball games competitions. The Ball Games Competitions shall be conducted in accordance with Section 24 of the Australian Air League Manual. Each team should consist of separate male and female members of the same Squadrons. However, the Group may substitute separate male and female team members from other Squadrons to make up the required number and age group if necessary.

Each team shall consist of eight (8) members who shall be under the age of eighteen (18) years. Teams will also be all male or all female. Teams must be dressed in Physical Education attire in accordance with Section 18 of the Australian Air League Manual. AAL uniform shall not be worn in substitution of Physical Education attire. All members of a team shall be dressed the same. Any team not dressed in accordance with these conditions shall not be permitted to take part in the competition. The ball to be used for each game as nominated shall be as follows:

Medicine Ball: Medicine balls used in AAL physical activities competitions shall weigh at least 2.25 kilograms. No restrictions shall apply to the circumference of medicine balls.

Basket Ball: Basket balls used in AAL physical activities competitions shall be a regulation competition ball 76.25 cm in circumference.

Procedure: All commands shall be given by one (1) blow of a whistle from the competition official.

First Whistle: Team standing at attention on markers with team captains standing on the first markers as appropriate with the relevant ball at their feet.

Second Whistle: Teams assume the ready position appropriate to the particular game to be played.

Third Whistle: Game commences.

If a false start has occurred, this will be indicated by two(2) rapid whistle blows. In such a circumstance the teams shall stop immediately and return to their original positions at which stage the competition shall commence again. All positions of team members will be indicated on the ground by means of markers. This will also be used as a line marker if the game requires the team members to move to a given point.

Movement off the markers will result in disqualification except if changing position due to rotation or where a game permits members to bunch up. Teams line up in single file on parallel lines to each other no closer than three (3) metres apart. Each team occupies one line. The lines are marked at intervals of one (1) metre from front to rear with the team captain on the first marker.

GAMES AND RULES

Game One (1) Tunnel Ball - Medicine Ball

Shall be played in accordance with the Australian Air League Manual - Section 24 - Paragraph 3.1.

[Game One \(1\) Tunnel Ball Link](#)

Game Two (2) Run and Throw Back - Basket Ball

Shall be played in accordance with the Australian Air League Manual - Section 24 - Paragraph 3.2.

[Game Two \(2\) Run and Throw Back Link](#)

Game Four (4) Bounce Return Relay - Basket Ball

Shall be played in accordance with the Australian Air League Manual - Section 24 - Paragraph 3.4 and Paragraph 3.3.

[Game Four \(4\) Bounce Return Relay Link](#)

9.2 PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Conditions: Teams shall consist of seven (7) members, plus leader, none of whom shall be over the age of 18 years, leader excepted. Only one team per Squadron shall compete. Leader may take only one team in competition. Physical Education attire must be worn. Australian Air League uniform will not be permitted. Leaders may demonstrate exercises and may count to set the time.

Leaders may not participate in the Free Choice but may assist for safety. Leaders may also call the movements of the Free Choice. Judging will be based on appearance, execution of warm up and cool down exercises and degree of difficulty of Free Choice item. Team may select their own formation. Separate Boys' and Girls' competitions will be conducted.

Procedure: On the judge indicating they are ready to commence judging, the leader will march the team to the competition area, form up in the selected formation, report to the judge and on instruction from the judge commence the warm up exercises as directed. Teams will perform the following warm up exercises.

Warm up Exercise - Standing: Consisting of trunk twisting, arm swinging, trunk bending, side bending with arm stretching.

Start: At Attention - Count

1. Feet astride jump - hands on hips
2. Twist body to left as far as possible
3. Return to face the front position
4. Twist to the right
5. Return to the front position
6. Attention
7. Feet astride jump - swing arms forward to shoulder height and lightly clap hands
8. Feet together jump - swing arms down and lightly slap thighs
9. Feet astride jump - swing arms sideways over head and clap hands
10. Feet together jump - swing arms down and light slap thighs
11. Feet astride jump - raise arms above head
12. Bench forward - stretch arms down and try to touch ground forward of feet
13. Slight raise hands - draw back and reach down between toes
14. Slight raise hands - draw back and reach down behind heels
15. Straighten up - arms by side
16. Bend trunk to left - arch right arm over head - left hand to slide down leg
17. Straighten up - arms by side
18. Bend trunk to right - arch right arm over head - right hand to slide down leg
19. Straighten up - arms by side
20. Attention

Free Choice: Each team will perform an exercise or activity of its own choosing, lasting not longer than (5) minutes. Squadrons that require any equipment will be required to bring their own.

Cool Down Exercise - Laying Down: (this to commence after a short rest) Consisting of knee grasping sit-ups, ankle stretch grasping.

Start: Lay flat on back feet together - hands by sides.

Count:

1. Raise and bend left leg - clasp hand around knee with fingers interlocked
2. Pull body upwards as far as possible - left shoulder toward left knee
3. Lower and straighten left leg - body remaining upright - hands above knee thumbs on top - fingers wrapped ground under knee
4. Bend forward - stretch arms towards ankles as far as possible - hands sliding along legs
5. Sit up - sliding hands back along leg to knee
6. Lay flat on back - hands by side
7. As for 1 to 6 but on right hand side

This will take the count to 12

1. Swing arms over head and roll to left onto stomach
2. Slide arms back - hands beside shoulders and raise body on to knees - hands remaining on ground
3. Spring to squat position - hands beside feet on ground
4. To attention

Repeat 1 to 12 a total of TWICE without pausing and only do 13 to 16 once

On completion of the cool down exercise, leader will again report to the judge, then march the team off the competition area.

Leaders: Leaders referred to in the "Conditions" of this competition will be the person who would normally instruct the Squadron in P.A. (P.A. Instructor). As this person is not permitted to take part other than demonstrate and count for the warm up and cool down exercises, this person will not be judged, however, will be required to be in correct attire.

10.0 REVIEW CEREMONIAL PARADE - GENERAL

All units shall commence forming up at the nominated location at 1500 hrs. The parade shall move off at 1530 hrs. The parade will proceed into Parramatta Stadium and march past the Dias performing an eyes right. At the conclusion of the presentations the parade shall then reform on the opposite side of the Stadium for Flags to be marched off and the Parade to be dismissed.

10.1 AAL REVIEW CEREMONIAL PARADE - UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Full / Tropical AAL uniform will be worn in accordance with Section 18 of the Australian Air League Manual. This shall include gloves as required and approved medals and decorations. At the discretion of the AAL Review Commanding Officer, full summer / tropical AAL uniform may be worn.

10.2 REVIEW CEREMONIAL PARADE - ORDER OF MARCH

Federal Staff; New South Wales Boys' Group; Queensland Group; Victoria Group; S.A. Wing; New South Wales Girls' Group.

10.3 COMPETITIONS ON THE MARCH

These competitions will be conducted during the Review Ceremonial Parade.

Each Group Field Commissioner will be responsible for entering units within their Group in the 'On The March' field competitions which qualify under the conditions of entry. Groups must supply their own arm bands as detailed in **F/Fl/10/94** to be eligible for judging. All units shall Parade and compete as separate boys' and girls' units.

The conditions of entry for 'On The March' field competitions shall be as follows:

1. All persons taking part shall be current financial members of the AAL.
2. Arm bands shall be worn in accordance with F/Fl/10/94
3. Separate Boys' and Girls' competitions shall be conducted. All units shall parade as separate Boys' and Girls' units.
4. Full AAL / Tropical uniforms shall be worn in accordance with the AAL manual. Gloves as appropriate shall be worn along with approved medals and decorations. Full AAL summer / tropical uniform may be worn at the discretion of the AAL Review Commanding Officer.

5. Separate Boys' and Girls' 'Flight On The March' competitions shall be conducted. In order to be competitive, a Flight shall consist of at least one (1) NCO-in-charge and twelve (12) other ranks.
6. Separate Boys' and Girls' 'Flag Party On The March' competitions shall be conducted. In order to be competitive, a Flag Party shall consist of three (3) flags (bearers), three (3) escorts and an NCO-in-charge in accordance with the Australian Air League manual.
7. Separate Boys' and Girls' 'Squadron On The March' competitions shall be conducted. In order to be competitive a Squadron shall consist of at least one (1) Officer-in-charge, one (1) NCO-in-charge and nineteen (19) other ranks. (Note: The 19 other ranks may form a combination of Flag Party, Flight and / or Band)
8. Separate Boys' and Girls' 'Wing On The March' competitions shall be conducted. In order to be competitive a Wing shall consist of at least thirty (30) members in not less than two (2) Squadrons.
9. A competition for 'Best Group On The March' shall also be conducted. In order to be competitive a Group shall consist of at least sixty (60) members in not less than two (2) Wings.