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**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Policy Letter for Student Standards at the Pre-Ranger Course**

1. While the Pre-Ranger Course is designed to prepare Soldiers for the rigors of Ranger School, Soldiers planning to attend the Pre-Ranger Course are expected to be able to pass all tested events upon arrival to the Course and have all required items as depicted on the cover sheet for the Pre-Ranger Course packet.
2. Tested Events:
  - a. RPFA 2.0 (Day 1 and Day 16)
  - b. Combat Water Survival Assessment (Day 1)
  - c. All tested Ranger Tactical Tasks
  - d. 12-mile Road March
  - e. Land Navigation (Days 2, 3, 14, and 15)
3. Ranger Physical Fitness Assessment 2.0
  - a. Students are required to pass Phase 1 in 12:20 or less.
  - b. Students are required to pass Phase 2 in 32:00 or less.
  - c. Students are required to perform six chin ups at minimum.
  - d. Students are required to navigate a 6-foot wall in 10 seconds or less.
  - e. There are zero authorized retests for the RPFA.
4. Combat Water Survival Assessment
  - a. Students are required to be able to swim one length of Gardner Pool in OCPs and boots without submerging under water or temporarily stopping in the water.
  - b. Students are required to be able to demonstrate sufficient swimming skills.
  - c. Students are offered three attempts at the CWSA event.
5. Ranger Tactical Tasks
  - a. Students will demonstrate proficiency in operating all provided equipment upon arrival. Students will be given a formal block of instruction and two days of practice training on all tested skills prior to test day.
  - b. Students will not be dropped for failing RTT testing but will achieve OML points for each RTT that is passed on the first attempt.
  - c. Students that achieve a first time GO on all RTTs will receive a major plus.

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6. 12-Mile Ruck March

- a. Students will conduct the event with a 45lb ruck, assigned packing list, weapon, FLC, and headlamp. Uniform will be modified by cadre to fit necessary weather and light conditions.
- b. Students are required to reach the below listed gates in the specified times (hh:mm:ss):
  - i. 3-mile: 00:45:00
  - ii. 4-mile: 01:00:00
  - iii. 5-mile: 01:15:00
  - iv. 6-mile: 01:30:00
  - v. 7-mile: 01:45:00
  - vi. 8-mile: 02:00:00
  - vii. 9-mile: 02:15:00
  - viii. 10-mile: 02:30:00
  - ix. 11-mile: 02:45:00
  - x. 12-mile: 03:00:00
- c. Failure to arrive at a mile gate by the specified time will have the Student dropped IAW current ARTB 12-mile ruck standards.

7. Land Navigation

- a. Students will be assessed on four separate tests after two blocks of instruction on basic land navigation skills along with a practical exercise.
- b. Students are required to pass 2/4 land navigation assessments to graduate the Pre-Ranger Course.
- c. Students will receive additional OML points if they pass more than two assessments.
- d. There are no authorized retests on land navigation assessments.

8. Course Recycle Policy

- a. Students will never be authorized to recycle into follow-on Pre-Ranger Course classes if they fail the following events:
  - i. RPFA (Day 1)
  - ii. CWSA
  - iii. 12-Mile Ruck March
  - iv. Lack of Integrity or Motivation
  - v. Unit Requested Withdrawals
  - vi. Medical Withdrawals
  - vii. Failure to be accepted into Ranger School due to course capacity.
- b. Students can be authorized to recycle for the following events:
  - i. Land Navigation
  - ii. RPFA (Day 16) if due to medical injury or valid illness.
  - iii. Red Cross Message (received after RPFA Day 16)
- c. Students who are Recycles should reference Recycle Policy Letter for more information on Recycled Student standards on the TSAAS website.

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9. Patrolling Phase

- a. Depending on class size, Students will be provided at least two graded leadership roles throughout the patrolling phase.
- b. Patrols are executed at the squad level and will be given blocks of instruction on all relevant doctrine to Ranger School patrols IAW ARTB course POI and all classes will adhere to FM 3-21.8 and TC 3-21.76.
- c. Students will not be withheld from attending Ranger School for unsatisfactory performances on Patrols but will receive feedback on their tactical skills and leadership attributes and competencies IAW ARTB Observation Report rubric at the completion of each patrol.

10. School Packets and Airborne Ranger Physicals

- a. Students will not be admitted entry into the Pre-Ranger Course if they report to the Day 0 brief without a completed phase one physical.
- b. It is the responsibility of the home unit to ensure Soldiers report to the Pre-Ranger Course with a completed phase one physical and is encouraged to confirm the packet status with LaPointe Health Clinic.
- c. Pre-Ranger Course reserves the authority to drop students for any packet deficiencies identified throughout the Pre-Ranger Course.

11. Disciplinary Infractions and Droppable Offenses

- a. Students are expected to demonstrate unwavering discipline, respect, and attention to detail at the Pre-Ranger Course. Students who fail to do so will receive corrective action.
- b. Students will receive SPOT Reports for actions to include, but not limited to:
  - i. Disrespect to Cadre and Peers
  - ii. Misuse and Abuse of Camp Hinsch facilities and Pre-Ranger Course equipment.
  - iii. Loss of OCIE or sensitive items.
  - iv. Failing to conform to Pre-Ranger Course standards and Army Regulations.
- c. Students who receive three major minus SPOT Reports are subject to being dropped from the Pre-Ranger Course.
- d. If a Student is to receive a major plus SPOT Report, it will negate one major minus on the student's profile in the Course.
- e. Students who demonstrate lack of integrity or motivation will be removed from the Pre-Ranger Course and receive a six-month restriction of return and will require an O-6 approval waiver in memorandum format.

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12. ATRRS Slotting and Order of Merit List

- a. XVIII Airborne Corps has directed all subordinate units to prioritize ATRRS slotting for enlisted soldiers first, before providing officers with a slot.
- b. Pre-Ranger Course allocates ATRRS slotting based on performance during RAP Week and will send the official list to XVIII Airborne Corps Schools Manager after completion of the 12-mile ruck march.
- c. Pre-Ranger Course reserves the right to reallocate slots for the duration of the course as student performance metrics change. If a student falls behind their peers in later assessments or receives SPOT Reports, their slot can be reallocated to a higher performing student up until after the final RPFA.

13. This memorandum is in effect as of 01JAN2026 and supersedes all previous versions.

14. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Pre-Ranger Course OIC and Branch Chief at 270-412-1111.

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