

## ExCon Rules and Regulations

### Eligibility & Conduct

- Participants, including advisors, must be active, registered members of an accredited Law Enforcement Explorer/Cadet program.
- Competitors must be at least 14 and no more than 21 years of age.
- Advisors must be at least 18 years of age.
- All competitors must wear an issued uniform or approved attire.
- All attendees will maintain professional conduct at all times.
- Teams must remain courteous ambassadors of their agencies and communities.
- Respect toward staff, role-players, judges, and other teams is mandatory.

### General Expectations

- Scenario realism may include stress-inducing elements — participants must act professionally.
- Respect property, facilities, and all provided equipment.

### Safety Standards

- No live weapons, ammunition, or knives are permitted on competition grounds.
- All inert weapons and training tools will be inspected and cleared prior to use.
- Proper use of safety gear (e.g., eye protection during tactical events) is required.
- Any provided props must be used only as instructed in the scenario.
- Personal tactical gear must meet safety guidelines.
- Horseplay or unsafe behavior can result in immediate disqualification.
- If any unsafe condition arises, judges may halt the scenario.

### Scenario Protocol

- Teams must arrive staged and prepared at their assigned scenario start times. Late arriving teams may be penalized and/or disqualified.
- Once briefed, no additional instruction will be given except safety reminders.
- During scenarios advisors may observe but not participate, coach, provide guidance or interfere in any way.

### Scoring & Judging

- Judges score based on:
  - Officer safety
  - Communication and commands
  - Decision-making & problem-solving
  - Knowledge of basic law & policy
  - Professional demeanor & teamwork
- Time limits may apply and will factor into scoring where noted.
- Scores are final and non-negotiable.
- Scoring sheets, scenario rubrics and tallies will not be released or available for viewing by participants.
- All final decisions rest with the ExCon planning committee.

### Competition Integrity & Fair Play

- Cheating, coaching during scenarios, or copying another team's tactics is prohibited.
- No team may view or discuss a scenario prior to participation.
- Communication between teams, even of the same agency, about scenario details is expressly prohibited.
- Advisors may record or photograph their team's scenarios but no recordings will be released or transmitted before the conclusion of the award ceremony. This includes posts to social media.

Violations of competition rules may result in score reduction or disqualification with no refund given.