

SKILLS Question and Answers

1. Why is the 4 man log roll the only listed means to put a patient on a backboard?
A: Will only have this year – will not have injuries to team members.
2. Rule 7 – The uniform requirement lists the FR rating for pants & shirts as well as the gloves & hoods, but the gloves & hoods are “Fire Pit” only. The shirts & pants are not listed “Fire Pit” only. Is this correct?
A: It is correct.
3. Rule 7 (Equipment and materials) – Will the team be required to wear the fire retardant clothing in all three events or only the firefighting event?
A: All events
4. Why do we put starting times in skills rules?
A: To do the written test
5. The captain cannot assist in First Aid only verbally, why? You talk about skills and real life and once the captain makes it safe why can't he help? In real life he would help.
A: Main concern is scene and team safety which can change during first aid treatment.
6. Air Reading – It would be better on teams not to take the air reading. It is only a 1 point discount to not take a reading and it would take longer than one minute (which is a 1 point discount) to take the air reading.
A: Would get 10 for not doing and 5 for not following written instructions 15 point discount.
7. Rule 31 – Thirty minutes is not sufficient time to review three different station documents. This should be adjusted to allow ample time for the teams.
A: This is 10 minutes more than Mine Rescue, will evaluate this year.
8. Fire – How can you do a sound test of the roof while continuing to hold the fire hose?
A: Only verbal for roof test in firefighting.
9. Two and Three Person Exploration – Can team explore with a five man team staying together?
A: No. Want teams to train in 2/3 teams.

10. Do you have to split up? Can you work it traditionally?

A: Have to split up.

11. What are the required materials and sufficient E.Q.?

A: Anemometer

12. Can we use a multi-directional anemometer to do the test for air reading?

A: No

13. Page #20 – Internal Bleeding: Step 4 in treatment should be to flex the knees then treat for shock.

A: May be other internal injuries that flexing knees would be wrong.

14. Two and Three Person Exploration Skillsheet – Rule #6: All other communication can be between the 3 teams and briefing officer. Shouldn't that say 2 teams and briefing officer?

A: Yes, but when 2 men leave center man there would be people in three (3) entries that could be communicating with the Briefing Officer

15. Rule #26 - Maps: Says team maps will not be graded but smoke exploration Rule #21 says team map will be graded. Which is correct?

A: Not graded in field problem but will be graded in smoke.

16. Rule #17 – Field Exploration: Says team cannot take skill sheets on the field but can the Briefing officer (BO) keep them at the BO station and relay information to the team from them?

A: No. Fresh Air Base (FAB) is also the field.

17. If first aid is required on a team member as stated in Rule #15 of field event rules and it is a team member from the 2 man team can the other member start first aid? Or do they need to wait for other team members since Rules #16 says "Minimum of 2 members is needed to perform first aid". If he can't can he assume the captain role if it is someone other than the captain as Rule #13 allows and begin scene size up, which does not require performing a skill?

A: The contest problem designers will not have injuries for the team members this year.

18. Why can they not use a calculator in the skills competition?

A: Team members need to have the skill to do the calculations without using a calculator.

B: Calculators have been known to malfunction such as go dead.

19. Rule #23 – Can teams use their own IWT (encrypted) communications radio?

A: No.

20. I do not agree with doing CPR while exploring and rescuing survivors. This person would be considered dead. You need your time in finding and locating live person.

A. A person could be breathing and have a detectable heart rate upon discovery and then lose the heart beat and breathing and CPR would be needed.

21. Burns, open wounds, fractured ribs are not life threatening. Should not be done while exploring mine.

A. Burns can be a life threat depending on the amount of burned body area. (Rule of 9's). Open Wounds depending on the wound can also be a life threat.

22. On the Uniforms required, page #2 rule #7 will this be at all stations?

A: Items #1 and #2 will be required for the Mine Rescue Field and Smokerroom events. Items #1, #2, #3 and #4 will be required at the Fire Pits.