



# FAQs

## 41st Annual Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event

**Q1:** Have the 2016 Competition Rules been approved?

**A1:** The 2016 rules are submitted to the ACF for approval and are expected to be published in early DEC 15

**Q2:** Will competitors be required to utilize Fort Lee Barracks?

**A2:** All Army funded competitors are required to utilize available barracks space at a cost of \$100 per SM (MIPR instructions are provided in the rules). Other members are encouraged to utilize the barracks. Barracks for the 41<sup>st</sup> MCACTE are notably better than those used for the 40<sup>th</sup> MCACTE.

**Q3:** What is maximum team size for the 2016 Military Culinary Arts Competitive Training Event (MCACTE)?

**A3:** The maximum team size is 10, including the Team Manager. Teams are encouraged to structure their teams with a model of 5 primary members and 5 student members. Student members must meet the definition of a ACF Student Chef with less than 24 months in culinary profession, a student enrolled in an accredited postsecondary culinary education program, or a registered apprentice as defined by the ACF apprenticeship training program. Teams will have to validate their student teams by submitting ERBs with the entry packet.

**Q4:** It is difficult to find 5 student chefs in my organization. Is there a waiver process?

**A4:** Yes. E-4 and below that are registered as a Student Culinarian with the ACF can provide their member ID number in their registration packet in lieu of an ERB. Other exemptions require an approved command generated waiver request to the Show Chair. Waiver requests should clearly explain the entries' time in the culinary profession versus their time assigned to their unit as a Culinary Specialist (Ex: SM with 36 month time on station spent 18 month as the SGM's driver).

**Q5:** What is the deadline for packet submission to Fort Lee?

**A5:** Upon final approval of the rules, the packet deadline will be 30 January 2016.

**Q6:** For Category W-3; what are the sizes of the round tables that are used for the hot food kitchen competition?

**A6:** The tables planned size is 72" in diameter, but the size is subject to change.

**Q7:** Will the student Team be using two stoves or just one. If they are only using one can they bring in two burner units to use?

**A7:** Teams will have a four burner stove and be allowed to bring in two (2) portable butane burners only (this is not required, but an option), the burners will not be provided by Fort Lee. No induction burners, sous vide cooking or immersion circulators will be allowed.

**Q8:** If any of my student team wants to compete in an individual competition during the show, does it need to be student level only? If they compete in a professional category during the show, will they be disqualified from the student team?

**A8:** Student chefs should compete in Student Categories only.

**Q9:** What is the cooking platform for category W-3?

**A9:** The cooking platform will be the Mobile Kitchen Trailer (MKT) with Modern Burner Units (MBU). No basic issue utensils will be provided.

**Q10:** Armed Forces Student Chef of the Year (SK): Does the Chef competing in this category be allowed to have an apprentice?

**A10:** No apprentice is allowed.

**Q11:** Will operational rations be used for category W-3?

**A11:** No. Teams should refer to annex C of the rules and also annex H the rations list

**Q12:** What are the plate and bowl size for category W3?

**A12:** Plates are 10.5" (7" plating area); Bowls are 9" (5" plating area);

**Q13:** Are competitors allowed to bring in their own stocks for F1?

**A13:** No food items can be brought in for F/1 N exceptions.

**Q14:** Will Fort Lee order items not on the protein list?

**A14:** No. Event costs continue to rise and our new fiscal environment will not allow purchases that do not have an impact on everyday operations in our various facilities and locations.

**Q15:** Will the knowledge exam and bowl be held during the 2016 MCACTE?

**A15:** Knowledge exam and bowl will not be offered during the 41<sup>st</sup> MCACTE

**Q16:** When will the awards ceremony be held?

**A16:** The 41st annual MCACTE awards ceremony is scheduled at 1000 11 March 2016.

**Q17:** Are teams allowed to add members after 18 February 2015?

**A17:** No. Team or individual entries will not be accepted after 18 February 2015.

**Q18:** Will ice carving return to this year's MCACTE?

**A18:** Ice carving will not be offered during the 41<sup>st</sup> MCACTE.