

## GENERAL COURSE PROFILE

The aim of the Rules Of Engagement (ROE) Course is to provide participant's with an understanding of the functions of ROE, their formulation, implementation, interpretation and management.

The Course examines the relationship between legal, political, and operational parameters in the formulation of ROE and the inherent tensions between the competing concerns of risk to mission and risk to force. Using an end to end approach, ROE issues are placed within the context of staff processes from operational design to mission execution by operators.

The key overarching teaching objectives of the Course are for participants to understand:

- (1) The legal bases for the use of force under IHL in ROE (including conflict classification).
- (2) ROE and law of the sea, air law, and SOFAs.
- (3) ROE as a command and control tool for the use of force.
- (4) The relationship between ROE and Staff processes, products (including targeting directives) associated with ROE formulation, promulgation, and modification (ROE management).
- (5) The definitions and relationships of Self-defence, Hostile Intent & Hostile Act to ROE.
- (6) Key elements of selected national and multinational ROE systems including caveats, interoperability.
- (7) Drafting ROE for a wide range of single service, joint, and multinational operations, using the Sanremo ROE Handbook.
- (8) Interpreting ROE and application to operational issues.
- (9) ROE training & training audiences.
- (10) ROE incidents, investigations and consequences.

ROE topics are examined in the single service, national, joint and multinational environments and from a strategic, operational, and tactical level of command perspective.

The focus throughout the Course is an experienced based practical methodology which practically addresses topics.

The Course is designed as core training for military officers and civilian personnel, staff advisors and operators concerned with ROE in the planning, training, or the conduct of operation and who have a relevant legal and/or operational experience.

*Additionally, in order to fully benefit from the programme, the Teaching Staff requests participants to read the Sanremo ROE Handbook and the ROE Course Scenario Introduction before the start of the ROE Course. Both documents can be found on the ROE Course website (<http://www.iihl.org/y2018/rules-engagement-roe/>).*

## ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1.000 Euro. This should be remitted before the start of the Course, or on arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are also accepted.

The registration fee covers:

- Transfers to/from Nice Airport
- Course materials, including the San Remo ROE Handbook.
- Lunch and coffee breaks on working days
- Welcome Cocktail & Canapés
- Course Dinner
- Course Photograph & Diploma

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant such as hotel accommodation, laundry or telephone calls, or any other incidentals. Accordingly, Participants bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses or have access to such funds in Sanremo via their bank.

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to [maria.jonsson@iihl.org](mailto:maria.jonsson@iihl.org). For any further information please consult our website [www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org).

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## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT COURSE



Sanremo, 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
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**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October , 2018**

- 08.30–09.00 Registration of participants
- 09.00–09.15 Course Opening Ceremony  
**Prof Fausto Pocar**, President IIHL  
**Col Mark Dakers**, Director Military Department, IIHL, Course Director
- 09.15–09.30 Course Introduction  
**Col Dakers**
- 09.35–10.15 ROE Foundations Part I  
**Maj Maxwell**
- 10.15–10.45 *Morning Coffee*
- 10.45–11.15 ROE Foundations Part II  
**Maj Maxwell**
- 11.20–12.00 ROE Foundations Part III  
**Col Dakers**
- 12.05–12.30 Introduction to ROEX Scenario  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30–14.15 Key ROE Definitions  
**Maj Maxwell**
- 14.20–15.00 Introduction to the Sanremo ROE Handbook  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 15.00–15.20 *Afternoon Tea*
- 15.20–15.45 Land Operations and ROE  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 15.50–16.30 Air Operations and ROE  
**Lt Col Gillman**
- 16.35–17.15 Maritime Operations and ROE  
**Capt Smith**
- 17.30–19.00 *Ice Breaker at IIHL*

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

- 08.30–09.10 Case study: Domestic Security Operations  
**Col Dakers**

- 09.15–10.00 ROEX 1 Part I – Domestic Security Operations – Concerns and Considerations
- 10.00–10.20 *Morning Coffee*
- 10.20–12.30 ROEX 1 Part II – Exercise briefs and discussions
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30–14.00 Case study: NEO  
**Col Dakers**
- 14.05–15.00 ROEX 2 Part I – Prepare ROE Brief NEO
- 15.00–15.20 *Afternoon Tea*
- 15.20–16.00 ROEX 2 Part II – Prepare ROE Brief NEO (continued)
- 16.05–17.30 ROEX 2 Part III – Exercise briefs and discussions

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

- 08.30–09.15 ROE: C2, Management and Dynamics  
**Lt Col Gillman**
- 09.20–10.00 Case study: NIAC  
**Maj Maxwell**
- 10.00–10.20 *Morning Coffee*
- 10.20–10.55 Case study: PSO's  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 11.00–12.30 ROEX 3 Part I – NIAC/PSO – Draft ROE Profile
- 12.30–13.15 *Lunch*
- 13.15–14.15 ROEX 3 Part I – Continued
- 14.20–15.00 ROEX 3 Part II – Exercise Briefs and discussions
- 15.00–15.20 *Afternoon Tea*
- 15.20–16.20 ROEX 3 Part III – ROEREQ, National Caveats
- 16.20–17.15 ROEX 3 Part IV – NIAC/PSO – Exercise briefing and discussions

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

- 08.30–09.15 ROE Training  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 09.20–10.00 International Armed Conflicts  
**Lt Col Folwaj**
- 10.00–10.20 *Morning Coffee*
- 10.20–12.30 ROEX 4 Part I – IAC – Draft ROE Profile
- 12.30–13.15 *Lunch*
- 13.15–15.00 ROEX 4 Part II – Prepare ROE Brief
- 15.00–15.20 *Afternoon Tea*
- 15.20–17.00 ROEX 4 Part III – Exercise Briefs and discussions
- 20:00 *Course Dinner*

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

- 09.00–10.00 ROE Incidents, Investigations & Outputs  
**Maj Maxwell**
- 10.00–10.20 *Morning Coffee*
- 10.20–11.20 Case Study USS Stark & Vincennes  
**Capt Smith**
- 11.30–12.00 Questions and comment  
**Teaching staff panel**
- 12.00–12.30 Course Closing Ceremony  
**Prof Fausto Pocar**, President IIHL  
**Col Mark Dakers**, Director Military Department, IIHL, Course Director
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch and departure*