

GENERAL COURSE PROFILE

The aim of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) Course is to provide participants 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 (<https://iihl.org/military-department-4/rules-of-engagement-course/http://www.iihl.org/y2019/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 patrizia@iihl.org and steve.szymanski@iihl.org For any further information please consult our website www.iihl.org.

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT COURSE



San Remo, 14th – 18th October 2024

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Monday, 14 October 2024

- 08.30–09.00 Registration of participants
- 09.00–09.15 Course Opening Ceremony
Gen Battisti, President IIHL
Col Heppenstall, Director Military Department, IIHL
- 09.15–09.30 Course Introduction
Lt Col Folwajj
- 09.35–10.15 ROE Foundations Part I
Lt Col Folwajj
- 10.15–10.45 *Group Picture and Coffee Break*
- 10.45–11.15 ROE Foundations Part II
Lt Col Folwajj
- 11.20–12.00 Operational Planning & ROE
LTC Szymanski
- 12.05–12.30 Introduction to ROEX Scenario
Lt Col Folwajj
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room*
- 13.30–14.15 Introduction to the San Remo ROE Handbook
SQ Leader Randeni
- 14.20–15.00 Key ROE Definitions
LTC Szymanski
- 15.00–15.20 *Afternoon Tea*
- 15.20–15.45 Land Operations and ROE
Lt Col Folwajj
- 15.50–16.30 Air Operations and ROE
Col Stamminger
- 16.35–17.15 Maritime Operations and ROE
Capt (N) Fink
- 17.30–19.00 *Ice Breaker at IIHL*

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

- 08.30–09.10 Case study: Domestic Security Operations
SQ Leader Randeni

- 09.15–10.00 ROEX 1 Part I – Domestic Security Operations – Task A – Concerns and Considerations – *syndicate rooms*
Coffee Break
- 10.00–10.20
- 10.20–12.30 ROEX 1 Part II – Exercise briefs and discussions – Task B – *syndicate rooms*
Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room
- 12.30–13.30
- 13.30–14.00 Case study: NEO
LTC Szymanski
- 14.05–15.00 ROEX 2 Part I – Prepare ROE Brief NEO – Task C – *syndicate rooms*
Afternoon Tea
- 15.00–15.20
- 15.20–16.00 ROEX 2 Part II – Prepare ROE Brief NEO
Task C – *syndicate rooms* (continued)
- 16.05–17.30 ROEX 2 Part III – Exercise briefs and discussions – Task C – *Plenary room*

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

- 08.30–09.15 Case study: NIAC
Maj Coble
- 09.20–10.00 Case study: PSO's
Lt Col Folwajj
- 10.00–10.20 *Coffee Break*
- 10.20–10.55 Multinational operations and C2
Lt Col Folwajj
- 11.00–12.30 ROEX 3 Part I – NIAC/PSO – Draft ROE Profile – Ironclad – Task A – *Syndicate rooms*
Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room
- 12.30–13.30
- 13.30–14.20 ROEX 3 Part I – Continued
- 14.20–15.00 ROEX 3 Part II – Exercise Briefs and discussions – Ironclad – Task A – *Plenary room*
Afternoon Tea
- 15.00–15.20
- 15.20–16.20 ROEX 3 Part III – ROEREQ, National Caveats – Ironclad – Task B – *Syndicate rooms*
- 16.20–17.15 ROEX 3 Part IV – NIAC/PSO – Exercise briefing and discussions Ironclad – Task B – *Plenary room*

Thursday, 17 October 2024

- 08.30–09.00 ROEX 4 Part I – Introduction Matrix Game – Plenary Room
- 09.00–10.00 ROEX 4 Part II – Prepare ROE Matrix Game – Syndicate rooms
Coffee Break
- 10.00–10.20
- 10.20–12.30 ROEX 4 Part III – Execution ROE Matrix game – Plenary room
Lunch: IIHL Community Dining Room
- 12.30–13.30
- 13.30–14.15 ROE Training
Lt Col Folwajj
- 14.20–15.00 Case study: IAC
Maj Hernandez
Afternoon Tea
- 15.00–15.20
- 15.20–16.00 Discussion: Do you need ROE in an IAC?
- 20:00 *Course Dinner*

Friday, 18 October 2024

- 09.00–10.00 ROE Incidents, Investigations & Outputs
LTC Szymanski
- 10.00–10.20 *Coffee Break*
- 10.20–11.30 Case Study USS Stark & Vincennes
Maj Coble
- 11.30–12.00 Questions and comment
Teaching staff panel
- 12.00–12.30 Course Closing Ceremony
Gen Battisti
Col Heppenstall
- 12.30–13.30 *Lunch and departure*