

2019 Four Days Marches Regulations for Military Participants

As adopted by the board on 12 November 2018

General provisions

Article 1: Military participation

It is possible to participate in the Four Days Marches as a military serviceman or servicewoman (individually or as part of a detachment). However, such participation is subject to specific terms and conditions.

All regulations governing the Four Days Marches apply in full to all military participants, with the exception of the 2019 Restriction Protocol. The 2019 regulations for military participants contain rules governing the participation of individual military servicemen and servicewomen, and military detachments.

Article 2: Definition of a military participant

A military participant is defined as someone who, under the applicable military legislation and regulations, belongs to a Dutch or foreign military force (and/or can be considered as equal).

Article 3: Official military delegations

Military participants who belong to the military forces of Canada, Denmark, Germany, France, Finland, Norway, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Switzerland, as well as the Netherlands are considered to be participants in an official military delegation. The board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE establishes further rules relating to the status of an official military delegation.

The maximum number of registrations, as well as the maximum number for each nationality, is determined by the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE.

Article 3A: Small contingents

Military participants who belong to the military forces of a different country to the official military delegations are considered to be participants in small contingents. The maximum number of registrations is determined by the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE.

Article 4: Registration of Dutch military participants

Dutch military participants must follow the instructions issued by Commando Landstrijdkrachten (CLAS, the Royal Netherlands Army), as well as the regulations set by the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE. Please refer to www.4daagse.nl and the provisions laid down in or pursuant to the 2019 Rules and Regulations of the International Four Days Marches (*Regeling Internationale Vierdaagse Afstandsmarsen Nijmegen*) VS2-1100.

Article 5: Registration period

Registration is possible through www.4daagse.nl from 10.00 hrs on Monday 4 February 2019 to 17.00 hrs on Friday 22 March 2019. After closure of the registration period, a civilian registration cannot be converted into a military registration, nor can a military registration be converted into a civilian registration.

Additional rules for military participants belonging to an official military delegation will be published separately, and will include provisions relating to a different registration period.

Article 6: Exception to the ban on carrying objects

Objects, including pennants and flags, that identify the forces or parts of the forces that the detachment/the participant belongs to are not classed as forms of advertising, and are permitted as long as they do not present a danger or hindrance.

Provisions relating to individual military participants

Article 7: Registration and payment

Individual military participants should register at www.4daagse.nl and pay the registration fee as per the guidelines of the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE. Failure to pay (in full and on time) shall render the registration null and void, in accordance with Dutch law.



The board shall confirm participation of those who have registered correctly and whose registration is acceptable in accordance with the regulations.

Should the registration limit for Dutch military participants be exceeded, there will be a draw among all individual Dutch military participants who have registered with the intention of gaining reward 1.

Should the registration limit for Small Contingents participants be exceeded, there will be a draw among all individual participants who have registered for Small Contingents.

Article 8: Reregistration

If, at any point after the draw, the number of registrations falls below the number specified in Article 3 as a result of cancellation and/or non-payment, the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE will decide whether reregistration will be available for anyone who has been eliminated by the draw from participating in the 103rd Four Days Marches, and if so, what the allowed number will be. This reregistration for walkers eliminated by the draw will only be possible through the registration module on the website during week 17. Participation in this reregistration will be determined by means of a number randomly assigned during the draw.

Article 9: Refusal of registration

The board may refuse the registration of anyone registering more than once in the name of the same natural person, unless there is evidence that the person registering was not at fault. The board may also refuse the registration if the person registering cannot satisfactorily meet the request to submit proof of the data registered.

Article 10: Cancellation of registration

All individual military participants shall have the right to cancel their registration in writing within a reasonable period; they need not state a reason. Any registration fee paid shall be returned, less an administration fee and with no entitlement to interest.

12 April 2019 marks the end of the reasonable period within which registration may be cancelled.

Provisions relating to military detachments

Article 11: Conditions applicable to detachments

At the start of the event on the first marching day, a detachment shall comprise at least eleven military participants registered by name. The right to participate shall expire if the detachment fails to meet the requirement of having at least eleven participants at the start on that day. A maximum of 41 participants can be registered for a single detachment.

All members of the detachment must wear the same uniform. They are required to walk the whole of the Four Days Marches as a detachment. Detachments start from Heumensoord and may only walk the daily distance of 40km (distance colour: green). If applicable, they will walk with ten kilograms of marching kit.

Article 12: Detachment commander and/or contact person

The detachment commander will be the organisation's sole point of contact and all communication will run through him or her. The detachment commander monitors and promotes compliance with the regulations during the Four Days Marches on the part of the detachment and anyone who may affect the detachment, and is responsible for the detachment at all times. It is the responsibility of the detachment leader to properly notify the detachment participants of any changes he or she makes, or has someone else make, to the detachment.

Article 13: Changes after the registration period

Once the registration period has closed, it will still be possible to change the (names of) existing detachment participants until midnight at the end of 30 June 2019. A participant may be replaced by a person who has not yet been registered.

It is also possible to add registered individual military participants to the detachment, unless the participant to be added is someone who was eliminated by the draw, or unless the individual participant has not specified accommodation at Heumensoord in their individual registration.

Detachment-participant registrations can also be converted into individual registrations until midnight at the end of 30 June 2019, providing the participant is not from a delegation country other than the Netherlands. The latter conversion is not permitted for participants who would be subject to the draw if a draw has been held for individual registrations. However, if reregistration has taken place and all



participants eliminated by the draw have received a starting ticket after all, this conversion will be possible.
Additional rules for participants belonging to an official military delegation will be published separately.

Article 14: Payment for the Four Days Marches

The detachment registration fee payable will depend on the number of participants registered at 17.00 hrs on 22 March 2019. The registration fee must be paid in accordance with the guidelines of the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE. Failure to pay (in full and on time) shall render the registration null and void, in accordance with Dutch law. Refunds are not possible for any reason whatsoever.
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Article 15: Registration

Confirmation will be sent to the detachment commander as soon as possible once the registration has been accepted and/or payment of the registration fee has been received. The detachment commander is to report to the relevant registration desk for detachments with this confirmation, to collect the bar code carriers and documents for the whole detachment.

In connection with checks to verify the identity of participants, the detachment leader should carry photocopies of documents proving the participants' identity.

No changes of any kind whatsoever can be made on the check-in days.

Article 16: Walking behaviour

Detachments will walk with two or three persons side by side, but with a maximum of two persons side by side when passing other groups, so as to minimise obstruction to other participants as far as possible.

Article 17: Checkpoints

The detachment commander is responsible for ensuring that each detachment member is wearing the correct bar code carrier. Checks will be made as to whether the detachment is complete at the start, at various intervals en route and at the finish. It should be noted that, as well as the planned checkpoints, there may also be additional, unexpected checkpoints. It is also stressed that detachment members should be able to prove their identity when asked to do so.

General provisions

Article 18: Rest and/or treatment area

Any rest and/or treatment areas along the walking route must be set up before the route is closed to traffic. Vehicles can only leave a rest and/or treatment area after the route has been reopened to traffic. The relevant council or landowner must grant permission for such a rest and/or treatment area to be set up. In exceptional cases, an access sticker can be requested from Stichting DE 4DAAGSE, which will enable a vehicle to access the route. The terms and conditions for requesting such stickers and the associated request form can be found at www.4daagse.nl.

Article 19: Entry

In consultation with the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE, the Commander of the Central Support Command for Military Personnel (CVM) determines the manner and scale of the detachments' departure from Charlemagne. The subsequent entry along Via Gladiola is part of the official route.

Article 20: Provision of personal data

Anyone registering accepts that Stichting DE 4DAAGSE will share their personal data with the Dutch Ministry of Defence.

Article 21: Final provision

Any cases not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE.

Article 22: Citation provision

These rules and regulations may be referred to as the 2019 Four Days Marches Regulations for Military Participants.

