

ACCUSED RIGHTS

1. You shall be informed of the purpose of and charge(s) under investigation/hearing.
2. You shall be informed of the identity of the accuser(s) or the circumstances leading to the investigation/hearing.
3. You shall be informed of witnesses and provided copies of any statements or other evidence used against you.
4. You shall be informed of the right against self-incrimination. You have the right to remain silent and do not have to answer any questions. However, if appearing at a hearing you must plead guilty or innocent. You should be aware that hearing officers will make judgement, assess credibility, and infer conclusions based on all available information.
5. You may make a statement in any form.
6. You may present witnesses on your behalf.
7. You may present anything in defense, extenuation, or mitigation.
8. You shall receive written notice of charges and specifications at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a hearing date. Under special circumstances such as end of semester exams, periods immediately before a holiday break, etc., the hearing officer (most likely a Deputy Commandant) and cadet may agree to a period of time less than forty-eight (48) hours. In such cases, the cadet's agreement to the scheduled date and time of the hearing shall be considered a waiver to the general rule.
9. You may choose not to attend a scheduled hearing. Unless unforeseen valid circumstances arise and you contact the Executive Committee or hearing officer to request rescheduling the hearing, a hearing will proceed in your absence.
10. You may appeal any Executive Committee or Deputy Commandant findings and sanctions to the Commandant of Cadets.

I am aware of my rights and I fully understand them:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____