

BARS Session Parameter Guide

Parameters are data about the activity or event that was rated using the BARS rubric. Their collection is essential for data management and analysis. Without correct completion of these items, the collected BARS data may end up useless.

Regardless of the method for BARS collection, these parameter data should be collected for each BARS rubric.

Exercise Name

- Enter the name of the exercise being conducted. If this is a recurring exercise (i.e., it occurs monthly, quarterly, or yearly), be sure to include the year, quarter, and/or month designator to differentiate from past exercises of the same name.

Examples:

- 1) 2025 Annual Squad Competition
- 2) SLTE 5-24
- 3) 2025 1st MARDIV Squad Competition

Assessed Activity Name or Time Frame (also called Session)

- Enter the name of the activity or time frame of the activity under observation. If the activity spans multiple days, and each day counts as an independent observation, include "Day" followed by the incrementing day number.

Examples:

- 1) MCCRE Day 1
- 2) Offense
- 3) Defense
- 4) Range 400

Date of the Observation

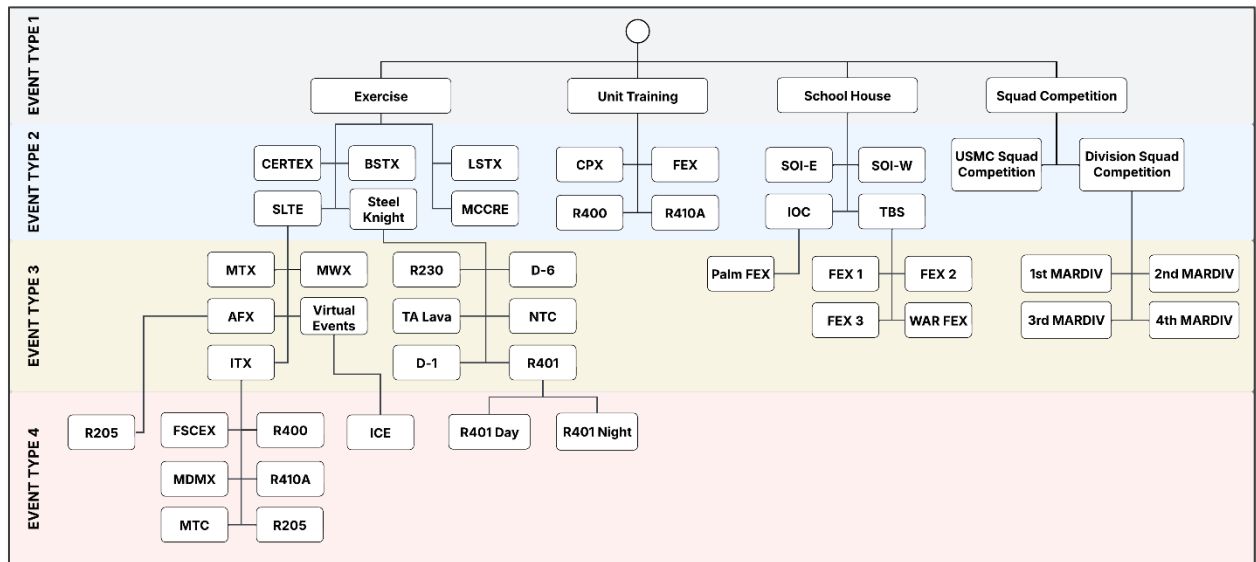
- Enter the date the observation took place in MM/DD/YYYY format.

Example: 02/26/2025

Event Type

- The event type is comprised of up to four unique levels. See graphic below to determine the full event type. If you are entering free text, separate each level with a comma and a space character.

- Examples:**
- 1) Exercise, Steel Knight, R401, R401 Night
 - 2) Squad Competition, Division Squad Competition, 1st MARDIV



Unit of Observation (Even for Individual Leaders)

- Enter the Unit of Observation beginning with the Division and including all applicable subordinate units until the echelon of the unit or leader being observed is reached. If entering free text, separate each subordinate unit with a comma and a space character.

- Examples:**
- 1) 1 MARDIV, 7th Marine Regiment, V27, Company, 1st Platoon
 - 2) 1 MARDIV, 7th Marine Regiment, V27

Observer or Observer Organization

- Enter the last name of the observer and/or their organization. The rank of the observer is optional. If multiple observers are from the same organization, include their last names to differentiate between them, especially if you want to compare BARS data across observers.

- Examples:**
- 1) Maj Smith
 - 2) Smith
 - 3) TTECG
 - 4) Maj Smith/TTECG