

## Ground Rules for Coverage of Periodic Review Boards

**Ground Rules** - The United States Department of Defense (DoD) will facilitate access to certain portions of the Periodic Review Board (PRB) proceedings for news media representatives (NMR) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), consistent with security requirements.

Failure to comply with these ground rules could result in the revocation of NMR and NGO access and prohibition of the parent organization from further participation in the PRB hearings.

By signing this document, the NMR or NGO agrees to the following:

- a) If protected information is inadvertently disclosed during a PRB session, the board presiding member will request a media embargo until the status of the information is determined. If, after review, the information is determined to be classified, NMRs and NGOs will not publicly report or disseminate the information.
- b) No audio, video recordings, photographs or other electronic images, or drawings, sketches or likenesses of participants may be rendered.
- c) Tape recorders, telephones, photographic or any other type of electronic or imaging equipment shall not be brought into the hearing observation room. Writing materials may be brought into the hearing observation room, so long as they do not contain a recording capability.
- d) The identities of PRB members and staff, to include the detainee's personal representative and translators will not be reported nor otherwise publicly disclosed.
- e) A NMR/NGO will not be considered in violation of these ground rules for re-publishing what otherwise would be considered protected information or identities, where that information or identity was legitimately obtained in the course of newsgathering independent of any receipt of information while observing PRB hearings.

**Agree to Abide** - NMRs and NGOs must agree to, and sign, these Ground Rules for Coverage of Periodic Review Boards prior to being allowed to observe a Periodic Review Board. Failure to follow these ground rules or the instructions of the DoD escorts may result in denial of access to future hearings.

By signing this document, the NMR/NGO is agreeing to abide by these ground rules.

If additional information is required, contact OSD Public Affairs at (703) 614-3300.

In signing this form you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the above ground rules and limitations. NMRs/NGOs cannot cover Periodic Review Boards without signing this document.

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