

**ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING
FORT BLISS – COMMANDER’S CUP VOLLEYBALL 22 July – 22 August 2024**

- REFERENCES:** AR 215-1, Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities and, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities, 24 September 2010
- USA Volleyball 2023-2025 Indoor Rules
- WHAT:** Fort Bliss – Commander’s Cup Volleyball
- WHEN:** Officials Clinic: 15-18 July 2024 / Aquatic Training Center / 1800
Coaches Meeting: 29 MAY 2024 / Soldier Activity Center / 1800
Regular Season: 22 July – 15 August
Post Championship: 19 August – 22 August
- WHERE:** Stout Gym
- LEAGUE STRUCTURE:** The regular season is four weeks, followed by a one-week post championship tournament. Games will be played MON-THUR starting at 1800.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Active-duty military personnel, Army Reserve, and National Guard service members in an active status assigned or attached to Fort Bliss.
- Team rosters will be limited to 12 players, and one non-playing coach. Rosters must be submitted prior to the first scheduled game. Rosters must be in memo form with members first and last name and a contact phone number of the coach or team representative. Rosters must be signed by Commander or First Sergeant of the battery/company/troop.
- BDE/BATTALLION teams are not acceptable and will result in a forfeit.** Soldiers must play for their company, and in the instance their company does not have a team, they must **contact their sports coordinator** in order to be placed on a team. If placed on another team, their Commander or First Sergeant must sign a memorandum releasing them to play for another company. The receiving company Commander or First Sergeant must sign a memorandum acknowledging that they accept the player onto their company team. To be eligible for Post Tournament play, no more than two non-company players can be placed on a team.

Players cannot play with multiple teams. Once they play for a team, they cannot change teams. This will result in a forfeit for the second team.

Military IDs will be checked against the roster prior to games. Lack of military ID will result in the player not being eligible to play that game.

LEAGUE PLAY:

Play will be conducted in accordance with the USA Volleyball 2023-2025 Indoor Rules Book unless otherwise covered by these by-laws:

Teams will line up according to the lineup sheet (provided by MWR). This should be how the teams want their players lined up at the beginning of the game. This is not the serving order. The first server of the game will be in the right back position and all other players will rotate clockwise into serve thereafter.

Teams can play with 5 players.

Teams who only have 5 players will start at the scheduled time.

(1) When the missing player position comes to serve, a side out and point (rally scoring) will be declared.

(2) When this position goes to the front row, the team with 5 players will only have 2 blockers and 2 hitters available to cover the net.

(3) As soon as the 6th player arrives, he/she will enter at the first dead ball opportunity.

FORFEITS:

Game time is forfeit time. Teams will be allowed a 10-minute grace period for each game.

Forfeiture of two games during league play will result in disqualification from the league play and the Championship Tournament. All remaining league games may be considered a win for the opposing teams. are then not eligible to participate with any other teams.

EQUIPMENT:

Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape (NO metal showing).

Only non-marking tennis shoes are acceptable.

No jewelry allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Players must have coordinated jerseys with different numbers. If jerseys are in question players will be required to wear reversible jerseys provided by MWR. Numbered jerseys are to be worn and tucked in. Undershirts do not have to match.

Teams and spectators are not allowed to use electronic communications devices to communicate with players, during the game.

PROTESTS:

A protest concerning **eligibility** must be submitted in writing to the League Coordinator by 1300 hours the following working day. A ruling will be decided before the team's next scheduled game.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Swearing and abusive remarks: Whether directed towards opponents, team members, officials, fans or supervisors or indirect frustration about self-performance are behaviors which cast a negative atmosphere over intramural play and may lead to more serious problems. Officials may penalize such behavior and all cussing with a yellow card penalty.

A player or coach being ejected from a game will result with a warning being filed. The second ejection in the season will result in a meeting with the Sports Coordinator for a possible suspension. The third ejection will result in an automatic expulsion from the league. **Player or coach that has been ejected must leave facility to include the parking lot.**

A player, coach, spectator or the entire team may be asked to leave the playing area if displaying unsportsmanlike conduct. Any contest may be forfeited by the administrator or official of the activity when a team, a team participant, captain or coach exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct or disruptive behavior during the contest. Team captains or coaches may be warned prior to forfeiting the contests. However, it will be at the discretion of the administrators to forfeit that contest if deemed necessary to avoid a violent confrontation. Players/Coaches ejected for a first offense may be suspended indefinitely from participating in sports activities, depending on the severity of the offense. Taunting will be penalized with a yellow card.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO:

Alcohol, smoking, vaping, or use of chewing tobacco is not permitted in the facility. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to enter the playing area.

COACHES MEETING:

A Coach's Meeting will be held on 29 May 2024 at 1800 at the Soldier Activity Center. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches or team POC. The season will begin on 22 July 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

During league play, the manager or coach is responsible for ensuring that:

- (1) All members of the team are familiar with the MOI.
- (2) The team is fully equipped and properly attired.
- (3) No illegal players participate in games.
- (5) Team roster is submitted prior to the first game.

PARTICIPATION POINTS:

Major commands will receive 10 points for each subordinate unit team that participates in league play. Maximum 50 points awarded.

LEAGUE

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