

**ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING
FORT BLISS – COMMANDER’S CUP SOFTBALL LEAGUE
26 April 2021**

1. **REFERENCES:**
 - a. AR 215-1, Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities and, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities, 24 September 2010.
 - b. 2020/2021 USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws.

2. **WHAT:** Fort Bliss – Commander’s Cup Softball League

3. **WHEN:** Regular Season: 26 APR 2021 – 15 JUL 2021.
Post Championship: 19 JUL 2021 – 22 JUL 2021.

4. **WHERE:** Fort Bliss, Omar Bradley Complex, 2968 Carter Rd.

5. **DIVISION:
STRUCTURE** Each MSC Command will register with the following POC’s to be placed within a Division (East/West).

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6. **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a. Active-duty military personnel, Army Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers in an active status assigned or attached to Fort Bliss.

 - b. Team rosters will be limited to 15 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.

 - c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

7. **LEAGUE PLAY:**

Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2020/2021 USSSA Rules unless otherwise covered by these by-laws:

a. The duration of the game will be 55 minutes, with the inning in progress to be completed.

b. Each batter will assume a one ball and one strike count, and will be allowed one courtesy foul ball after two strikes.

c. If the score is tied at the end of seven innings or 55 minutes, a tie-breaker rule will be put into effect as follows:

(1) The visiting team will place the last batter of the previous inning on second base and the game will continue from that point with the same batting order until three outs are made and the inning is completed.

(2) The home team will use the same procedure as described above.

(3) The above procedure will be used for the remainder of the game until a winner is determined.

d. A 20-run rule will be in effect after three innings, 15-run rule will be in effect after four innings and a 10-run rule will be in effect after five innings.

e. Complete innings must be played unless the home team scores the go ahead run while at bat during final inning.

f. In the event of a homerun, the batter, and any runners, will not run the bases. This eliminates any appeal play.

g. No base stealing is allowed.

h. Any player found to be using an illegal bat will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

i. A team can start the game with a minimum of 9 players.

j. The lineup or batting order can have up to 11 hitters and must finish the game with 11.

k. The home run limitation is three.

8. **FORFEITS:**

a. Forfeit will be declared if a team is not prepared to play at the scheduled time. No Exceptions except for a 10 minute grace period for the 1800 game.

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

9. **EQUIPMENT:**

a. All bats must be USSSA approved. Softballs will be provided by MWR Sports and substitutions will not be allowed.

b. The home team is responsible for keeping game statistics.

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

d. If a cap is worn, it will be worn properly. Military uniforms/boots are not allowed.

e. Sunglasses are not allowed to rest on the brim of caps while at bat or in the field of play.

f. No metal cleats or screw-ins of any kind. Rubber molded cleats are acceptable.

g. No jewelry is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

h. Face masks are recommended for all pitchers.

i. No bat weights/doughnuts allowed

10. **PROTESTS:**

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

11. **POSTPONEMENTS:**

Postponements will only be granted when unit duty commitments warrant. Notification must be submitted to the respective Sports Coordinator 48 hours prior to scheduled game. There is no guarantee that postponed games will be rescheduled. Inclement

weather postponements will be determined by the Sports Office Representative on site.

12. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** **Swearing and abusive remarks:** Whether directed towards opponents, team members, officials, fans or supervisors or indirect frustration about self-performance, these behaviors cast a negative atmosphere over intramural play and may lead to more serious problems. Officials will penalize such behavior and all cussing with an ejection.

The first unsportsmanlike conduct received by a player will result in an ejection from the game and a warning being filed. The second ejection in the season will result in a meeting with the Sports Director for a possible suspension. The third ejection will result in an automatic ejection from the league.

Team member, captain, coach, spectator or the entire team may be asked to leave the playing area if displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language. Any contest may be forfeited by the official and/or supervisor 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 officials to forfeit that contest if deemed necessary to avoid a violent confrontation.

13. **DRINKING/SMOKING/ CHEWING TOBACCO:** Alcohol, smoking, vaping or use of chewing tobacco is **NOT** permitted on the playing field or in the dugouts. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to enter the playing area. There is absolutely never to be alcohol in the dugouts. Glass bottles are completely prohibited from the Sports Complex area.

14. **PETS:** Pets are prohibited from being at Omar Bradley Sports Complex. All owners will be asked to remove the dog promptly from the park area regardless of size. IAW USAG 190-4 sec 1-10.

15. **COACH'S MEETING:** A Coach's Meeting will be held on 21 April 2021, at Stout Gym Field at 1800. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches (or team POC); players are encouraged to attend. The season will begin on 26 APR 2021.

16. **POST CHAMPIONSHIP:**

The Post Tournament will start on Monday, 19 JUL 2021.

17. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** During battery/company play, the manager or coach is responsible for ensuring that:

(1) All members of the team are familiar with the contents of this MOI.

(2) The team is fully equipped and properly attired.

(3) The conduct of the team is in accordance with this MOI.

(4) No illegal players are entered on roster or participate in games.

18. **PARTICIPATION POINTS:** Organizations will receive 10 points for each team that Participates in league play and completes season.
Maximum of 50 points awarded.

19. **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** See attached COVID-19 safety protocols and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this attachment.

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Sean Lewis

Sports Director

Fort Bliss