ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING

FORT BLISS – COMMANDER’S CUP BASKETBALL

# 30 JANUARY 2023

1. **REFERENCES:** a. AR 215-1, Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities and, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities, 24 September 2010.

 b. NCAA Men’s Basketball 2022/2023 Rules.

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

3. **WHEN:** Coaches Meeting: 10 Jan at Soldier Activity Center at 1800

Regular Season: 30 January – 23 March, 1800-2200

Post Playoffs: 20 -23 March 2023

4. **WHERE:** East Division – Soto Gym

 West Division – Stout Gym/Logan Gym

5. **DIVISION :** Each MSC Command can register

**STRUCTURE** with one the coordinators listed below:

 Mr. Matthew Orlowski 744-5793

 Mr. Paul Fernandez 744-5792

 Mr. Chris Nazario 744-6551

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 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. Rosters must be at every single game.

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 2021/2022 NCAA Basketball Rules unless otherwise covered by these by-laws:

a. Length of game will be two-20-minute halves with the first 18 minutes using a running clock. The last two minutes of each half will be regulation clock. **Noted exception is during the last minute of the game, the clock will NOT stop after a made basket.** The only time the clock will stop during the first 18 minutes of each half will be for injuries and time-outs.

b. Half-time is 3 minutes.

c. Each team will be allowed two 30 second time outs each half. Unused timeouts from each half will not carry over to the next period of play. Each team will have one 30 second time out for overtime.

d. Overtime will be three minutes in length. First minute is a running clock and the last two minutes will be played with a regulation clock. After the 2nd overtime a running clock will be used. No additional time outs are awarded for overtime.

e. If a team is up by 20 points the clock will continuously run with no stoppage.

f. Teams may start games with a minimum of 4 players.

g. No dunking will be allowed during warmups, before a game, or at halftime. Dunking will only be allowed during game play.

h. Coaching box is restricted to the 28-foot line.

8. **FORFEITS:**  a. If a team is not prepared to play at their scheduled time, the game clock will start and run continuously until the team is adequately prepared to play. If by the start of the second half the team is not adequately prepared to start playing, the aforementioned team will forfeit the 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 from the disqualified team are not eligible to participate with any other team.

9. **EQUIPMENT:**  a. Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape (NO metal showing).

b. Only non-marking court shoes are acceptable.

c. No jewelry allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

d. Gym shorts with zippers/pockets are **NOT ALLOWED** to be worn during games**.** The use of military issued shorts are acceptable at all times. Military uniforms/boots are not allowed.

 e. Game jerseys will have an Arabic number visible on front and back of jersey and in contrasting color to the predominant color of the jersey at least 6 inches high and no less than ¾ inches wide. It is recommended that at least a 4 inch high and no less than ¾ inch wide number on the front of the jersey. 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. Also, sweat bands do not need to conform in reference to color (any color is legal), but all other restrictions apply (size, logos, shape and how worn).

f. An undershirt may be worn as part of the jersey but does not have to be of a similar color as the game jersey. These undershirts do not have to conform to the NCAA rules, but should be of a non-offensive manner as far as logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, etc.

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

10. **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.

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** directed towards opponents, officials, fans or supervisors are behaviors which casts a negative atmosphere over intramural play and may lead to more serious problems. Officials will penalize such searing and abusive remarks with a **technical and an ejection**. **Player that has been ejected must leave facility to include the parking lot.** 2 technical shots will be awarded.

The first ejection from the game will result with 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.

Taunting will be penalized with a technical foul.

13. **DRINKING/SMOKING/**

 **CHEWING TOBACCO:** Alcohol, smoking, vaping, or use of chewing tobacco is **NOT**

 permittedon the court or facility parking lot. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to enter the playing area.

14. **COACHES MEETING:** A coaches meeting will be held on 10 January 2023, Soldier Activity Center at 1800. Meeting is mandatory for all coaches (or team POC); players are encouraged to attend. The season will begin on 30 January 2022.

15. **PETS:** Pets are prohibited from all sports facilities (IAW USAG 190-4 Sec. 1-10.

16. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** During league 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.

(5) Team roster is present/updated at all games.

(6) Coach remains in designated area at all times during games.

17. **PARTICIPATION POINTS:**  Organizations will receive 10 points for each team that

participates in league play and completes season. Maximum of 50 points awarded.

18. **LEAGUE**

 **DIRECTOR:**  Matthew Orlowski, 744-5793/5785

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 Matthew Orlowski

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