

**ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING
FORT BLISS - COMMANDER'S CUP OUTDOOR SOCCER
22 AUG 2022**

1. **REFERENCES:**
 - a. AR 215-1, Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities and, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities, 24 September 2010.
 - b. 2021/2022 FIFA Rules
2. **WHAT:** Commander's Cup Outdoor Soccer – (11 vs. 11)
3. **WHEN:**
Coaches Meeting: 16 AUG 2022; 1800; Soldier Activity Center
Regular Season: 22 AUG 2022 – 20 OCT 2021
Post Championship: 24 OCT – 27 OCT 2022
4. **WHERE:** Fort Bliss Stout Soccer Field
5. **DIVISION:** Each MSC Command will register in the following divisions
STRUCTURE with the coordinator indicated below:

(Please register directly with the league director indicated below.)

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6. **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a. Active duty military personnel and Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers in an active status assigned or attached to Fort Bliss.
 - b. Team rosters will be limited to 21 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. **BATTALLION teams ARE acceptable.** BDE teams are not acceptable and will result in a forfeit. Soldiers must play for their Battalion, and in the instance their battalion 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 battalion. The receiving company Commander or First Sergeant must sign a memorandum acknowledging that they accept the player onto their battalion team. To be eligible for post tournament play, no more than two non-battalion 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.

7. **LEAGUE PLAY:**

a. League play will be dependent upon number of teams registered.

b. If a tie in the league standings, at the end of league play, exists and has an effect upon the Championship Tournament seeding, the tie-breakers are as follows:

- (1) Head-to-Head Play.
- (2) Goals scored.
- (3) Goals against.
- (4) Coin Toss.

c. Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2021/2022 FIFA Rules unless otherwise covered by these by-laws.

d. Length of game will consist of two, 20-minute halves, and a three minute half-time period.

f. Seven substitutions per match and must occur at halfway line and must not interfere with play.

g. Yellow cards will not accumulate from game to game.

h. Each team provides one ball chaser.

i. Red card ejection suspensions will be dependent upon severity and will be handled on a case by case basis.

j. All players must remain seated on the bench during matches. Exception is allowed for warming up to enter the match.

k. **No slide tackles allowed.**

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.

9. **EQUIPMENT:**

a. No Pockets or zippers.

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

- c. Shin guards must be worn at all times.
- d. Only tennis shoes, turf shoes, or all rubber molded cleats only. No screw-in cleats allowed.
- e. No jewelry is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- f. Players must have coordinated jerseys with different numbers.
- g. Teams and spectators are not allowed to use electronic communications devices to communicate with players, during the game.

Penalty: Player will be sent to sideline in order to remedy situation and may be replaced by teammate if available. Offending player may not return until equipment is made legal. If offending player is found in the game with illegal equipment or improper equipment, a second time said player will be ejected from the game, and may be replaced by another available player. This is for illegal equipment not improper uniform.

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.

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 behavior and all cussing with a red card penalty.

The first red card received by a player will result in an ejection from the game and a warning being filed. The second red card will result again in an ejection from the game and a suspension from additional games, depending on severity. All red card suspensions are at the discretion of the League Director. The third red card 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 yellow card.

**13. DRINKING/SMOKING/
CHEWING TOBACCO:**

No alcohol, smoking, vaping, or use of chewing tobacco is permitted on or around the playing area. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol, smoking or using chewing tobacco will not be permitted to enter the playing area.

14. COACHES MEETING: A coaches meeting will be held on 16 August 2022 at the Soldier Activity Center at 1800. This clinic is mandatory for all coaches. The season will begin on 22 August 2022.

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

16. 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.

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. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: See COVID-19 Safety Protocols and note that there will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this attachment at any time.

**19. LEAGUE
DIRECTOR:**

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