ADMISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING

FORT BLISS – OPEN FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

# 21 - 23 June 2019

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

 b.2009-2010 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (T.A.A.F.) Flag Football Rules & Officials Manual.

2. **WHAT:** Fort Bliss Open Flag Football Tournament

3. **WHEN:** 21 – 23 June 2019. Games start: 21 June – 1800

 22 June – 0900

 23 June - 0900

4. **WHERE:** Stout PFC Field

5. **ELIGIBLITY:** a. Open to the public 18+ and older. Players must present ID prior to their scheduled games. Lack of proper ID will result in player being ineligible to play in tournament.

b. Team rosters will be limited to 15 players, and one non-playing coach. Rosters must be turned in to the Sports Office by 15 June 2019. The roster must consist of a team captain POC, and First/Last name, email, and contact number of each player.

All roster updates must be made prior to scheduled game.

c. 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.

6. **REGISTRATION:** $199 per team – Early Bird Registration, 25 Apr thru 24 May 2019

$225 per team – Registration, 25 May thru 8 Jun 2019.

$250 per team - Late Registration, 9 Jun thru 15 Jun 2019

3 Game Guarantee.

Register at Soto and Stout Physical Fitness Centers.

7. **COACHES MEETING:** Coaches meeting will take place at event location 30 min prior to

 start of tournament. All coaches must be present.

8. **PLAY:** Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2009-2010 T.A.A.F. Flag Rules (7 V 7) unless otherwise covered by these by-laws:

a. Tournament format will be 3 game guarantee.

b. Length of game will be two-18 minute halves with a 7 play period at the end of each half. The only time the clock will stop during the 18 minutes of each half will be for injuries and time-outs.

 c. Half-time is 3 minutes.

d. Each team will be allowed two 30-second time outs each half and will not carry over to the second half. Over-time periods are extensions of the second half and any time outs not used in the second half will be available for the over-time as well as an additional time out per over time period.

e. Tiebreaker: Ball will be placed on the 40 yard line and each team will have 4 consecutive plays unless terminated by an interception, in which to score the most points or gain the most yards. If no team scores, the team that gains the most additional positive yardage shall be the winner. Positive yardage is defined as yardage gained while on offense only and must be in advance of the 40 yard line. If after 4 consecutive downs each, the two teams remain tied in all of the above combinations, additional downs will be played, one down at a time, alternating until a winner is decided.

f. If a team is winning by 17 or more points by the 18 min. mark or at any time during the 7 play period the score differential becomes 17 or more points, the game will be officially called.

 g. A team can start the game with a minimum of 6 players.

9. **EQUIPMENT:**  a. **Only** rubber molded cleats are acceptable. Any shoe with removable studs will not be allowed.

b. Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape - **NO METAL SHOWING.**

c. Pockets and zippers cannot be worn by players during games. Shorts/pants cannot be yellow or red, or have yellow or red stripes. The colors of the flags being worn for games are yellow and/or red.

 d. **No** jewelry is allowed.

e. Game jerseys will be provided. If team provided jerseys are in question, players will be required to wear jerseys provided by MWR. Jerseys will be tucked in at all times. 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). Do-Rags are not acceptable headwear.

f. Team jerseys should be of a non-offensive manner as far as logos, decorations, trim, commemorative patches, etc.

 10. **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 an unsportsmanlike conduct flag and 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 game will result in a meeting with the Tournament Director for a possible suspension. The third ejection will result in an automatic ejection from the tournament.

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.

11. **DRINKING/SMOKING/** Alcohol, smoking or use of chewing tobacco is **NOT** permitted

**CHEWING TOBACCO:** on the playing field. 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 on or near the fields. Glass bottles are completely prohibited from the Sports Complex area.

12. **PETS:** Dogs 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.

13. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** During 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.

14. **TOURNAMENT**

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