ADMISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING

FORT BLISS – OPEN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

# 1 – 3 November 2019

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

b. 2018/2019 USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws.

2. **WHAT:** Fort Bliss Open Softball Tournament

3. **WHEN:** 1 – 3 Nov 2019, game start: 1 Nov – 1800

2 Nov – 0900

3 Nov – 0900

4. **WHERE:** Omar Bradley Complex, 2953 Carter Rd.

5. **ELIGIBLITY:** a. Open to the public 18+ and older. Players must present a picture 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 typed and turned in to the Sports Office by 25 Oct 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 a scheduled game.

6. **REGISTRATION:** $199 per team - Early Bird Registration, 5 Sep thru 5 Oct 2019

$225 per team – Registration, 6 Oct thru 19 Oct 2019

$250 per team - Late Registration: 20 Oct thru 25 Oct 2019

3 Game Guarantee.

Register at Soto or 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 2018/2019 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 run ahead limit while at bat. Whenever the visiting team reaches the limit in the fourth or fifth inning, the home team must have their opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the 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 tournament.

i. A team can start the game with a minimum of 8 players.

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

k. The home run limitation is three.

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.

e. Only tennis shoes and all rubber cleats are acceptable.

f. No jewelry is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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 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 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.

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 games, 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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