ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING

FORT BLISS - COMMANDER’S CUP INDOOR SOCCER

**1 May 2023**

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

 b. 2022/2023 Futsal Laws of the Game, FIFA Rules.

2. **WHAT:** Commander’s Cup Indoor Soccer

3. **WHEN:** Regular Season: 1 May 2023 – 22 Jun 2023.

Post Championship Tournament: 19 – 22 Jun 2023.

4. **WHERE:** Soto Physical Fitness Center.

5. **DIVISION :** Each MSC Command will register in the following divisions **STRUCTURE** with the coordinator indicated below:

 **(Please register directly with your league director indicated below.)**

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6. **ELIGIBLITY:** 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 12 players, and one non-playing coach. 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 submit 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. All players must play in at least one regular season game to be eligible to play in their league tournament and/or Post Championship. No exceptions.

e. 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. Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2022/2023 Futsal Laws of the Game, FIFA Rules unless otherwise covered by these by-laws.

 b. Five players on the court per team, teams can start with a minimum of 4 players.

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

d. Each team will be allowed one one-minute time outs each half and will not carry over to the second half.

e. Each team will be allowed 6 substitutions during the match.

f. Kick-ins will be taken in place of the throw in. The ball will be placed on the touch line before it is kicked. The kickers’ non-kicking foot must be outside or touching the touch line. If the non-kicking foot completely crosses the touch line on to the pitch the opposing team will take possession and be awarded a kick in. The kick in must be taken within 5 seconds. The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player. The violation of the rule will result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team from the point of violation. **Teams cannot score from a kick in. No slide tackling.**

g. There are two types of free kicks – direct and indirect. The kicks must be taken within four seconds. A wall can be set up no closer than 5 meters away from the ball. The ball must travel the distance of its own circumference to be in play.

h. Once a team has accumulated five fouls during a half from the sixth foul on, that team will NOT be allowed to set up a defensive wall, all kicks will be direct free kicks.

i. Fouls committed within twelve meters of the goal line shall incur a direct free kick from the point of the foul. Fouls committed twelve meters and beyond from the goal line shall incur a direct free kick from the second penalty spot.

j. League rankings will be based on win percentage:

 (1) Win – 3 points

 (2) Tie – 1point

 (3) Loss – 0 points

k. 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) Goals scored.

 (2) Goals against.

 (3) Coin Toss.

l. Tie Score at the completion of a tournament game will result in a shoot out between the players present on the playing floor, at the end of the game. No substitutes will be allowed for shoot out except for injury.

8. **FORFEITS:** a. 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.Only non-marking court shoes are acceptable.

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

c. Shin guards must be worn at all times.

d. Gym shorts with zipper/pockets are NOT ALLOWED to be worn during games.

 e. No jewelry is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

 f. Teams and spectators are not allowed to use electronic

 communication 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 24 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 that player must now meet with the League Director for a possible suspension. 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/** No alcohol, smoking or use of chewing tobacco is permitted on

**CHEWING TOBACCO:** 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:** Coaches meetingwill be held on 18 Apr 2023, Soldier

Activity Center at 1800. This clinic is for all coaches (or team POC); players are encouraged to attend. The season will begin on 1 May 2023.

15. **POST CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Post Championship Tournament will start on Monday, 19 – 22 Jun 2023.

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. **LEAGUE**

 **DIRECTOR:** Paul Fernandez, 915-744-5792

19. **POST TOURNAMENT**

**DIRECTOR:** Teia Mack, 915-744-5785

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