



## Fort Campbell Recreation Division Commitments

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# Sports & Fitness

## 2019 Battalion Softball Post Championship

### Memorandum of Instruction

**1. Purpose:** This Memorandum of Instruction prescribes the operational procedures for conduct of the 2019 Fort Campbell Battalion Softball Post Championship.

**2. References:** AR 215-1, dated 22 June 2011, Military Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

**3. Objectives of the program:**

a. To encourage competition within the battalion at the lowest practicable echelon of command.

b. To enhance team morale and unit esprit de corps.

c. To encourage leisure activity and enhance physical fitness.

d. To enhance Army readiness, as well as community relationships.

**4. General:**

a. 2019 Fort Campbell Battalion Softball Post Championship will be conducted from 15 July thru 15 August.

b. Registration forms are available at the Sports Office located at Fryar Stadium, Bldg 5666 Wickham Ave., or [www.campbell.armymwr.com](http://www.campbell.armymwr.com). Completed registration forms must be submitted to the Sports Office by 8 July.

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## **5. Eligibility:**

a. All personnel assigned to the battalion are eligible to participate. Major unit/separate Battalion Commanders and Sergeants Major desiring to participate may play with a designated battalion within their commands.

b. Individuals must play with the battalion to which they are assigned or attached. Personnel must be assigned or attached to the battalion for which they participate at least 21 days prior to any post championship unless they are newly assigned to Fort Campbell. SIDPERS C-27 or competent attachment orders will be the authorized documents for determining eligibility.

c. When a participant is declared ineligible because he/she either is not a bona fide member of the battalion he/she is representing or has not met the requirement of paragraph 5a, the following penalty will be imposed upon the offending battalion: LOSS OF GAME(S) and the team will not be eligible for tournament play. Protest must be made in writing within 24 hours of the contested game.

d. If a team drops from the league, players of that team will not participate with any other team.

## **6. Type and schedule of competition:**

a. League Play: Competition will consist of Round Robin League Play. Games will be scheduled at 1800, 1900 and 2000, Monday through Thursday.

b. Tournament: At conclusion of league play, a double elimination tournament will be conducted. All teams completing league play will be eligible for the tournament.

c. Forfeits: A team that is not present at the scheduled league or tournament game time will forfeit the game. One forfeit of a tournament match will eliminate a team from the tournament.

d. Military Contingencies: Games can be rescheduled due to military contingencies. In order to ensure timely notification for officials and opponents, all requests to reschedule matches must be submitted prior to 1400 on the day of the scheduled match. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in game forfeiture. Teams forfeiting two matches during league play will be dropped from further competition.

## **7. Team composition and rosters:**

a. Each battalion of your assigned brigade may enter one team comprised of no more than fifteen (15) members including playing and non-playing coaches.

b. Separate battalions will form provisional team(s). Roster information: grade of each player, telephone number of the coach and commander's approval.

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c. Team alpha rosters must be submitted to the Sports Branch in writing no later than 8 July. Once the roster has been submitted and prior to the team's first game of the tournament, an unlimited number of roster changes may be made. However, prior to the first tournament game, no changes will be permitted during the remainder of the tournament.

**8. Team representatives meeting:** All coaches or designated team representatives must attend a meeting at 1100, on 11 July at South Complex to finalize entries and discuss play.

**9. Rules:** See Fort Campbell Softball Rulebook. A summary of those amendments are as follows:

a. Game time is forfeit time.

b. Teams can begin game with 9 players; however, an out will be declared at the time the tenth player bats.

c. Protests will be settled by the umpire crew prior to the end of the game, with the exception of ineligible players. (The Sports Office will rule on ineligible players.)

d. Bat boys/girls will not be allowed in the dugout or playing areas.

e. Teams must notify the Sports Office 24 hours in advance of a cancellation of a game to avoid forfeiture of game.

f. Profane language, alcoholic beverages, vapor products, and tobacco products inside the North and South Complexes will not be tolerated at any time.

g. The penalty for fighting (instigating a fight or retaliating), is suspension for the remainder of the season. Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct causing physical damage to persons, players, coaches, managers, officials, staff, private or government property prior, during, or after a contest may eliminate the individual(s) from participating in all sports programs for one year.

h. A player or coach who is ejected from a contest will be ineligible for the next scheduled game.

i. There will be a 5 home run limit, per team, per game, thereafter it will be an out.

j. Commanders and/or SGM will be allowed on team bench however other non-players are not authorized.

k. Flip/Flop rule. In the inning when the run rule is exceeded and the home team is losing, the home team will remain at bat and become the visiting team. If the new visiting team (old home team) does not score enough runs to reduce the run difference below the run rule, the game is over. If they reduce the run difference to below the run rule, then the new home team (old visiting team) will bat. If they subsequently score enough runs to exceed the run rule the game is over, if they do not the game will continue under that format. If the situation reverses, the teams would flip/flop again

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I. Run rule 20 after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 15 after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, and 10 after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**10. Awards:** Team awards will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams from the tournament.

**11. Equipment:** The Sports Branch will prepare the facility and provide softballs.

**12. Officials:** The Sports Branch will provide officials for the league/ tournament.

**13. Action Officer:** The Sports Director, telephone 798-3320, will act upon any situation that arises and is not covered by this MOI.

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