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# **Sports & Fitness**

# 2025 Battalion and Unit Level Commanders Cup

#### Memorandum of Instruction

- **1. Purpose:** This memorandum provides administrative guidelines for the conduct of the Fort Campbell Unit-Level Commander's Cup Sports Program. This program is operated by the Sports and Fitness Branch of the Recreation Division, in the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR).
- **2. Reference:** AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare, Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.

#### 3. Objectives of the program:

- a. To encourage unit-level competition and promote unit esprit de corps.
- b. To enhance resiliency, physical fitness, readiness, camaraderie and cohesion.
- c. To recognize participation and achievement in unit-level sports.
- d. To provide meaningful alternatives to potentially aberrant behaviors.
- **4. Scope:** This program applies to all units assigned to Fort Campbell Commanding General's Cup Sports Program. Commanders are strongly encouraged to support this program to the maximum extent possible. Each Commander's Cup Program year is based on the calendar year, 1 Oct 2025 thru 31 September 2026.

## 5. General:

a. The Fort Campbell Unit-Level Commander's Cup Program emphasizes participation at the lowest practical echelon of command while providing opportunities for the greatest number of personnel to participate. The program is conducted through structured competition in leagues, tournaments and championships.

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- b. The program is built on the principle set forth by General Douglas MacArthur when he said, "Upon the fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds that upon other fields on other days, will bear the fruits of victory." This program is a crucible where military sports and the human spirit combine to bring Soldiers together.
- c. The DFMWR Sports and Fitness Branch will publish memorandums of instruction (MOI) that govern the competition for each program. Each MOI addresses the type and schedule of competition, eligibility, team composition and rosters, rules, equipment, forfeits, officials and equipment. Awards and officials will be provided by the Sports and Fitness Branch.
  - d. Competitions will be played either at company or battalion level depending on season.
  - (1) Team Competitions:
    - (a) Basketball Company and Battalion Level
    - (b) Soccer Company and Battalion Level
    - (c) Softball Company and Battalion Level
    - (d) Flag Football Company and Battalion Level
    - (e) Indoor Soccer- Battalion Level
    - (f) Volleyball Battalion Level
    - (g) Skeet Competition Battalion Level
- (2). Supplemental rules and other general information will be provided prior to the start of each league and/or tournament. League play will be followed by a post season tournament in which all teams with a .500 or better record will advance. The number of leagues throughout the post will be determined by the number of teams submitted. Fort Campbell amendments will be applied to each sport accordingly
  - a. The National Governing Bodies Rules used are:
    - (1) National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball
    - (2) U.S. Soccer Federation Soccer
    - (3) Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Softball
    - (4) USA Volleyball (USAV) Volleyball
    - (5) United States Flag and Touch Football (NIRSA) Flag Football
    - (6) U.S. Bowling Congress Bowling
    - (7) National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Skeet

# 6. Eligibility:

- a. Only Active Duty Military Personnel assigned or attached to Fort Campbell on official orders are eligible to participate in the Fort Campbell Commanding General's Cup Intramural Sports Program.
- b. All units in the Fort Campbell military community (brigade, battalion, company, battery and/or detachments) are eligible to enter one (1) team to represent that unit in league/championship play, as long as all members are assigned or attached through official orders.
  - c. Unit Level Participation:
- (1) Unit level competition will be limited to Regular Tables of Organization and Equipment/Tables of Distribution and Allowances (TOE/TDA) battalions, companies, batteries, troops and/or equivalent sized units.
- (2) Participation with one company level team renders the individual ineligible to participate with another company team during the current season.
- (3) Participant will be assigned or attached by orders to the unit they represent prior to the start of league play.
- (4) Individuals must play with the Battalion or Company to which they are assigned or attached. Personnel must be assigned or attached to the unit for which they participate at least 45 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.
- (5) When a participant is declared ineligible because he/she either is not a bona fide member of the unit he/she is representing or has not met the requirement of paragraph 5a, the following penalty will be imposed upon the offending unit: (Removal from Season). The team will no longer be able to participate in the season. Protest must be made on site by reporting to the Representative of the Sports and Fitness Office. All games in which the ineligible player participated in will be declared forfeits and the league/championship standings will be adjusted accordingly.
- (6) Unit Commanders, League Coordinators, Team POC's and the Fort Campbell Sports Director will ensure all players meet eligibility requirements.
- (a) All players are subject to an ID card check/verification at the discretion of the Sports Director/League Coordinator.
- d. Players of teams that have been dropped from the league due to forfeits are not eligible to participate with any other team for the remainder of that sports season. If a player is found to

be participating with another unit, that team will automatically be dropped from the league and/or Championship and forfeit all Commanders' Cup points for that subject sport.

#### 7. Entries:

- a. Units may enter one team in the Commander's Cup Leagues by submitting a Team Roster form, signed by their Commander, to the Fort Campbell Sports Director or Intramural League Director during or prior to the Coaches Meeting. The team coach will provide a copy of the complete, official unit Alpha Roster to the Sports Director or League Director no later than one week prior to the begin of league play. All individuals listed on the Alpha roster are eligible to play.
- b. Units are authorized to drop or add players from their team Roster at any time. It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure any player meets all eligibility requirements (section 5) prior to participation.
- c. All units advancing to the Post Championship must submit a final Team Roster form to the Sports Director or Intramural League Director at the Championship Tournament coaches meeting. Players can no longer be added or dropped once the Championship Tournament has begun.
- d. League Schedules will be published one week prior to the start of league play. Championship Tournament Brackets will be published three days prior to the start of Championship play.

# 8. League/Championship Play:

- a. Coaches must notify the Intramural League Coordinator by 1400 of the scheduled League games' day in order for that game to be postponed and not ruled a forfeit. Coaches are responsible to notify the Intramural League Director on the Team Roster form of any military commitments that may affect game scheduling before the league schedule is published.
- b. Postponements will be rescheduled during league play, providing the game has a bearing on the league final standings. There will be no postponements during tournament play.
- c. The scheduled starting time is game time. The first game of each day may be granted a 5 minute grace period at the determination of the Intramural League Director. All other games will be a strict "game time is forfeit time" policy. Only the Intramural League Director reserves the right to supersede this policy if he/she chooses to do so.
- d. Every effort will be made to ensure all games are played or rescheduled to play. Tournament bracket games will not be rescheduled.
- e. If a team is dropped or withdraws from league play, all games played will stand. The remaining scheduled games will remain and be considered wins for the opponents, unless special circumstances apply.

f. Teams that forfeit two games will be dropped from the league and forfeit all Commanders' Cup points for that subject sport.

# 9. Responsibilities:

- a. All Unit commanders or his/her designee will:
- (1) Appoint the coach of his/her unit team. Selected personnel should have working knowledge of the sport they will coach.
- (2) Ensure that coach or designated representative attends the pre-season coaches organizational meeting conducted by the Sports Director.
  - (3) Promote maximum participation from the unit.
  - (4) Ensure that Soldiers are eligible to play for the unit.
  - (5) Inform the Sports Director Office of field training and schedule changes at least 24 hours prior to training.
  - b. The Sports and Fitness Branch will:
    - (1) Prepare facilities and provide officials
    - (2) Provide competitive equipment and supplies
    - (3) Determine and announce dates of entry and periods of competition
    - (4) Conduct coaches organizational meetings
    - (5) Rule on forfeits or protests
    - (6) Prepare and distribute administrative guidelines for each specific sport
    - (7) Publish schedules of competition
    - (8) Maintain league and tournament standings
    - (9) Coordinate publicity and promotion through all available media

## 10. Commander's Cup Awards/Points:

- a. The Commander's Cup will be awarded to winning units by the Garrison Commander. Teams will also be commemorated on a plaque in the sports office. The Commanders Cup Award Ceremony will take place TBD after the playing seasons have concluded.
- b. Points are awarded according to how an individual or team places in event, league and/or championship competition. Points will be awarded to the top three finalists in tournament play.

- c. A unit team may only receive points for one team per sport. The highest placing unit team in the final standings will be awarded unit points that count toward the Commander's Cup standings only one team pet unit may participate in the program.
- d. Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie, the unit with the most participation in the leagues and tournaments will win, if there is still a tie the unit having the least number of forfeitures during the entire course of the Commander's Cup year will win. If still tied after that both units will receive a co-championship award.
  - e. Awarding of participation points will be as follows:

Teams finishing in top three during league play and Tournament play will be awarded points as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	75 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	50 Points

**11. Program Director / Management:** The Fort Campbell Sports Director is the point of contact for this MOI and all other information pertaining to the Fort Campbell Intramural Sports Program. Contact information: Charles Robinson, 270-798-7504 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:Charles.e.robinson120.naf@army.mil">Charles.e.robinson120.naf@army.mil</a>