

#### **Fort Campbell Recreation Division Commitments**

Support Military Mission
Enhance Well-Being
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# **Sports & Fitness**

# 2015 Battalion-Level Flag Football Tournament

### **Memorandum of Instruction**

- **1. Purpose:** This Memorandum of Instruction prescribes the operational procedures for conduct of the 2015 Fort Campbell Battalion-Level Flag Football Program.
- **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. Encourage competition at the unit-level.
- b. Enhance unit esprit de corps.
- c. Enhance physical fitness and strengthen community.

#### 4. General:

- a. 2015 Fort Campbell Battalion-Level Flag Football Program will be conducted from 16 March 2015 thru 1 April
- b. Registration and roster forms are available on the web or FMWR Sports Office located at Fryar Stadium, Bldg 5666 Wickham Ave., or <a href="https://www.fortcampbellmwr.com">www.fortcampbellmwr.com</a>. Completed registration forms and rosters must be submitted to the Sports Office by close of business 1600hrs. 6 March 2015.

#### 5. Eligibility:

a. All personnel assigned to the specific battalion roster are eligible to participate. Major unit/separate battalion commanders and sergeants major desiring to participate may play with a designated battlion within their commands.

- b. Individuals must play with the unit 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.
- c. 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: LOSS OF GAME(S). 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.
- e. Personnel who are assigned to units which will not be organizing a team in the 2015 battalion Level Intramural Flag Football League/Tournament, and are desirous of participating, will be allowed to play with another team provided that team is within the same battalion and/or brigade element. They will also be required to furnish a letter of release from their commander as well as a letter of acceptance from the gaining unit's commander. These letters must be filed with the Sport's Director prior to participation. The cut-off date for such action is 06 March 2015; requests submitted after this date will be disapproved. The Sport's Director will sign and date each letter and then provide a copy of those letters to team coaches while retaining the original letters on file.
- f. Each player playing must be listed on the original roster turned in at the beginning of the season, if a player is playing on a team that is not on the roster, a penalty will be imposed: the team in question will lose that game automatically.

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

- a. League Play: Competition will consist of a double elimination tournament. Games will be scheduled at 1800, 1900 and 2000, Monday through Thursday..
- b. Postponements and Forfeits: The Sports/Fitness Branch will not accept postponement for any reason other than post-wide alerts. Forfeiture of two scheduled game will automatically eliminate a team from season play as well as all tournament play.
- c. 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 game. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in match forfeiture. Teams forfeiting two matches during league play will be dropped from further competition. Games cannot be rescheduled during tournament play.
- d. Unit POCs are responsible for submitting any dates that they will not be available to compete (due to a military contingency which does not exceed 24 hours in duration) to the Sports Director NLT 1600, 06 September. For those units which comply with this deadline, every effort will be made to accommodate their military contingency when formulating the

tournament schedule. After the deadline, rescheduling flexibility will be extremely limited and will require concurrence from all teams affected by any proposed rescheduling

#### 7. Team composition and rosters:

- a. Each Battalion may enter one team only. Roster information: grade of each player, telephone number of the coach and commander's approval. Only 20 players per team are allowed on the sidelines per game. There will be no civilian players on any team. If a civilian player is found on any team the team will be immediately forfeited and will no longer be eligible for tournament play.
- b. Team rosters must be submitted to the Sports Branch in writing no later than March 06, 2015. 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. All roster changes must be made by 1600 (close of business) the day of the game.
- **8. Team representatives meeting:** All coaches or designated team representatives must attend a meeting at 1100, on March 11, 2015 at 5666 Wickham Avenue (Fryar Stadium) to finalize entries and discuss play.
- **9. Rules:** Intramural flag football rules published by DFMWR Sports/Fitness Branch, will apply with provisions as follows:
  - a. Game time is forfeit time.
  - b. Teams should arrive 30 minutes prior to game time.
- c. Home team will be listed first on the schedule. (home team wears gold pennies, visitors wear read pennies).
- d. Playing time for each half will be 20 minutes running time, except for the last minute of the first and second halves; the clock will be stopped in accordance with the rules.
  - e. All players are eligible to receive the ball.
- f. Kicking for field goals and extra points are not allowed. Running or passing as follows must score tries for points following touchdowns:
  - (1) 3 yards 1 point.
  - (2) 10 yards 2 points.

- g. If the game ends in a tie score, the team penetrating or advancing the ball into the opponent's territory after the series of eight alternating plays shall be declared the winner. If a touchdown is scored, play shall resume after the try for points by scrimmage at mid-field and the series will be completed.
- h. Protest will not be allowed unless it is in question of the eligibility of a player(s). The officials will settle will settle all other rule protests at the time they occur.
- i. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs by team members is prohibited before or during matches.
- j. Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct causing physical damage to personnel, players, coaches, managers, private or government property prior to, during, or after a contest may eliminate the individual(s) from participating in all sports programs for one year. Such an occurrence will be investigated and facts pertaining to the incident will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for review.
- k. In all situations where a play is in progress and a ball carrier loses one or both flags, either accidentally or inadvertently, the reflagging reverts to one hand touch of the ball carrier between the shoulders and the knees.
- I. Commanders and/or SGM will be allowed on team bench however other non-players are not authorized.
- m. Uniform and equipment; no pocket allowed on pants/shorts, pants/shorts may not be same color as belts, i.e. red/yellow belts no red/yellow shorts.
- **10. Awards:** Team awards will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams from the tournament.
- 11. Equipment: The Sports Branch will provide team flags, jerseys, and balls for all games.
- **12. Officials:** The Sports Branch will provide officials for the league/ tournament.
- **13. Action Officer:** The Sports Director, telephone 798-3094, will act upon any situation that arises and is not covered by this MOI.

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