

LEAGUE COORDINATORS (LC)

UNIT LEVEL INTRAMURAL COACHES & PLAYERS

SUBJECT: Fort Bragg Sports 2022 Commander's Cup Basketball Program.

1. Reference Army Regulation 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.
2. Purpose. To provide policies and procedures to assist LCs and Unit Level Coaches/Players with the implementation of the Fort Bragg 2022 Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball League/Tournament.
3. General.

a. 2022 Commander's Cup Basketball League/Tournament schedule:

(1) Unit level (detachment, company, troop, battery or activity) intramural basketball league play is from January 24 – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Units desiring to enter a team for league play are encouraged to begin the registration process online at <http://bragg.armymwr.com/us/bragg/categories/sports-and-fitness/>. By doing so, the team point of contact (POC) will be forwarded all pertinent information related to the CC' Basketball Program. Teams are required to submit a team roster to the Sports Office (bldg #190, 3725 Reilly Street, Pope Airfield), signed by their unit commander. Rosters will include the following: name, rank, unit, and team primary and secondary POCs to include duty phone number and e-mail address. Rosters must also include a statement from the Commander verifying that all Soldiers listed are assigned to the respective unit. A roster example is at enclosure 1. Teams failing to meet this deadline will still be allowed to play; however, they will not be included on the initial schedule.

(2) Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball post tournament (double elimination) will be scheduled in March 2022 depending on the number of league teams at the end of the season.

b. Player eligibility.

(1) All active duty military personnel assigned or attached to units physically located at Fort Bragg are eligible to participate. All eligible personnel will participate with their assigned unit and must be so identified on the unit's Zero Balance Sheet.

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(2) 1-Game Player Addition Form: If a player is new to the unit or not included on the original roster they are eligible to participate in one game. They will not be allowed to participate in any subsequent game until an updated team roster signed by the Commander or 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. is submitted by the unit's next game. Any player that is temporarily being added to the roster via 1-Game Player Addition form will be required to produce a copy of their military orders to validate their eligibility to participate with that respective unit. If a player arrives to the unit during league or base level tournaments, player will be allowed to play with proof of orders.

(3) If a protest results from the alleged use of an ineligible player during league competition, and protest upheld, the offending team will forfeit the game. If a protest is upheld on a second eligibility offense during league competition, the team will be eliminated from further competition. If a protest results from use of an ineligible player during the post tournament, protest upheld, the offending team will be eliminated from the tournament.

(4) For all games, team members must have their military identification (ID) card. All participants ID cards will be checked against the roster prior to every game to confirm player eligibility. Players who fail to present their military ID card will not be allowed to participate.

c. Protests.

(1) Player eligibility will be the only grounds for protests. Misapplication of rules, teams will be required to follow the correctable error procedures.

(2) Eligibility protests must be brought to the attention of game officials and/or the site supervisor before the end of game and annotated in the official scorebook. Game officials or the site supervisor will then gather pertinent data from the player or players in question (check ID card and confirm name, rank, and SSN). All eligibility protests will be reviewed and ruled upon by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) staff.

(3) The League Commissioner, and Sports Director will adjudicate any situation requiring further due process. If necessary, site coordinators and team captains/managers may be called for further detailed information during the research of information phase. The Sports Office, League Commissioner and Sports Director, and if necessary sports staff, decision will be considered final.

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(4). Rules. **National Federation of State High School Associations rules** will govern the 2022 Commander's Cup Basketball League and Tournament. Game rules may be obtained through the NFHS site at the following <https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/basketball/>. The Sports Office will not provide rulebooks to teams but the by-laws will be made handy via the established date of coaches/manager's meeting. Fort Bragg Basketball by-laws will also govern all play. Any additional information for NHFS or Fort Bragg Intramural sports by-laws can be obtained at the Sports Office, Bldg. 190, 3725 Reilly Street, Pope Army Airfield.

d. All teams are required to be present at their scheduled game time. Teams not present at the scheduled league or tournament game time will be allowed to begin the game with four players. There will be a 5 minute grace period for the first game only.

e. It is the responsibility of all units participating in the intramural sports program to provide their own medical support and trainers.

#### 4. 2022 Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball League Play:

a. Unit organization. Two company level units may merge prior to the start of league play provided they are within the same brigade or major subordinate command.

##### b. Team rosters.

(1) In order to participate, personnel must be identified on a properly completed roster. Noncompliance will result in forfeiture of the game.

(2) Team rosters, signed by the unit commander, must be submitted to the Sports Office prior to league participation. Rosters must include the following: name, rank, unit, team POC to include duty phone number, and e-mail address. Additionally, the rosters must include a verification statement from the unit Commander (a roster example is included at encl 1). Teams will not be scheduled until their team roster has been submitted. Team rosters are not limited to 14 players; therefore, all potential players should be listed. Rosters may be updated throughout the season; however, once the post tournament begins, rosters cannot be amended. **EXCEPTION:** Personnel who report to Fort Bragg from another installation (following the start of the post tournament) may be added to the roster. A copy of their orders must be included as an attachment to the roster.

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c. Once a player starts with a team, he/she must remain with that team during all intramural basketball competition. This requirement is also applicable for those units which field two teams. Should a team fold, players may not join another team.

d. Personnel who are assigned to a unit which will not be organizing a team in the Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball League/Tournament will be allowed to play with another unit. They will be required to furnish a letter of release from their commander as well as a letter of acceptance from the gaining unit's commander (letter examples are included at encl 2). These letters must be filed with the Intramural Sports Director (ISD) prior to participation. The SD will sign and date each letter and then provide a copy of those letters to team coaches while retaining the original letters on file. PLEASE NOTE – TEAMS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO ADD TWO PLAYERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER UNIT.

e. League competition will involve either a single or double round robin format. Due to field exercises and other military commitments, it must be understood that a double round robin may not be attainable for all teams. Furthermore, in order to ensure that available teams have the opportunity to continue with uninterrupted play, inter-league games or additional league games with common opponents may be scheduled. As a result, league champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be determined by winning percentage.

(1) Only the first two games played against a common league opponent will be factored into a team's winning percentage. Inter-league games will not be factored into a team's winning percentage. To be eligible for either first or second place during regular season league play, teams must have played at least one game against each of the top four teams in the final league standings and at least 75% of the average number of games played per team.

f. Policies and procedures for cancellation and rescheduling league and pre-post level tournament games will be established by the unit POC, to include Commander or First Sgt. However, when a game is cancelled and/or rescheduled for any reason, the LC must be notified NLT 1300 on the date the change is to take place. Units failing to notify their LC of their unavailability to play prior to 1300 on the day of the scheduled game will be required to forfeit the game.

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g. Units forfeiting two games during league play will be dropped from further competition.

5. Commander's Cup Basketball Post Tournament play.

a. Prior to tournament play, team POCs are responsible for ensuring that their most current roster has been submitted to the League Commissioner, Harold Stallworth, or sports office.

b. For any 1 tournament game, a team will be allowed 15 total members including coaches.

c. Cancellation and rescheduling of Post Tournament games.

(1) Unit POCs are responsible for submitting any dates that their team will not be available to compete (due to a military mission, contingency or training which exceed 24 hours in duration) to the ISD NLT 1200, 9 March. 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.

(2) Post level tournament games, with the exception of semifinal and championship games, not played because of military contingencies lasting longer than 24 hours will result in an automatic forfeit.

(3) For semifinal and championship games, every effort will be made to accommodate units which will be involved with a military contingency lasting longer than 24 hours.

d. Schedule for Commander's Cup Basketball Post Tournament Games will be published by prior to the start of the tournament.

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e. The top two finishers from regular season play will automatically qualify for the post tournament. Two additional teams from each league will advance to the post tournament and those teams will be determined by a modified single elimination league tournament (involving all league teams) that will immediately follow the conclusion of league play. League tournaments will be a double elimination tournament.

6. Rules. General Rules of play are as follows: NFHS (High School Rules) Rules and Interpretations and local by-laws or amendments will govern all play. A summary of those amendments are as follows:

- a. **The game will consist of two 18-minute halves running clock time except for the last 2-minutes of the second half.** During the last 2-minutes of the game, the clock will operate in accordance with official rules. During the last 2-minutes of the game, the clock will operate in accordance with official rules with the exception: **If a team is up by 20 or more points the clock will not stop. Mercy rule: If a team is up by 45 or more points in the second half the game will be complete/over.** During running time, the clock will be stopped exclusively for officials' time-outs, player injuries and emergencies as deemed by game officials. .
- b. Teams will be allowed three time-outs per half Time-outs will be 2 30-seconds and 1-60 seconds time out per half. Time out do not carry over. 1 extra time out will be issued for each OT period.
- c. No shot clock will be used.
- d. All participants must wear court shoes. No Boots allowed on game floor or sideline areas to include coaches, managers and unit leadership. No boots allowed on game areas.
- e. Line-ups are to be submitted to the official scorekeeper within 10-minutes prior to game time. Noncompliance will result in a technical foul.
- f. Teams will be allowed to begin a game with 4 players.
- g. The half-time rest period will be four minutes in duration.
- h. Overtime periods will be two-minutes in duration which will be running time except for the last minute of play. At one-minute remaining the clock will stop with dead-ball situations, time-outs and emergencies i.e. IAW official rules.

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i. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs by team members is prohibited before or during games.

j. Any player or coach who is ejected from a league or post tournament game, will be suspended for one game and thus be ineligible to participate in the next game which his/her team plays. If a player or coach is ejected a second time during the course of the season, that player/coach will be suspended for the next two games in which his/her team plays. On a third ejection, that player/coach will be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season. Any player or coach who intentionally makes physical contact with an official or Sports and Physical Fitness Branch representative, will be subject to immediate suspension for an indefinite period. Such an occurrence will be investigated by this headquarters and facts pertaining to the incident will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for review.

7. A rules clinic will be conducted on 20 January 2022 at Hercules PFC at 1830 hrs.

8. Awards. League and post tournament awards will be presented. Post tournament awards will be presented to members of the first and second place teams, all-tournament team, MVP and Co-MVP.

9. Please contact the Sports Office for more details at 910-3961217/1218

(OFFICE SYMBOL)

(DATE)

**Roster Example**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FORT BRAGG SPORTS OFFICE

SUBJECT: Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball Roster for 657<sup>th</sup> Medical Company

**Rank/Name**

Team point of contact is (Name) \_\_\_\_\_, (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned verifies that each Soldier listed on this roster is assigned to 357<sup>th</sup> Medical Company.

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK  
Commanding  
(Unit)

Encl 1  
(OFFICE SYMBOL)

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR FORT BRAGG SPORTS OFFICE

SUBJECT: Authorization to participate in the Commander's Cup Intramural Basketball Program

1. The (Unit) will not be entering a team into the Commander's Cup basketball program. I do; however, authorize (Rank, Name), who is assigned to the (Unit), to participate in the unit level basketball program.
2. Point of contact is the undersigned at (Phone Number).

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK  
Commander  
(Unit)

Encl 2  
(OFFICE SYMBOL)

(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR FORT BRAGG SPORTS OFFICE

SUBJECT: Authorization to Participate in the Commander's Cup Basketball Program

1. I authorize (Rank, Name) who is assigned to the (Unit), to participate in the unit level basketball program with (Accepting Unit).
2. Point of contact is the undersigned at (Phone Number).

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK  
Commander  
(Unit)