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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2021 Fort Sill Intramural Softball League Memorandum of Instruction (MOI).

1. PURPOSE. This memorandum, prescribes the procedures and rules for conducting the 2021 Fort Sill Intramural (IM) Softball Season.

2. GENERAL.

1. The 2021 Fort Sill IM Softball Season will be scheduled as follows:

 **Entry (LOI) Coaches or Start Installation**

 **Suspense Athletic & Recreation Date Championship**

 **(A & R) Rep**

 **Meeting**

 11 MAY 2021 13 MAY 2021 18 MAY 2021 26 JUL – 29 JUL 2021

 b. The coaches meeting will be held at 1030hrs on 13 MAY 2021 at MG Dinges Sports Complex.

 c. In the event a coach or Point of Contact is unable to attend on this date, the required information must be obtained from the Intramural Sports Office prior to the start of the season

d. The Installation Championship Tournament meeting will be held at MG Dinges Sports Complex on Thursday, 22 JUL 21 at 1030hours.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

 a. IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 3.

 b. Only active duty military personnel assigned or attached to Fort Sill on official orders are eligible to participate in the Fort Sill Intramural Sports Program.

 c. Participation is limited to one team per unit.

d. Teams are limited to a roster of fifteen (15) members.

4. LEAGUE PLAY

1. IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 10.
2. League play will be dependent upon number of teams registered. Teams will be divided

into equal divisions.

1. Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2021 Amateur Softball Association Rules,

unless amended by this MOI.

1. Game time if forfeit time.
2. Teams forfeiting two games will be dropped from league play, all games played

will stand. The remaining scheduled games will remain on the schedule and be considered a win for those opponents, unless stipulated by the Intramural Sports Coordinator.

1. A time limit of 1 hour is imposed. No inning will start after the expiration of the time

limit, provided that 5 innings (4 ½ if home team leads) have been played and game is not tied. Tied games are played to conclusion IAW softball rules.

1. IAW 2019 Amateur Softball Association Rules the 12 run rule is in effect after 3 innings,
2. runs after 4 innings, 8 run after 5 innings (2 ½ if home teams leads). Homerun limit of 4 per

game, any homerun after the 4th will be an out.

1. Teams may start with nine (9) players, however, the 10th spot will be considered an

automatic out for the team.

1. The extra player can be used; however, the penalty for not sustaining 11 team members is

not in effect. An automatic out occurs in the spot where the individual was in the line-up card.

1. If a player is ejected for any reason and there is no one to replace him in line up the game

is forfeited to the other team no matter who was winning the game at the time of the ejection.

1. The umpire will conduct a pre-game conference prior to the start of each game. The pre-

game conference includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Discussion of ground rules.
2. Line-up cards. Each team manager will provide 15 minute prior one line- up card for the official scorer of the game. All players who may be used must be listed on the line-up prior to the start of each game. All players must provide their legal name for the scorebook. The schedule starting time is forfeit time.
3. Every attempt will be made to provide as many games as possible during the regular

season. As well, every attempt will be made to provide an equal amount of games per team.

1. 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 IAW USAFCOEFS 215-1.

1. Rosters are open for regular season play. In other words, as long as individuals meet the

eligibility requirements of that team, they can play for that team. Team managers are required to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.

1. In each division, players may participate with only one team. If a player is transferred to

another MAC after league organization, he/she may choose to play with the newly assigned team or the original team, not both.

5. RULES FOR SOFTBALL SOCIAL DISTANCING

 a. Participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course. We would not allow dugouts to be used. We would mark the spaces along the fence at proper distance.

 b. No team water coolers or shared drinking stations. Player will be required to supply their own water.

 c. MWR will provide the balls. We will mark box of balls and give each coach three ball games for the umpire using a number system. Coaches will be responsible for the use of the ball for each inning. At the end of the game coaches will return the balls.

 d. Athletes must wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play during practice and games.

 e. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.

 f. Players and coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.

 g. Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.

 h. Face coverings are strongly recommended for any spectators at practices and games.

 i. Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.

 j. Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

 k. Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes, coaches and spectators during the games. We provide hand wash/sanitizing stations adjacent to the park entrance.

 l. For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide players into groups and establish rotating shifts when possible.

m. No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.

6. INSTALLATION CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:

1. IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 17.
2. The Installation Championship tournament will be single elimination format.

 c. Games during the playoffs cannot be rescheduled. Teams cannot add or replaced players

during the tournament.

 d. An Alpha Roster (AAA-162 or equivalent) must be attached to the LOI. An Alpha Roster (AAA-162) or personnel roster signed by the Commander is the only acceptable form of a verified roster for unit level teams. **All players will have their DoD ID cards at all games for verification**

7. POSTPONEMENTS AND FORFEITS: IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 11, page 6.

8. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM:

1. The Fort Sill Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office will provide two new balls for each

game of the tournament every day of the tournament.

1. Players are responsible for providing their own bats and gloves.
2. Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape (No metal showing).
3. Only rubber cleats, tennis shoes, cleats with metal if flush with sole of shoe are

acceptable.

1. No jewelry or watches may be worn during play. NO EXCEPTIONS.

 **Penalty: Player will be asked to correct the violation on the spot. 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.**

9. PROTESTS: IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 11.

 a. Protest Procedure. If an ineligible player is discovered, the Referee must then notify the coaches of both teams and the Intramural Sports Coordinator that the game will be played under protest and so state in writing in the official scorebook. The unit with the ineligible player must submit an updated AAA 162 or Memorandum from the Unit Commander verifying player eligibility to the Intramural Sports Coordinator NLT 1300 the next business day.

 b. Teams that do not submit updated Alpha Roster or Memorandum from the Unit Commander by 1300 the next business day will be found in violation of player eligibility and will forfeit the game. A second violation will result in the team being dropped from further play when proper protest procedures are followed.

10. CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATION: IAW USAFCOEFS PAM 215-1, Para 4.

 a. There is no alcohol consumption allowed in FT Sill Sports facilities and any consumption of alcohol by players prior to playing in any Fort Sill Intramural Sport event is prohibited. Any player or coach violating this policy will not be allowed to participate in that sport for the remainder of the season.

11. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Fort Sill Sports Branch will ensure:
2. All fields are marked and prepared for play IAW stipulated guidelines and rules.
3. League schedules are provided to the Officials’ Association and the Athletic &

Recreation Representative (A & R), or team captain for awareness.

1. During league play, the manager or coach is responsible for ensuring that:
2. All members of the team are familiar with the contents of these by-laws.
3. The team is fully equipped and properly attired.
4. The conduct of the team is IAW USAFCOEFS 215-1.
5. A fully stocked Combat Life Saver Bag (CLS) is available on-hand for each game.
6. Make sure pick all trash (i.e. water bottles) before leaving the Field.

12. AWARDS: A team trophy will be presented to the 1st Place team. Individual trophies will be presented to the 1st place team members.

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