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MEMORANDUM FOR

AREA SPORTS COORDINATORS (ASC)

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION (A&R) PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Fort Bragg Sports Program, 2026 MWR Toy Drive Softball Tournament

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 ASCs and A&R personnel with the implementation of the Fort Bragg 2026 MWR Toy Drive Softball Tournament, November 9-20 at the Hercules Sports Complex, Pope Army Airfield.

3. General.

a. ***In Order to participate each player must bring at least one toy***.

b. Player eligibility.

(1) All military/government ID card holders ages 18 and older are eligible to participate. Participants will be required to present their ID card prior to participating.

(2) If a protest results from the alleged use of an ineligible player, and the protest is upheld, the offending team will be eliminated from the tournament.

(3) Once a player starts with a team, he/she must remain with that team during the entire tournament.

c. Team rosters.

(1) In order to participate, personnel must be identified on the team roster. Use of a non-listed player will be considered use of an illegal player and therefore constitute team elimination from the tournament.

(2) Team rosters are unlimited in terms of total team members, however, only 15 awards will be presented to teams which advance to the championship game. Roster revisions will be permitted

throughout the tournament.

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e. Protests. Misapplication of rules and player eligibility will be the only grounds for protests. Protests involving a rule misapplication must be lodged before play is continued. Judgment calls are final and not subject to protest.

4. Rules. 2022 USSSA rules and Fort Liberty Sports by-laws will govern all play.

a. Games will have a 1-hour time limit; no new inning will begin after 58 minutes has elapsed from the start of the game. There is no time limit for the championship game or "if" game for the championship bracket games. Game time is forfeit time for all scheduled games.

b. The 10-run rule after 5 innings, 15-run rule after 4 innings and 20- run rule after 3 innings will be in effect for all games with the exception of the championship (or "if") game. In the championship (or "if") game, however, a 20-run rule after 5 innings will be in effect.

c. Teams will be allowed to start and/or finish a game with eight players. Any team not having at least eight players at the start or conclusion of a game will forfeit.

(1) Should a team start a game with eight players or nine players, they will be allowed to add a ninth or tenth player (not an eleventh or a twelfth) to the batting order upon his/her arrival. For teams that begin a game with eight or nine players, an automatic out will not be recorded for the ninth or tenth position in the batting order. CLARIFICATION: USSSA rules allow for a twelfth hitter. Additionally, teams can employ pinch runners without substituting. When a non-substitution pinch runner is used, the player who made the last out will serve as the pinch runner.

(2) In the event of any injury or ejection which results in the batting order being depleted from twelve to eleven/ten/nine/eight or from eleven to ten/nine/eight or ten to nine/eight players, an automatic out will be recorded in the batting position of the player or players who have left the game.

d. Line-ups are to be submitted to the official scorer NLT 15 minutes prior to game time.

e. The home team will be determined by the toss of a coin for all games except the first championship game. In that game, the undefeated team will have their choice of being the home or visiting team.

f. Softball bats must be USSSA or ASA approved. Bats may at any time be inspected. That include any bat brought into the location of the event or facility.

g. There will be no practice on the infield prior to the start of any game.

h. One new ball will be provided for each game. Teams are responsible for retrieving their foul balls and home runs.

i. Home runs (excluding inside the park home runs) are limited to eight per team per game. Following the eighth home run, any additional batted balls which would have otherwise been considered a home run, will be ruled an out.

j. Any player or coach who is ejected from a game, will be ineligible to participate in the next game which his team plays. Any player or coach who intentionally makes physical contact with an official or Sports Section 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.

k. The tournament format is double elimination.

l. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs by team members is prohibited before, during and after games on sports field grounds. Anyone seen partaking of such prior to the start of a game, will be ineligible to participate in the next two games his/her team is scheduled to play. Once a game has started, if a player is judged to have partaken of alcoholic beverages or drugs, before or during the game, he/she will be ejected for the remainder of that game and will be ineligible for the team’s next tournament game.

4. Awards. Sports and Fitness Branch will provide team awards for members of the first and second place teams.

5. Point of contact is the undersigned at 910-396-1217.