



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR BATTALION COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: Fort Bragg Battalion Sports Program

1. Reference HQDA EXORD 075-13, Army Sports Program.
2. Purpose. To provide policies and procedures for conducting the Fort Bragg Battalion Sports Program.
3. General.
 - a. In order to build resiliency, increase Soldier and Unit interest and participation in sporting/athletic activities, and provide opportunities for Soldiers to advance and compete at the Army level, the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) has directed the implementation of the Army Battalion Sports Program which will culminate in semi-annual CSA Army Sports Championships involving seven team and individual core sports. The seven core sports are basketball, volleyball, soccer, Combatives, softball, flag football, and cross country. Separate competitions will be conducted for men and women in all sports with the exception of Combatives.
 - b. The Army Battalion Sports Program will be delivered in three phases: Phase I – Installation Battalion Sports Competition; Phase II – Region Invitational Championships; and Phase III – CSA Army Sports Championships. Due to FY 13 fiscal constraints, Phases II and III have been postponed indefinitely. Further guidance will be published as funding guidance is received.
 - c. Battalion Commanders will be responsible for organizing teams to compete in the seven core sports. Each Fort Bragg Battalion will be limited to one men's team and one women's team in each sport with the exception of Combatives. Combatives teams may involve both men and women. Battalion Commanders are encouraged to field teams in all sports but it is understood that already scheduled training and deployments may hinder a unit's ability to participate.
 - d. Battalion teams are limited to regular Tables of Organization and Equipment/Tables of Distribution and Allowances. National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers on active duty under Title 10 Authority are eligible to represent their assigned unit. Smaller units may combine to form a composite battalion team; however, their combined strength cannot exceed 500 Soldiers. In order to ensure compliance with established guidelines, composite teams must be approved by Installation Senior Commanders. Battalion Commanders are encouraged to include as many Soldiers as possible across the seven teams to allow all Soldiers an opportunity to participate.

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e. Battalion teams will compete in Battalion Level Championships according to the following schedule:

- (1) Men's Soccer – 22 July – 14 August. (Entry deadline 15 Jul)
- (2) Women's Soccer – 17-28 August. (Entry deadline 9 Aug)
- (3) Men's Basketball – 25-29 July. (Entry deadline 18 Jul)
- (4) Women's Basketball – 22 July – 5 August. (Entry deadline 15 Jul)
- (5) Men's Volleyball – 15-19 August. (Entry deadline 8 Aug)
- (6) Women's Volleyball – 6-15 August. (Entry deadline 30 Jul)
- (7) Combatives – 20-22 September. (Entry deadline 13 Sep)
- (8) Men's Softball – 22-26 August. (Entry deadline 15 Aug)
- (9) Women's Softball – 13-15 September. (Entry deadline 6 Sep)
- (10) Men's Flag Football – 5-9 September. (Entry deadline 29 Aug)
- (11) Women's Flag Football – 3-17 September. (Entry deadline 27 Aug)
- (12) Men's and Women's Cross Country Meet – 26 September. (Entry deadline 19 Sep)

f. The competition format for each sport (excluding cross country) will be a double elimination tournament and tournament brackets will be randomly drawn.

g. The Fort Bragg Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports and Fitness Branch will be responsible for publishing a Memorandum of Instruction for each sport which will outline specific competition rules.

h. To enter a team into any competition, Battalion Commanders must submit a team roster (encl) to the Sports and Fitness Branch, Bldg 4-1567, 2631 Reilly Street. **The entry deadline is one week prior to the respective start date for each sport.** Specific dates for each sport in Para 3(e) above.

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i. Eligibility considerations.

(1) For all competition, team members must have their military identification (ID) card in the event any question arises concerning player eligibility. Inspection of military ID cards may be required at any time. Players who fail to present their military ID card will not be allowed to participate.

(2) In order to participate, personnel must be identified on a properly completed roster. Noncompliance will result in forfeiture of the game. Rosters can be amended throughout any competition.

(3) If a protest results from the alleged use of an illegal player and the protest is upheld, the offending team will forfeit the game in question and be eliminated from further competition.

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