

MEMORANDUM FOR

AREA SPORTS COORDINATORS (ASC)

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION (A&R) PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: 2021 Fort Bragg Sports Soccer Cup 7 on 7 Tournament

1. Reference. Army Regulation 215-1, 24 September 2010, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
2. Purpose. To provide policies and procedures implementation of the 2021 Fort Bragg Soccer Cup 7 on 7 Tournament
3. General.
  - a. The 2021 Fort Bragg Soccer Cup 7 on 7 Tournament is a double elimination tournament and will take place September 24 - 26, 2021. Games will be played Friday, Saturday and Sunday if needed at Towle Stadium.
  - c. To register, teams must submit an entry form to the Sports Office, Bldg. 90, 3725 Reilly Road, Pope Army Airfield (Office located behind the flag and plane display upon entry to Pope on Reilly road.) Entry Fee is \$40.00.
  - d. 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 illegal player, and the protest is upheld, the offending team will be eliminated from further competition.
    - (3) Once a player starts with a team, he/she must remain with that team for the program's duration. A player who plays for more than one team will be deemed an "illegal" player and any team (other than the initial team for whom the player played) that uses such a player will be eliminated from further competition. Once a player has been deemed "illegal," he/she will be prohibited from further participation.

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e. 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 competition. Team rosters are due in to the Sports Office prior to the first game. There is no limit as to the number of players who can be listed on the team roster.

(2) Rosters must include the following information: name, rank, unit, and SSN (last four). The team's primary and secondary POC must be listed as well to include cell/home and duty phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

f. In a tournament format the tournament bracket will be paired using a blind draw, however.

g. Requests to reschedule games during a tournament most often will be denied. There are instances where mission and emergencies will allow for teams to reschedule a game.

h. In case of protest, The Tournament Director, Carlos Roman, the Sports Director, Lead Sports Specialist and supporting staff will adjudicate any situation requiring due process. The aforementioned personnel's decision will be considered final.

i. A team not present at the scheduled game time will forfeit the game. Any team which forfeits two games will be eliminated from further competition.

5. Rules.

National Federation of State High School Associations or NFHS rules and Fort Bragg bylaws will govern all play. NHFS rules can be viewed via <https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/soccer/>

a. The duration of the game shall be two periods of 20-minutes each. Running Time Clock, and the clock will stop only in the event of serious injury or for any other appropriate circumstance at the discretion of the referee. The half time interval will up to 5-minutes.

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b. Teams shall consist of not more than 14 players per team maximum of 7 players on the field at a time, 1 of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A team will be allowed to start a game with 5 players. Any team not having at least 4 players at the start of the game will forfeit.

c. Unlimited substitution will be allowed throughout the game. The player who is substituting cannot step on to the playing area until the player he/she is substituting for has left the playing area.

d. All free kicks will be indirect with the exception of fouls in the penalty box which will result in a penalty kick.

e. Balls kicked above the bleacher level or hitting a basketball backboard will result in an indirect kick from the spot of the kick.

f. Goalies may not punt the ball and throws or goal kicks may not cross the center line before it is touched by any field player. An infraction will result in an indirect kick from the center line.

g. There will be no offsides.

h. Slide tackling will not be allowed.

i. Any red card ejection will result in a one game suspension and the team, for whom the ejected player was playing, will be required to play one man short for the remainder of that game.

j. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs by team members is prohibited before or during games. No tobacco products or vapping products allowed on the playing fields.

k. Any player or coach who intentionally makes physical contact with an official 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.

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I. Mercy rule:

The game will be complete if a team is winning by 10 goals by the start of the second half. A team may also win if the winning team has an 8 goal advantage with 8 minutes remaining in the game.

5. Awards. The Sports Branch will provide first and second place awards for the tournament. Total number of awards provided to each team will not exceed 12.

6. Please contact the sports office for more details at 396-1217.