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SUBJECT: 2026 Commander's Cup Pre-season Basketball Tournament

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MEMORANDUM FOR

LEAGUE COORDINATORS (LC)

UNIT LEVEL INTRAMURAL COACHES & PLAYERS

SUBJECT: Fort Bragg Sports Program, 2026 Commander's Cup
Preseason Holiday Basketball Tournament

1. Reference Army Regulation 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 September 2010.

Purpose. To provide policies and procedures to assist LCs and Unit Level Coaches/Players with the implementation of the 2026 Fort Bragg Commander's Cup Preseason Holiday Basketball Tournament January 5-16, 2026.

2. General.

a. A Pre-Tournament Coach's Meeting will be held on 29 December 2026 at 1815, Sports Office (C-5032 Bastogne & Ardennes). Each team is encouraged to have one team member present at this meeting.

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..

(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 the tournament.

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

c. Protests.

(1) Player eligibility will be the only grounds for protests. Regarding misapplication of rules, teams will be required to follow the correctable error procedure as outlined in the rulebook.

(2) Eligibility protests must be brought to the attention of game officials and/or the Sports Office staff or on-site supervisors, prior to the conclusion of the game in question and be annotated in the official scorebook. Game officials, Tournament/Site Director or site supervisors 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.

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(3) The Fort Bragg Sports Office will adjudicate any situations requiring due process. Once the sports office renders a decision it will be considered final.

d. 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.

3. Rules. (NFHS)National Federation of State High School Associations Rules and Interpretations and local rule amendments will govern all play. A summary of these rules are as follows:
<https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/basketball/>

a. The game will consist of two 20-minute halves which will be running time except for the last minute of the first-half and 2 minutes of the second half. During both time frames, the clock will operate in accordance with official rules. During running time, the clock will be stopped exclusively for officials' time-outs and team time-outs. Half time periods will be 4 minutes in length.

b. Teams will be allowed four time-outs per game. Timeouts will consist of four 30 sec. and time outs per game.

c. No shot clock will be used.

d. All participants must wear Court shoes. Pocket less shorts and mouth guards are recommended for safety precautions.

e. Line-ups are to be submitted to the Official Scorer 10-minutes prior to game time. Noncompliance will result in a technical foul.

f. Schedule of games will be published by this headquarters prior to the start of the tournament.

g. Teams will be allowed to start a game with 4 players.

h. Overtime periods will be (2) two minutes in duration which will be running time except for the last minute of play when the clock will stop in accordance with official rules. After 3 OT periods, a sudden death period and format will be used. In sudden death, the first basket, either by 1, 2, or 3 points, wins the game by either team.

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

j. Any player or coach who is ejected from a 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 tournament, 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

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the tournament.

k. 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.

4. Awards. Sports will provide tournament awards. Awards will be presented to members of the first and second place teams.

5. Please contact the sports office for more information or details at 910-396-1217/1218.