

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
2019 UNIT LEVEL BASKETBALL LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP  
SMITH FITNESS CENTER, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA  
DECEMBER - MARCH 2020

1. **REFERENCES:**
  - a. AR 215-1, 29 October 1995 Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities and, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities.
  - b. DA PAM 385-5, 15 Nov 81, Fundamentals of Safety in Army Sports & Recreation.
  - c. 2019 NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations.
2. **WHAT:** 2019 Fort Benning Unit Level Basketball League and Championships.
3. **WHEN:**

Pre-Season Tournament: 3 Dec,19  
League: January – March, 2019  
Championship: Date pending season conclusion
4. **WHERE:** Paul ray Smith Fitness Center, Fort Benning, GA.
5. **Commanders Cup Entries:**
  - a. Units are authorized to enter an unlimited number of teams.
  - b. Only the top / highest finishing team will be eligible and awarded Commanders Cup Points for their Unit.
  - c. If a unit / company / battalion and or regiment is submitting more than one team, a team player roster must be submitted at the Coaches Meeting along with their alpha roster. These players will be locked in for the duration of the tournament, league and championships to that one team. If a team folds from the tournament, league or championship, no players on other previous rosters may cross over to any other teams for any reason.
    1. Alpha Rosters may include as many names as the unit wants on their submission as long as they are not included on a 2<sup>nd</sup> roster.
6. **Intramural Team Entries:** Teams that do not meet the Commanders Cup Eligibility requirements, are eligible to enter teams into the Intramural Division. All rostered players must possess a valid Government issued ID Card.
7. **TEAM ELIGIBILITY:**
  - a. **Only** Active Duty military personnel activated Reserve and or National Guard Soldiers assigned or attached to Fort Benning on official orders are eligible to participate.
  - b. Members of Units that do not generate enough interest to field a team may participate as a free agent within the league that the Unit is assigned and participate as a member of an unassigned unit. However, the individual requesting to participate outside of unit assignment must request the lateral by memorandum with the written approval of the unit commander and be approved by the Sports Director in advance.
  - c. Personnel transfer refers to movement of personnel after the league begins. The only personnel transfer authorized will be determined by the Sports Director. Consideration will be restricted to military commitments resulting in lack of personnel to constitute a team and reassignment to another unit. No personnel will be allowed to transfer to another unit/team for any reason after the initial participation exceeds

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50% of the league schedule by a team, unless the individual has not participated in league play for the originally assigned unit.

d. Championship: Transfers will be allowed only if the unit transfer has taken place during league play with authorization through the Sports Director. Minimal participation during league play to constitute a transfer is two full games. If an individual has not participated in league play at Fort Benning, a written request and approval through the, Sports Director must be granted before participation may take place.

e. All questions concerning personnel eligibility must be submitted in writing through the sports office with approval from the Sports Director. Any personnel who are not assigned to a company/unit as determined by permanent orders for quarters, rations, and administration must be addressed through the Sports Director prior to participation in league or tournament play. Ineligibility rules will apply in accordance with this supplement.

**Intramural League.** DoD, Family members (that are no longer eligible of age to compete in the Youth Sports / School age programs), Spouses, ID card holder are eligible to participate in the Intramural sports program. Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer and Softball are the only sports programs teams will be allowed to participate in and must follow all rules in the governing Commanders Cup MOI.

8. **CC / Intramural Format:**

a. The Commanders Cup and Intramural teams will compete against each other in pre-season, league and Championship play. 2 sets of stands will be kept in order to crown a Commanders Cup Champion and an overall Champion.

b. Intramural teams cannot win the Commanders Cup and are not eligible for Commanders Cup points.

9. **TEAM ROSTERS:**

a. Preseason: Complete Official Team Rosters and Unit Alpha Rosters are due to the League Director by 1200 on 28 Nov, 19.

b. League: Complete League Rosters and Unit Alpha Rosters are due to the League Director by 6 Jan, 20.

c. Championship: Updated complete Championship Rosters and Alpha Rosters are due to the Tournament Director at end of season.

d. No more than 12 players, 1 non-competing head coach, and 1 non-competing assistant coach or manager may participate in each game.

10. **ROSTER / TEAM CHECK:**

a. 100% Mandatory ID Card / Roster check. All players / teams are required to have their I.D. Cards checked prior to participating in their 1<sup>st</sup> game. The Fort Benning Sports Staff may check I.D. Cards at any time during the course of the season and/or Championship.

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13. **COACH'S MEETING:**

a. Unit Level League Coach's Meeting: 19 November 2019 @ Doughboy Stadium Tower 2

b. Championship Coach's Meeting: Pending season conclusion.

14. **UNIFORMS:**

a. NCAA 2019 NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations, Rule 3, Section 5, Uniforms.

b. Each team must have numbered jerseys that are the same color. T-shirts worn underneath the jerseys will be the same color as the jerseys. Shorts of any color, without pockets, may be worn.

c. The Home team is required to bring two different colored sets of uniforms. The home team is required to change their uniform, upon the discretion of the game Official.

15. **GAME FORMAT:**

a. Games: 2 – 20 Minute Regulation Clock, Halves, with a 10 minute half-time intermission.

b. Overtime: 3 minutes in length, with a 1-minute intermission between each. Timeouts – 1 full.

c. Timeouts: 4 full and 2-30's per game.

16. **LEAGUE TIE-BREAKERS:**

a. In case of ties for advancement / seeding, the following format will be used as tie-breakers in order until the tie is broken:

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1. Head to Head.
2. Defensive Points allowed Head to Head (Team allowing the fewest points advances).

c. Disqualified players, managers, or coaches must leave the gymnasium grounds for the duration of the game being played.

d. The penalty for a player, manager, or coach committing flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspension for the remainder of the current game and the next game, conclusion of league play, or the remainder of the season if requested by the officials association and determined by the Sports Director.

17. **LEAGUE DIRECTORS:**

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