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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLM SERVICE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: 2019 JBLM Open Softball Spring Tournament

1. **Purpose**: To provide the operational procedures for the Open Softball Tournament.
2. **Objective of the Program**: To promote unit morale, Esprit de Corps, teamwork, physical fitness and to develop leadership and sportsmanship.
3. **Eligibility and Participation:**

a. All DoD personnel to include active duty military personnel, Army / Air Force Reserve and National Guard, retirees, contractors assigned to JBLM and dependents at least 18 years old.

b. Team rosters will be limited to 15 players, and one non-playing coach. Rosters must be typed with members first and last name and a contact phone number of the coach or team representative. Rosters and LOIs are due by COB 29 March.

c. Players cannot play on multiple teams.

d. There is a **$100 team fee** to participate in this tournament. For the league to continue a minimum of **5 teams must sign up**. **Fee must be paid prior to the deadline date, 29 March 2019, to the Intramural’s office located at Cowan Stadium**. There is allotted time for a **maximum of 12 teams**. The tournament will consist of 2 rounds of round robin, a break for lunch, and then a single elimination tournament which will be seeded with the results of the round robin.

e. Each team is guaranteed at least 3 games. 2 round robins and 1 single elimination.

1. **Rules of Play:** Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2018/2019 USA Softball rules with the following exceptions:
	1. Balls will be provided by MWR-Sports and substitutions will not be allowed.
	2. The duration of the game will be 55 minutes, with the inning in progress to be completed.
	3. Each batter will assume a one ball and one strike count, no courtesy foul ball after two strikes.
	4. If the score is tied at the end of seven innings or 70 minutes, a tie-breaker rule will be put into effect as follows ***(PLAYOFFS ONLY)***:
		1. The visiting team will place the last batter of the previous inning on second base and the game will continue from that point with the same batting order until three outs are made and the inning is complete.
		2. The home team will use the same procedure as described above.
	5. A 20-run mercy rule will be in effect after three innings, 15-run rule will be in effect after four innings and a 10-run rule will be in effect after five innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team scores the run ahead limit while at bat. Whenever the visiting team reaches the limit in the fourth or fifth inning, the home team must have their opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning.
	6. In the event of a homerun, the batter, and any runners, will not run the bases.
	7. Base stealing is NOT allowed.
	8. Must use ASA approved bat (dual stamp is acceptable).
	9. **Pitchers Masks are required, Intramural Sports will provide loaners to be signed out**
2. **Forfeits:** A forfeit will be declared if a team is not prepared to play at the scheduled time. Game time is forfeit time.
3. **Equipment:**

 a. Braces made of metal/hard plastic must be covered in soft padding.

b. Only tennis shoes and molded rubber cleats are acceptable.

c. Flat wedding bands/religious medals taped to the body/medical alert I.D. are allowed

d. Slacks, jeans, jean cut-offs, cut-off shirts that expose excessive skin, and non-athletic shoes are prohibited.

7. **Protests:** A protest concerning eligibility must be submitted to the Intramural Coordinator by 1300 hours the following duty day by email to: airiana.c.wood.mil@mail.mil. Protest will include specific player being protested, situation, email, phone and POC for response.

1. Names of players on the team must match names of players on roster. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game.
2. **Sportsmanship:** Swearing and abusive remarks by anyone to include coaches, players and spectators is not allowed and will be penalized accordingly.
	* + Team member, captain, coach, spectator or the entire team may be asked to leave the playing area if displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language. Any contest may be forfeited by the official and/or supervisor of the activity when a team, a team participant, captain or coach exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct or disruptive behavior during the contest. Team captains or coaches may be warned prior to forfeiting the contests; however, it will be at the discretion of the officials to forfeit that contest if deemed necessary to avoid a violent confrontation.

9**. Drinking/Smoking/Chewing Tobacco:** No alcohol, smoking, chewing tobacco, chewing gum or sunflower seeds are permitted in or around the complex. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to participate.

1. **Coaches Meeting: Coaches meeting will be held on 23 March 2019 at the Lewis North Athletic Complex Softball Fields at 12pm**. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches; players are encouraged to attend.
2. **League Tournament:** The tournament will be on 6 April 2019 starting at 8am at the Lewis North Athletic Complex Softball Field.
3. **POC** is SSgt Wood, Airiana C, call at 253-967-6420 or email at airiana.c.wood.mil@mail.mil

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Intramural Sports Coordinator