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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLM SERVICE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: 2019 JBLM Open Flag Football Tournament

1. **Purpose**: To provide the operational procedures for the Open Flag Football 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 5 April 2019.

c. Players cannot play on multiple teams.

d. There is a **$140 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, 5 April 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 1 round 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 2 games. 1 round robins and 1 single elimination. (*In the event of an odd amount of teams, one team will be randomly selected to play an extra game in the round robin)*

1. **Rules of Play:** Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2017/2018 NIRSA Flag-Football Rules and policies covered by these by-laws.
	1. Length of game will be two-20 minute halves with a running clock. The last two minutes of each half will be a regulation clock. Time will stop for injuries and time-outs. The official will give a 2-minute warning in each half.
	2. Half-time is 3 minutes.
	3. Each team will be allowed two one-minute time outs each half and will not carry over to the second half. Over-time periods are extensions of the second half and any time outs not used in the second half will be available for the overtime as well as an additional time out per over time period.
	4. All overtimes ***(PLAYOFFS ONLY)*** will be played towards the same goal line. Unless moved by penalty, each team will start 1st and goal from the 20 yd line. Each team will have 4 downs to score a touchdown. If a pass is intercepted by the defense and returned for a touchdown, the game will be over, and the defensive team will win.
	5. Each team will start their possession following an opponent’s touchdown, or at the start of each half from the 10 yard line.
	6. If a team is winning by 19 or more points with 2 minutes left in the game or at any time during those last 2 minutes the score differential becomes 19 or more points, the game will be officially called.
2. **Forfeits:** A forfeit will be declared if a team is not prepared to play at the scheduled time. Game time is forfeit time. ***Exception:*** *There will be a 10 minute grace period for the first game of the day and after lunch only.*
3. **Equipment:**
	1. Only rubber molded cleats are acceptable.
	2. Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape - **NO METAL SHOWING.**
	3. Gym shorts with zippers/pockets are **NOT** **ALLOWED** to be worn during games**. Shorts with yellow or red stripes will not be allowed.**
	4. Game jerseys will be provided. If jerseys are in question players will be required to wear jerseys provided by MWR. Jerseys will be tucked in at all times. Also sweat bands do not need to conform in reference to color (any color is legal), but all other restrictions apply (size, logos, shape and how worn). Hats with bills, and any type of knotted head wear is not legal to wear while playing.
	5. Religious medals taped to the body/medical alert I.D. are allowed.
	6. Balls will be provided by MWR, no substitutions allowed.

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, sunflower seeds or pets 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 30 March 2019 at the Lewis North Athletic Complex Football/Soccer Fields at 12pm**. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches; players are encouraged to attend.
2. **League Tournament:** The tournament will be on 13 April 2019 starting at 8am at the Lewis North Athletic Complex Football Fields. Depending on the amount of teams participating the tournament may run till 6pm.
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