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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLM SERVICE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: 2019 JBLM Intramural Commander’s Cup Softball League

1. **Purpose**: To provide the operational procedures for the Intramural Commander’s Cup Softball League.
2. **Objective of the Program**: To promote unit morale, Esprit de Corps, teamwork, physical fitness and to develop leadership and sportsmanship.
3. **Division Structure:** Each Major Support Command will be registered in one of the following divisions:

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| **7th ID** | **Independent League** | **593rd ESC** | **McChord** |

1. **Eligibility and Participation:**
2. Active duty military personnel, Army / Air Force Reserve and National Guard service members that are assigned or attached to JBLM.
3. Team rosters will be unlimited. Teams may only have 15 players suited up for each game with one playing coach or 16 with one non-playing coach. **Alpha roster / AAA-162’s must be turned in with the LOI to the Intramural office by the suspense date 10 Jun 2019**. Rosters must be signed by the Commander or First Sergeant of the battery / company / squadron.
4. All players must play in 1 regular season game to be eligible to play in their league tournament and/or Commander’s Cup Championship. No exception.
5. BDE/Battalion teams are not acceptable. ***Exception****: Units within a BDE/Battalion may combine to form a team under the condition that the combined manning strength does not exceed 300 personnel.*
6. Players must play for their unit. In the event a unit does not have enough interested individuals to field a team, personnel from that particular unit may still participate by submitting a written request of release from the Commander or First Sergeant to the Intramural Coordinator. **The free agent may NOT play until this paperwork has been received by the Intramural Sports Office.**
7. **Rules of Play:** Play will be conducted in accordance with the 2017/2018 ASA/USSSA rules with the following exceptions:
   1. Balls will be provided by MWR-Sports and substitutions will not be allowed.
8. The duration of the game will be 55 minutes, with the inning in progress to be completed.
9. Each batter will assume a one ball and one strike count, no courtesy foul ball after two strikes.
10. If the score is tied at the end of seven innings or 55 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 completed.
    2. The home team will use the same procedure as described above.
    3. The above procedure will be used for the remainder of the game until a winner is determined.
11. MERCY RULE: A 20-run 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.
    1. 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.
12. In the event of a homerun, the batter, and any runners, will not run the bases. There is no limit on homeruns.
13. Base stealing is not allowed.
14. Must use ASA/ USSSA approved bat (dual stamp is acceptable).
15. *Teams may bat all 15 players in their lineup. However, if one of them becomes injured they will have to take an out in that place as they will not have any subs.*
16. **Forfeits:**
    1. 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 1800 game only.*
    2. Forfeiture of two games during league play will result in disqualification. All remaining games will be considered a win for opposing teams and the disqualified team will be ineligible for Commander’s Cup Championship. Players are then not eligible to participate with any other teams.
17. **Equipment:**
    1. Braces made of metal/hard plastic must be covered in soft padding.
    2. Only tennis shoes and molded rubber cleats are acceptable.
18. Flat wedding bands/religious medals taped to the body/medical alert I.D. are allowed**.**
19. Appropriate athletic clothing will be worn. Slacks, jeans, jean cut-offs, cut-off shirts that expose excessive skin, and non-athletic shoes are prohibited.
20. Each pitcher will wear a face mask. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The Intramural Sports Office will provide masks for check out at game time.
21. **Sportsmanship:** Swearing and abusive remarks by anyone to include coaches, players and spectators is not allowed and will be penalized accordingly.
    1. 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.
22. **Drinking/Smoking/Chewing Tobacco/Sunflower Seeds/Pets:** Alcohol, smoking, chewing tobacco, sunflower seeds and pets are **NOT** permitted within the Lewis North Athletic Complex. Any player or coach under the influence of alcohol, smoking, using chewing tobacco or sunflower seeds will not be permitted to participate.
23. **Coaches Responsibilities:** During league play, the coach is responsible for ensuring that the conduct of the team is in accordance with these by-laws and the rules of good sportsmanship as well as all rules stated above.
24. **Postponement of Games:** Postponements will only be granted, *if necessary*, when unit duty commitments warrant. Notification must be submitted to the Intramural Office 24 hours prior to or after the scheduled game. Inclement weather postponements will be determined by the Sports Office Representative on site.
25. **Protests:** A protest concerning eligibility must be submitted in writing to the League

Coordinator by 1300 hours the following working day. A ruling will be decided before the team’s next scheduled game.

1. **Coaches Meeting:** A coach’s meeting will be held on 3 Jun 2019 at 12pm at the Intramural Sports Office at Cowan Stadium, OR 3 Jun 2019 at 1300 at the McChord Fitness Center. A representative must be sent to one of the meetings, and players are encouraged.
2. **Deadline:** Sign-Up deadline to turn in filled out LOI and Alpha Roster / AAA-162’s is 10 June at 1500. Paperwork can be physically turned in or submitted through email to the Intramural Sports office.
3. **POC** is SSgt Wood, Airiana email at [airiana.c.wood.mil@mail.mil](mailto:airiana.c.wood.mil@mail.mil) or call at (253)967-6420.

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