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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLM SERVICE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: 2026 JBLM Open Kickball Tournament

1. **Purpose:** To provide the operational procedures for the Open Kickball Tournament.
2. **Objective of the Program:** To promote 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, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard along with retirees, contractors and DoD Civilians assigned to JBLM and dependents at least 18 years old that are assigned or attached to JBLM.
 - b. Team rosters will be limited to 10 players, including a coach. Rosters must be typed with member's first and last name, contact phone number of the coach or team representative and the category of each player (i.e. Service Member, Dependent, Civilian, or Retiree). Rosters and LOIs are due by COB 09 April 2026. A written roster of all players must be submitted to the sports representative before every game.
 - c. Players cannot play on multiple teams.
 - d. The tournament will consist of a one day blind draw double elimination. There will be three different division (subject to change based on number of teams entered): active duty only, open and women only.
4. **Rules of Play:** Play will be conducted in accordance with the current WAKA World Adult Kickball Association rules. Rules not covered by the WAKA rules are listed as follows.
 - a. The duration of the game will be 7 innings or 55 mins whichever comes first. In event the game is tied at the end of 7 innings or 55 minutes, the international tie break rule will be used until a winner is determined.
 - b. The strike zone is the area between both batter boxes. Players will get 3 strikes before they are out.
 - c. When pitching, the ball must not be pitched with side spin or bounced. The ball may not be more than 1 foot off the ground as it crosses the plate. The pitcher must stay behind the pitching strip until the ball is kicked, the catcher must stand with one hand on the backstop until the ball is kicked.
 - d. There will be a mercy rule. Teams ahead by 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings and 10 innings after 5 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.

- e. Line up rosters will be submitted before every game with players first and last name.
5. **Forfeits:** A forfeit will be declared if a team is not prepared to play at the scheduled time. Game time is forfeit time.
6. **Equipment:**
- a. Only rubber molded cleats or tennis shoes are acceptable.
 - b. Leg/arm braces must be wrapped in tape - **NO METAL SHOWING.**
 - c. Game jerseys will be provided by the players/team and have a visible number on the back.
 - d. Religious medals taped to the body/medical alert I.D. are allowed.
 - e. Kickballs will be provided by MWR, no substitutions allowed.
7. **Protests:** A protest concerning eligibility must be brought to the attention of the MWR site POC at the time of the event.
8. **Sportsmanship:** Swearing and abusive remarks by anyone to include coaches, players and spectators is not allowed and will be penalized accordingly.
- a. 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.
10. **Coaches Meeting: Coaches meeting will be held on 02 April 2026 - 1800 at Wilson Sports and Fitness Center.** This meeting is mandatory for all coaches; players are encouraged to attend.
11. **Tournament play:** The tournament will be held Friday 24 April 2026 starting at 1800 and Saturday 25 April 2026 beginning at 0900 and will conclude when complete.
12. **POC** is Merle M. McLain at 520-942-6947 or email at merle.m.mclain.naf@army.mil, Greg Hopper at 520-942-6953 or gregory.h.hopper.naf@army.mil and Debbie Pierce at 520-851-9404 or deborah.a.pierce22.naf@army.mil.

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