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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

IMGO-MWR

MEMORANDUM FOR INSTRUCTION/INTENT TO PLAY

SUBJECT: 2021 Kickball CO-ED Programs

1. **GENERAL:** The Fort Gordon 2020 Kickball CO-ED Programs will be conducted during September 2021.

2. **ORGANIZATION:** The Kickball CO-ED Program will be based upon level competition. A team must submit their Memorandum of Intent not later than 15 July 2020 to the Sports Office (Bldg. 24501). The attached memorandum is provided for convenience in notifying the Sports Office.

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

a. Sports Director: Responsible to Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) for planning, organizing, scheduling, implementing and overall supervision of the league, resolution of problems, complaints and protest.

(1) Submit appropriate attached Memorandum(s) (i.e.CO-ED Program for Men/Women Program) of Intent to participate not later than 15 July 2021.

(2) Notify the Sports Office in your Memorandum of Intent of known dates and daily times the unit will not be available for competition due to military training, exercises, change of command, etc.

(3) Ensure the coach or a designated representative attends a coach's organization meeting (Bldg. 24501) at 1300 hours, 15July 2021. Prior to scheduling of practice times attendance of coach/or representative at the organization meeting is required.

Regulation Game

- Games are 7 innings or 45 minutes.
- There is a 10 run rule after five innings. 15 runs after four innings.

Teams

- Teams will consist of at least five females and five males.
- A minimum of eight will be required for a game to start or continue. Teams can play with 4 female and 4 male players. Teams playing with 8 players will not be penalized 2 outs for only having 8 players.

- If a team starts with 10 players and then drops down to 8 players- they will be penalized 2 outs for only having 8 players.
- Teams must alternate positions in the batting order by sex.
- Teams must have at least two females and two males in the infield and two females and two males in the outfield. The pitcher and catcher must be of opposite sex.
- Teams will be allowed to use up to 10 players in the field.
- Teams will only be allowed to kick 8, 10 or 12 players. They must alternate between male and female. At no time can a team kick two females or two males in a row.

Batting/Running

- No kicking the ball until it has crossed the plate, kicking the ball in front of the plate will count as an out.
- All kicks must be made by the foot, with the kicking foot completing a follow through swing.* Females may choose to bunt (forgoing the follow through, NO Male BUNTS, Male bunts will result in an out)
- After a fly ball is caught, a runner must tag up before advancing to the next base. Failure to do so may result in an out if the runner is legally hit with the ball or the opponent gets the ball to the previous base before the runner can return to tag up.
- If a ball hits a kicker in fair territory after the ball is kicked, the kicker is out; the same applies to a runner.
- A batter/runner is out in situations similar to softball (force outs, pop outs, etc.) In addition, a runner is out when he/she is hit by a thrown ball below the shoulders.
- No leading off or stealing is allowed. Runners off the base when the ball is kicked will be declared out.
- Runners must stay within the base line.
- Running past another runner is not allowed.
- Hitting a runner's neck or head with the ball is not allowed. If the runner intentionally uses the head or neck to block the ball, the runner is out. If a ball is thrown at the runner's neck or head, it will be an immediate dead ball and each runner advances a single base.
- Kickers are allowed one foul ball on the second strike. Any foul ball after they have received their one free foul will result in an out.
- Male kickers who are walked will be awarded second base. If there are two outs, and a male walks, he will be awarded second base and the female kicker will have the option of taking 1st base.

Pitching/Fielding

- All pitches must bounce at least once prior to crossing the plate. Pitches must be below the kickers knee as it crosses the plate. All pitches must be of reasonable speed. No overhand pitches will be allowed. All pitches must be rolled underhanded. No side-arm pitches allowed.
- Pitchers will receive one warning about pitching the ball to hard. Any further pitches deemed too hard will result in a dead ball and the kicker advancing to 1st base.
- The pitcher must stay within the pitchers circle until the ball is kicked. Infraction results in all runners advancing one base and the batter re-kicking the ball.
- No player may field in front of the pitchers circle other than the catcher. Infraction results in all runners advancing one base and the batter re-kicking the ball.

- The catcher may not break the plane of the home plate until the ball is kicked. Infraction results in all runners advancing one base and the batter re-kicking the ball.
- There is the infield fly rule,
- Once the pitcher has the ball in control and on the mound, the play ends.

Outs

- A count of three outs by a team completes the team's half of the inning.
- An out is:
 - A runner touched by the ball or who touches the ball at any time while not on base while the ball is in play. (Runners must be hit with the ball below the shoulders. If a ball is thrown at the runner's neck or head, it will be an immediate dead ball and **ALL** runner's will advance a single base.)
 - Any kicked ball that is caught (fair or foul).
 - A ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run.
 - A runner off his/her base when the ball is kicked.

Substitutions

- Free substitution as long as five females and five males remain on the field. The sub and the player they sub for cannot be in the game at the same time. The starting player must return to the line up in their original position in the order.
- No substitution of runners except in the case of injury. Each team will receive one courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner must be of the same sex and the last out made by the runners team.

e. Protests will be accepted based upon rule misinterpretation or player eligibility and will be filed with the lead official. Additionally, the protest must be submitted in writing to the Sports Office by 1600 hours the following duty-date, containing the following information:

- (1) The date times and places of the game.
- (2) Names of the officials.
- (3) The rule and section of the official rule.
- (4) The decision and/or condition surrounding the cause for protest.
- (5) All essential facts involved in the matter of the protest.

6. **UNIFORMS:** All teams are required to wear the same color jerseys with numbers during the games. Teams may obtain their own jerseys or get them from Sports Supply, Bldg. 24501, telephone 791-7857. If a team(s) shows-up to play without like jerseys, that team(s) will lose by forfeit. Two forfeits and your team is subject to being removed from the Program.

7. **TROPHIES:** Team trophies will be presented to the first, second, and third place teams. Individual trophies will be presented to the first and second place teams in the post-season tournament play only.

8. Point of contact is Mr. Neil Smith, e-mail neil.j.smith@us.army.mil or 791-1142.

Encl

LARRY W. COGGINS
Chief, Recreation Division

MEMORANDUM FROM _____ 7 Jan 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: SPORTS OFFICE (BLDG. 24501)

SUBJECT: **2021 KICKBALL PROGRAM**

1. My Unit has received the Letter of Memorandum concerning the 2021 Kickball League Guidelines and does () does not () intend to participate.
2. This Unit cannot participate due to known military commitments on the following dates:
3. This Unit can () cannot () compete in games scheduled at 1700 hours.
4. The POC for my Battalion is _____ and the contact phone is _____.
5. POC e-mail _____

COMMANDING

DATE