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INTRAMURAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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This instruction implements AFD 34-2, 7 Jan 94 and AFI 34-266, 12 Oct 01, and establishes player eligibility and guidelines; and procedures, rules, and responsibilities for participating in the Schriever AFB Intramural Sports Program managed by the Services Division (50 MSG/SV). It applies to all authorized personnel outlined in AFI 34-262, 27 Jun 02, Services Programs and Use Eligibility, para. **3.1.**, Attachment 2, who participate in the Intramural Sports Program.

1. Responsibilities.

1.1. **Fitness Personnel.** The Fitness Center Director (FCD) is responsible to the Director of Services for the management of the Intramural Sports Program. Assigned Fitness Center employees will become familiar with the governing directives and instructions.

1.2. **Individual Personnel.** Individuals who participate in intramural activities are responsible for the policies and procedures as outlined in this Instruction. Individuals are also responsible for exercising personal risk management and good sportsmanship while participating.

1.3. **Sports Advisory Council Members and Coaches.** Team leaders have the responsibility to follow this instruction with the intent to establish recreational activities that are safe, unprejudiced, and enjoyable for all.

2. Sports Advisory Council. This mandatory council consists of unit sports representatives and meets at least quarterly. The council functions as an advisory body to assist, coordinate, and assemble installation resources to support comprehensive fitness and sports programs. Squadron Commanders will appoint a primary and alternate sports advisory council member to operate as a liaison between the fitness center and individual squadrons, and should be available for a minimum of one year. Meeting proceedings will be transcribed into official minutes. These minutes will be reviewed and submitted by the Fitness Center

Director, forwarded to the Combat Support Flight Chief, and the Services Director for review; then approved by the Mission Support Group Commander.

3. Procedures.

3.1. Registration. The Sports Director will send each unit sports representative a “letter of intent” before each individual sports season. If a squadron wishes to play, their sports representative will complete the letter of intent and return it to the Sports Director.

3.2. Coaches. The unit sports representative will assign a head coach and assistant coach for each team that they have registered into the league. It is the coach’s responsibility to recruit players within their own squadron to form a team.

3.3. Player pool. If a squadron does not have enough players within his or her squadron, they can call the fitness center and request players from the player pool. The player pool consists of available individuals wishing to participate in intramural sports, but do not belong to a squadron that has registered a team. The first person on the player pool list will be the first player taken. Coaches cannot make special requests for specific players on the list; if a team needs three players, that team will get the first three available players on the list.

4. Commander cup points. Points will be awarded to the squadron that registers the team regardless of the makeup of the team. For instance, if 1 SOPS registers a team but needs players from the players pool, 1 SOPS will earn all the Commander cup points earned by that team. The individual squadrons that make up the team will not receive points.

5. Rules and Guidelines.

5.1. Governing bodies. Official collegiate governing bodies of each sport offered will provide the rules and guidelines for each sport. Variances will be made to accommodate Schriever’s resources.

5.2. Bylaws. Bylaws for all sports will be developed in coordination with the Fitness and Sports Advisory Council and approved by the FCD. Coaches will be informed prior to the beginning of the season of each sport’s bylaws. These local rules supplement the playing rules established by the sport’s National Governing Body (NGB) or any other recognized organization such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association, or the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

5.2.1. Changes to Bylaws. Bylaws are discussed during each preseason coaches meeting and are subject to change based on suggestions from coaches before each season. However, once a season starts, the bylaws will remain for the entire season.

6. Operational Risk Management (ORM).

6.1. Weather. Intramural sports programs will be operated on ORM principles. All outdoor sporting activities will cease when severe “weather warnings” are posted, (including high winds, lightning within 5 miles, rain, sleet, or snow). Intramural sports programs will also be discontinued when outside air temperatures drop below 25 degrees Fahrenheit (including wind chill factor) and when other life threatening, weather-related events develop.

6.2. Jewelry. For the protection and safety of all participants, wearing jewelry is not allowed and players will be asked to remove all jewelry before play will be initiated.

- 6.2.1. If an article cannot be removed, it must be taped in place.
- 6.3. Splints. Wearing hard splints or other types of protection is prohibited. Splint devices that are air filled and contain no metal or hard abrasive parts will be authorized.
 - 6.3.1. Padding is permitted to cover any exposed areas. If protective equipment is inspected by officials and/or Fitness Center staff and deemed to be safe, protective equipment will be allowed. However, if for any reason, protective equipment is not deemed safe by Fitness Center staff or officials, individual will either have to play without equipment or not play at all.
- 6.4. Attire. Appropriate sports attire, including shirts, must be worn at all times. No part of the military uniform is allowed.
 - 6.4.1. Pockets and Buttons. Articles of clothing that have buttons or snaps will not be allowed for sports unless they are taped.
 - 6.4.2. Cleats. Metal cleats will not be authorized for use during outside play. Cleats of any type are not permitted on outside sports courts or inside any facility.
 - 6.4.3. Shoes. Shoes that leave marks on courts are not allowed. Boots of any type are not permitted.
- 6.5. Fields and Courts. IAW AFI 34-266, prior to the start of any intramural season, base safety officials will inspect all fields and courts. Major safety findings will be corrected before the start of sporting program.
 - 6.5.1. If a player or coach notices a potential problem with equipment, courts, or fields, he/she should notify a Fitness Center representative immediately.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 34-266

Air Force Fitness and Sports Programs

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

FCD—Fitness Center Director

IAW—In accordance with

NGB—National Governing Body

OI—Operating Instruction

ORM—Operational Risk Management