

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
FITNESS CENTER
ALL SPORTS BY-LAWS
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PURPOSE

The purpose of these by-laws is to establish guidelines and operational procedures for all sports in the Intramural Sports program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. To promote esprit de corps and sportsmanship among all squadrons and individual participants.
2. To provide scheduled competition for eligible personnel assigned to Luke AFB.

ELIGIBILITY

1. IAW AFI 34-266
2. All participants must be assigned or attached to the organization he or she is representing.
3. Organizations can enter more than one team: Once an individual plays one game with the team they are assigned or attached, he or she must remain with that team for the remainder of the season.
4. Small squadrons that don't have enough individuals interested to field a team may combine with another small squadron to make one team. One squadron may still compete for Commander's Cup points. The Commander for the squadron not competing for Commander's Cup points must sign a letter to re-assign his players to the gaining squadron's team for that particular sport. This must be accomplished before the beginning of each intramural sport.
5. All players from the same squadron in the player's pool must play for the same team after being selected. Players on teams forfeiting out of the league will not be allowed to join other teams during that sport season.
6. Personnel, who are members of organizations that do not field a team, may submit a letter, signed by their Squadron Commander, to the Sports Director for placement on a team by means of a player's pool.
7. All players pool transactions must be completed prior to the first game of the regular season, unless a PCS or transfer occurs during the season.

POSTPONEMENTS

1. To ensure a well-organized league, postponements will only be permitted for scheduled military commitments that reduce a team's roster to less than the required legal line-up. To request a postponement team coaches must notify the Sports Director, in writing, person or over the phone as soon in advance of scheduled game as possible.
2. If the postponement is granted, the game will be rescheduled and both teams notified of the new date and time.
3. If an emergency requires a team to leave during their game (i.e. Fire Dept, SFS), the game will be suspended and completed at a later time.

FORFEITURE

1. Game time is forfeit time.
2. In order to obtain a forfeit victory, the team that is present must have at least the minimum number of players physically ready to play, unless notified by the Sports and Fitness Director, in advance, that their team will receive a forfeit. The minimum number of players to start and complete a game will be stated in sport specific by-laws.
3. If neither team is ready to play, the match will be considered a double forfeit.
4. Two forfeits in one season will result in removal from the league and playoffs.

PROTESTS

1. Only player eligibility may be protested. No other protests will be allowed.
2. To lodge a protest, the coach must do the following: Notify the officials and the scorekeeper during the game and ensure it is annotated in the official score book or scorecard. Submit a typed letter to the Sports and Fitness Director no later than 1200 hours of the next duty day of the game in question. Protests submitted after that time will not be accepted. Protests must contain the following: Date, time and all the details concerning the protest, including the names of the officials and Fitness Center staff present at the game in question. The Sports and Fitness Directors will resolve any protest.
3. If a team is found using an ineligible player, that team shall forfeit any games won up to that point where the ineligible player was used.

CONDUCT

1. Official's decisions are final.
2. Officials have the authority to eject from the game, and facility, any person or persons, who in their opinion, are interfering with the safe and peaceful conduct of the game, or displaying unsportsman like conduct. Play may be suspended until the player, or fan is removed. If flagrant, the Security Forces will be called.
3. Any player ejected from the game must leave the playing area, out of sight and sound, within ninety seconds. If ejection was not due to flagrant misconduct, the player will be ineligible to play for 2 games. If ejection was due to flagrant misconduct, player will be ineligible to play the rest of the season, playoffs included. If the player fails to leave the area, their team will forfeit the game.
4. The use of profanity, abusive language, or other unsportsman like behavior will not be tolerated. Players/Coaches/Spectators may be ejected for such behavior.
5. Only coaches and/or Team Captains shall question umpires concerning rules interpretations. At no time is a player to question or argue an official's call, only rule interpretation.
6. If a player collects three unsportsmanlike reprimands (technical fouls, yellow cards, flagrant fouls, etc) during the same season, it will result in disqualification for the remainder of the season, including playoffs.
7. Any team that receives a total of four unsportsmanlike reprimands (technical fouls, yellow cards, flagrant fouls, etc) during the same season will be removed from the league, and their squadron will not receive Commanders Cup points for that season.
8. Flagrant violations, such as fighting or attempting to strike an official or another player, may lead to indefinite suspension to participate in any Intramural Sporting events.

APPEALS

1. All teams have the right to appeal rulings on protests or disqualified players by submitting a rebuttal, in writing, within 3 duty days of the ruling to the Sports Director. All rebuttals will receive careful consideration from the Fitness Center Director and Sports Department.

SAFETY

1. No jewelry of any kind will be worn, with the exception of flat wedding bands, which must be taped. Fitness Center will not provide tape. Dog

tags must be removed during play. If jewelry cannot be removed, the player will not be allowed to compete.

2. No steal cleats or spikes will be allowed.
3. Neither cut-off nor shorts with pockets will be allowed.
4. It is highly recommended that teams conduct a warm up and stretching period prior to their game. Coaches are responsible for ensuring team members are properly prepared before entering a game.
5. It is highly recommended that each individual wear a mouth piece.

RULES

1. All sports are governed by appropriate NCAA and national/international governing bodies. All rules from these associations will govern play except when amended by these and other sports specific by-laws.

The Sports and Fitness Staff reserve the right to amend these by-laws and/or act in the best interest of the program at any time.

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