



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE**

MEMORANDUM FOR FITNESS CENTER DIRECTORS

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FROM: HQ USAFE/A1SCS
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SUBJECT: 2010 US Forces Men's and Women's Basketball Championships

1. The 2010 US Forces Men's and Women's Basketball Championships are scheduled for 23-28 Mar at Ramstein air Base, Germany.
2. Tournament Format: NCAA men and women rules will be used during this event including shot clocks. Both men's and women's teams will play a round robin format in (4) four Pools (A, B, C and D) with top two teams in each pool into seeded single elimination tournament. The games will be played at four different locations: Pool A. (Vogelweh), Pool B. (Landstuhl) and Pool C. (Ramstein) South side and Pool D (Ramstein Annex). The following is the game format for preliminary rounds:
 - a. Two - 12 minute regulation halves, with a 5 minute half time intermission, and 10 minute warm-ups between games.
 - b. Men: 35 Second Shot Clock will be used for games;
 - c. Women: 30 Second Shot clock will be used for games;
 - d. Overtime will be 3 minutes in length, with a 1-minute intermission;
 - e. Game format can be modified by the USAFE Project Officer and or tournament director.
 - f. Championship games will be NCAA Regulation
 - g. Game time is forfeit time unless specific mission related circumstances are provided by commander.
 - h. **TIES**: In case of ties at the conclusion of the Round Robin Pool Play, the following format will be used as tie-breakers in order until the tie is broken:
 - a. Head to Head.
 - b. Defensive points allowed Head to Head (Team allowing the fewest points)
 - c. Point differential for all games played (Team with highest point differential/Margin of victory);
 - d. Coin Toss.

- i. Protests: Protests regarding any type of rule infraction must be followed using NCAA rules. Protests for player eligibility must be addressed immediately on site with supporting documentation to the USAFE Sports Office or Mr. Tom Burkett, USAFE Sports Manager.
- j. The schedule is subject to change depending on number of teams entered. Game start time on 24 Mar is also depending on number of teams entered.

3. Schedule of Events: (Detailed playing schedule will be released by 12 Mar, 2010)

23 Mar 10: Travel Day--Teams Arrive
23 Mar 10: Coaches/Officials Meeting at South Side Fitness Center Annex
24 – 27 Mar 10: Round Robin Pool Play/Single elimination with Top eight teams
28 Mar 10: Championship Games
29 Mar 09: Travel Day--Teams Depart

4. Eligibility: Valid U.S. military (active duty, active guard/reserve), civilian and dependent ID card holders are authorized to participate in this tournament; however, U.S. Active Duty personnel have priority above all others. Team members must be 18 years of age or older and out of high school. All non-active duty personnel must complete a statement of eligibility prior to participating in these championships; local Services commander must sign stating no active duty personnel are being displaced. One copy of the statement must be sent to HQ USAFE/A1SCS and one copy must be hand-carried to the championships and given to the USAFE representative at the coaches meeting (USAFE Personnel Only). Mr. Tony Lee, US Army Rep and Mr. Jim Mattingly will certify all IMCOM teams and Mr. Tom Burkett will check for eligibility during coaches meeting.

5. Team Registration: Initial rosters must be submitted NLT 1 Mar 2010. Teams may bring 12 players and 2 staff member. Fitness Center staff must provide rosters to include: team name, individual names, rank, unit, hometown and position, as per attachment.

6. Transportation, Lodging and Meals: Individuals, units, naval stations, post or bases may pay for transportation costs and lodging of teams traveling to and from Ramstein. **Request base fitness center staff forward transportation details at earliest.** All lodging and meal expenses will be borne by the visiting teams. Teams will be lodged at hotels, regular lodging or barracks in the Kaiserslautern area. Please contact Mr. Quinton Floyd, USAG Kaiserslautern, 493-2087 for lodging rooms at Miesau, Danner or Rhein Ordinance Barracks. If teams are lodged in these rooms, they must bring bedding and sleeping bags.

7. Coaches/Officials Meeting: The coaches/officials meeting will be conducted at the Ramstein Southside Fitness Center Annex at 1900, 23 Mar. The agenda will include:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Roster Verification
- Tournament Rules
- Officials Remarks (All NCAA rules will be discussed)
- Closing Remarks

8. Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Opening Ceremonies will be at the Ramstein South Side Fitness Center, 24 Mar at 1800. Request each USAG, Post, base or wing bring their organizational flag and flag pole for opening ceremonies. Awards/Closing Ceremonies are conducted at the Ramstein South side Fitness Center immediately following the men's championship game.

9. The event is sanctioned by the USAFE Sports Office and therefore All Air Force members with commander's concurrence are eligible for Permissive Temporary Duty (PTDY) to include necessary travel time. Air Force members should refer to AFI 36-3003, Table 7, Rule 33, *Leave Program* for more details. PTDY can be accomplished on AF Form 988, *Request Leave/Authorization*. Active duty personnel are required to maintain Air Force appearance standards as stated in AFI 36-2903, *Standards of Dress and Appearance*.

10. USAFE Sports project officer is Tom Burkett, HQ USAFE/A1SCS, DSN 478-2301 or 0049-6371-405-2301; fax # is DSN 480-7375 or e-mail: Thomas.Burkett@sembach.af.mil. Tournament Directors for Ramstein are: Mr. Issac Melendez, 480-0294; Mr. David Jones 480-0994 and Mr. Jim Grubb 489-7329.

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