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SUBJECT: VANDENBERG AFB INTRAMURAL BOWLING BY-LAWS

1. **GENERAL:** The Vandenberg AFB Athletic Program encourages participation of all assigned active military personnel in organized sports. Additionally, the Vandenberg Athletic Program tries to offer as many opportunities to base personnel to compete at the highest levels of competition.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in the intramural leagues is open to all-active military personnel and civilians assigned to VAFB. No more than 30 percent of the squadron intramural team may be comprised of non-military members. Dependents participating in the intramural soccer program must be 16 years or older.

- A. TDY personnel must be on orders for thirty days or longer.
- B. Individuals must be assigned or attached to the unit represented. If an individual changes squadrons during the season, he/she may choose which squadron they wish to play for. He/she will establish their eligibility by playing one game with either the losing or gaining unit. All players regardless of category of personnel must go into a player's pool prior to being placed into any team.
- C. Squadrons, detachments or units with insufficient personnel assigned or present for duty may, with approval of Athletic Director, combine with other units in the same situation. This authority to combine will only be for this particular season. The team can't compete for commander's trophy points.
- D. If an organization does not enter a team in the program, members of that organization may be assigned to participate with another organization entered in the program by requesting in writing their intent to the Sports Director. The Director will place these individuals in the players' pool. Once the season has started, the team with the least amount of players on their roster will have first choice at any additional players entering the players' pool. The second option will be the team with the worst win/loss record, and so on.

3. **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:** No part of the military uniform, serviceable or unserviceable, to include cut-off pants may be worn while participating in the intramural program. All bowlers must wear proper bowling shoes.

4. **SAFETY:** Do not be careless with the bowling ball. Practice common sense. No horse play near lanes or bowlers. Ensure nobody is standing behind bowlers in action. Stretch and warm up accordingly prior to bowling. Inspect balls for damage or cracks. Check to make sure there are no foreign objects on lanes.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS:** A postponement will only be granted for power failures, and squadron/base alerts that are **MISSION ESSENTIAL**. Unit picnics are not considered mission essential.

6. **MINIMUM NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION TIMES:** Any organization that fails to notify the bowling league president in writing prior to 1600 hrs on the day of the scheduled contest of their inability to play due to military commitment, shall forfeit the game. A player, whose team drops from the league or forfeits out, and still wishes to participate, must submit their name to the bowling league president to be placed in the players' pool. This includes squadrons with two or more teams.

7. **MAKE UP DAYS:** All make up games will be played after the completion of all originally scheduled games for the season. The bowling league president will notify the coaches and unit sports representatives of the dates and time of all make up games. If the outcome of the make up game(s) will not allow either of the participating teams to qualify for the playoffs, the games will not be played.

8. **PROTEST:** Protest will be limited to rule interpretation and player eligibility only.

A. Protest must be registered at the time of the incident. The official will notify both coaches that the game is being played under protest. The individual protesting the game, with a full account of the events will write the protest in the scorebook.

B. A full account of the protest and its conditions must be typed and presented to the Intramural Sports Coordinator before 1200 hrs on the following workday.

9. **COMPOSITION OF PROTEST COMMITTEE:** The protest committee will consist of the Fitness Center Director, The bowling league president, Vice President, and the league treasurer. Decisions can't be appealed.

The league will only consider protests based on the player's eligibility. The officials will accept no protests based on judgment calls.

10. **AWARDS:** Individual and team awards will be furnished by the Fitness Center to the Base Champions and League Champions. Team awards will also be given to the Base runner-ups.

11. **EJECTIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Players will be ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct. A player will be disqualified if he is ineligible.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

The Intramural bowling League will be held on Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Bowling Center.

Rule 9. A team can only win one team award, and an individual can only win one individual award, excluding the most improved average and high average awards. If a team/individual qualifies for more than one award the following criteria will be used to determine which one will be awarded. If there is a difference in money value, the award with the highest value will be awarded first, if the awards are of equal value then series will come before game and handicap will come before scratch.

Rule 10. All bowlers shall establish an average on the first night that they bowl and handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the bowler average and 210, with no limit on handicap. A handicap cannot be established until an individual has bowled three games. In the event that a bowler does not complete three games on the first night he/she bowls then a vacant score will be used for the third game. Also the results of those games where a bowler didn't have a handicap will be held until the bowler bowls a third game and a handicap can be established.

Rule 11. The minimum legal lineup of two bowlers must be present before the completion of the third frame of each game. If a team doesn't have a legal line-up by the end of the third frame of any game than that game will be forfeited, if neither team has a legal line-up it will be a double forfeit.

Rule 12. Vacancy scores may be used, for the first two weeks of scheduled play, if a team does not have sufficient members to bowl. The vacancy score shall be 120 plus handicap for this average (201).

Rule 13. A bowler who arrives late may enter game provided 3 frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up.

Rule 14. Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal line-up but less than four bowlers. Absentee scores shall be the member's average minus ten pins with full handicap. The criteria for selecting the absentee score shall be the absent person with the highest amount of games bowled if there is a tie the bowler with the highest average will be used.

Rule 15. The league will determine wins and losses on a handicap basis and the league will work on an eight point system whereas two points will be awarded for each game won and two points will be awarded for high team series. In the event of a tie the teams will each be awarded one point. Position standings will be based on percentage of games won, in the event of a tie total pins will break the tie.

Rule 16. Postponements must be requested through one of the league officers. In the event a team can't field a legal line-up due to military commitment a postponement will be granted. The league Board of Directors must approve any postponement with less than six hours notice, other than military commitment. All postponed matches must be made up within two weeks of the original scheduled date or games will be forfeited.

Rule 17. Surf Lanes will sponsor a single elimination stepladder tournament to determine the base champions; awards will be presented to both the first and second place team. The top 8 teams or 50% (whichever is higher) in the league will qualify for this tournament; total pins will determine ties for these positions. Tournament schedule will be determined at a later date. Teams must be made up of 50% military

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