

2017 WSL Armed Forces Program Annex

Armed Forces:

1. The Armed Forces Men's Program shall feature three divisions: Open Division, Installation Division, Varsity Division. Each division may be split into two divisions for the WSL Armed Forces National Tournament dependent on the number of registered teams.
2. The Armed Forces Women's Program shall feature one division: Open Division. A second Open Division may be added for the WSL Armed Forces National Tournament dependent on the number of registered teams.
3. A Men's and Women's Armed Forces Team consists of players that are Active Duty, Dependents (18 and over with a valid dependent ID), Reserves, National Guard, Retired, ROTC, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians, DoD Contractors, players that possess a DD214 with an honorable discharge, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel currently employed by the Coast Guard or Border Patrol and their dependents (18 and over with a valid dependent ID). Department of Defense Contractors must possess a Department of Defense Identification card or a common access card (CAC) with a green color bar and computer chip to participate. All Players must have a valid DoD or DHS Identification card or DD214 with State or Federal Picture ID on hand during competition. ID cards with an expired date will not be allowed to compete.
4. Players competing in the Open Division of the WSL Armed Forces National Tournament may also compete in either the Installation or Varsity Divisions but not both during National Championship and World Championship play. Open Division games will be staggered with Installation and Varsity Division games so that players can compete in both events. In the unlikely event a scheduling conflict occurs, games will not be delayed for players in another level of play. Game time is forfeit time. TDY personnel are eligible to compete in the National Tournament if the TDY assignment is six months or more in duration, orders must be presented prior to the event so that the director can validate the orders. TDY Orders will not be accepted on the day of the event. Exceptions to these rules must be submitted 30 days prior to the event.
5. Teams with players from two installations or more MUST play in the Open Division.
6. Player Eligibility:
 - a. All athletes on a Men's Open rosters must provide a valid CAC, DoD, or DHS ID Card to participate. A Men's Open rosters can consist of any number of eligible players.
 - b. All athletes on a Men's Installation roster must provide a valid CAC, DoD, or DHS ID Card and Orders assigning the individual, or documentation showing residence

on the installation they are representing. Men's Varsity rosters are limited to players from one (1) installation. Contractors, DoD Civilians, Coast Guard, and Border Patrol athletes that do not have daily work on an installation must live in the same state or within 100 miles of the installation they are participating for and show proof of residence prior to the start of the event. Retirees and DD214 holders must live in the same state or within 100 miles of the installation they are participating for and show proof of residence prior to the start of the event. Installation Division rosters may only include a total of five (5) Contractors or DD214 Holders.

c. All athletes on a Men's Varsity Division roster must provide a valid CAC or DoD ID Card and Orders assigning the individual to the Installation they are representing. Varsity Division rosters are limited to Active Duty Members and Retirees. Retirees must live in the same state or within 100 miles of the installation they are representing and show proof of residence prior to the start of the event. Teams comprised of solely Reserve, Guard, Coast Guard, or Border Patrol from one state may also participate in the Varsity Division. All players must be in good standing or actively employed by the established force.

e. Women's rosters must provide a valid CAC or DoD ID Card to participate. A Women's roster can consist of any number of eligible players.

7. Players who competed on a Men's Installation or Varsity Division team but have been transferred to a base or unit that does not have a team may request a waiver from the WSL National Armed Forces Director to play for their former team for the same calendar year as the change of station.

8. Men's teams in the Installation or Varsity Division that cannot provide player eligibility documents will be removed from that Division and placed in the Open Division.

9. Teams must play in at least one WSL Armed Forces Tournament to compete in the WSL Armed Forces National Championship. A team can request an exception by providing a written request to the WSL National Armed Forces Director. Requests will not be approved for Installation or Varsity Level teams if an event was held within 200 miles of the participating teams installation or unit headquarters.

10. Home Run Rule

a. Open Division – 8

b. Installation Division – 6

c. Varsity Division – 4

d. Women's Division – 8

e. Any additional home run hit will be recorded as an out.

11. Mercy Run Rule

- a. Qualifier, State, and NIT – 20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5
- b. National Tournament – 25 after 3, 20 after 4, 15 after 5

12. Time Limit

- a. A 55 minute time limit will be enforced in all pool play games.
- b. There will be no time limit for bracket games. Players will be encouraged to move quickly between innings. The head umpire may enforce a first batter out for or award a first batter 1B if teams are taking too much time between innings. This is a judgment call of the on field umpire and cannot be appealed to the Tournament Director.

13. All playing rules not specifically covered in this rule section shall be governed by the official playing rules of WSL.