



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION  
UNIT #15041  
APO AP 96258-5041**

EAID-CG

**APR 11 2012**

MEMORANDUM FOR All 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (2ID) Assigned Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #11-2, 2ID Command Policy on High Risk Contact Sports

1. References.

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, Rapid Action Revision, 4 Oct 11.
- b. AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, 24 Sep 10.
- c. FM. 5-25.150, Combatives, 1 Apr 09.
- d. FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management, 21 Aug 06.
- e. Memorandum, EUSA, EACG, 18 Nov 09, Subject: high Risk Contact Sports Policy.
- f. Memorandum, IMCOM-K, IMKO-SO, 21 Sep 10, Subject: Policy Memorandum #6, Safety.
- g. 2ID Regulation 385-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Safety Program, 22 Aug 11.

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy supersedes 2ID Policy Letter #37, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Command Policy on High Risk Contract Sports, dated 2 February 2010. It remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

3. **PURPOSE.** To provide guidance and establish policy for high risk contact sports competitions. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, regardless of what area they are located in (Area I through IV). The purpose of this policy is not to discourage members from participating in these activities, but to ensure awareness of the hazards and the potential for injury.

4. **BACKGROUND.** In the past, this Command has experienced serious injuries during contact sport competitions. Accident trends and analysis were conducted to determine areas where safety improvements could be implemented. While risks associated with contact sports cannot be completely eliminated, actions can be taken to reduce the risks and protect the force.

EAID-CG

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #11-2, 2ID Command Policy on High Risk Contact Sports

5. DISCUSSION. Competitive sporting events help instill individual pride and unit esprit de corps. In all cases, these events include some risk of injury for the participants. Members of this command are expected to exercise sound judgment and self-discipline in all activities and not put life or limb, or the performance of their military duties in jeopardy. Commanders and First-Line Supervisors must ensure they are aware of all personnel under their supervision who participate in High Risk Activities. Commanders must discuss training, experience, and use of safety equipment, as well as, rules and precautions necessary for any subordinate to follow when participating in High-Risk Activities. Acceptance of risk is a serious matter that must be weighed against operational and mission requirements. The sporting events and programs that we host and sponsor within the Division involve varying degrees of risk. To mitigate these risks, the following procedures will be implemented:

a. Chain of Command Approval

(1) Leaders are personally responsible for creating the right safety environment within their organizations. The importance of creating safety values and inculcating them at all levels of our workforce cannot be overemphasized. Leaders occupy a position of trust and are responsible for the stewardship of our people and assigned resources. Responsibility for the safety of personnel is a leadership function. No Soldier, Civilian or Contractor assigned to this command will be allowed to compete in high risk sports competition without the approval of his or her immediate Chain of Command and Battalion Commander.

(2) Soldiers' Periodic Health Assessments (PHA) must be current. Civilians and Contractors must have a valid Annual Physical Exam. Each competitor must have a sports physical within 30 days of the event at the installation TMC. Just prior to the event, a qualified medical practitioner will conduct a pre-event screening of all competitors to ensure everyone remains cleared to compete.

(3) The attached "Physical Exam / Commander Approval Checklist" will be used for all high risk contact sports competitions. All high risk events (e.g., martial arts, boxing, wrestling, combative competitions, and other similar activities) will comply with reference 1, e above.

b. Unit Sponsored Combatives Competitions

(1) All combative events will comply with the requirements outlined in FM 3-25.150, Combatives, 01 April 2009.

(2) All unit sponsored or hosted combatives competitions will be considered "HIGH" risk events. Commanders will conduct a thorough Composite Risk Management, and the CRM worksheet will become a part of the event OPORD/MOI. All unit sponsored combatives competitions will be approved by the first Commander in the grade of O-6 or above, in the chain-of-command of the unit sponsoring the event, or by the Division Chief of Staff.

EAID-CG

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #11-2, 2ID Command Policy on High Risk Contact Sports

c. All members of this command who compete in Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (FMWR) high risk contact sporting events or competitions will comply with paragraphs 5a(1) through 5a(3) above and the requirements outlined in Memorandum EUSA, EACG, Subject: High Risk Contact Sports Policy, 18 November 2009.

d. No high risk contact sport competitions on Camp Casey / Hovey enclave will take place unless there is an Ambulance / EMT personnel present during the event and Casey MEDEVAC Section has been notified and placed on standby. MEDEVAC operations must be cleared to fly and are contingent on VFR Forecast Weather at estimated time of arrival, plus one hour. Both of these risk mitigating measures / controls will be in place before the event can take place. Events on Camp Red Cloud and Camp Stanley will also have Ambulance / EMT personnel present. MEDEVAC operations is not a prerequisite at these two locations since they are within the 20 minute driving distance to St. Mary's Hospital, which has an advanced (level 1) trauma facility and complies with Eighth IUS Army Policy Memorandum above. The same MEDEVAC prerequisites apply to 2CAB units at Camp Humphreys as Dunkuk Hospital is outside of the 20 minute travel distance by ambulance.

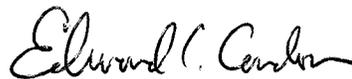
e. Training

(1) The above requirements do not apply to contact sports training programs conducted as part of physical training, Soldier training, or training clinics.

(2) Commanders will use the Composite Risk Management process to determine controls and risk mitigation measures for these events.

(3) Commanders will ensure the Composite Risk Management process is completed for all high risk sporting / training events not specifically outlined in this policy. The final approved worksheet will become part of the Memorandum of Instruction (MOI) for the event.

6. PROPONENT. The Second Infantry Division Command Safety Office is the proponent for this policy. The Safety Office may be reached at DSN 732-7032/7298.



EDWARD C. CARDON  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

A