

*USAREUR Regulation 215-9

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Civilian Participation in USAREUR Sports and Fitness Programs

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Summary. This regulation establishes policy for civilian participation in USAREUR sports activities.

Summary of Change. This revision provides new guidance on the following:

- Eligibility criteria for civilians participating in team sports between base support battalions (para 5a(4)).
- The 75-percent rule governing sports programs for women (para 5d).
- Conditions for allowing children and youths to use USAREUR fitness centers (para 5g).

Applicability. This regulation applies to U.S. civilian personnel assigned to USAREUR and tenant commands (UR 10-5, app A) and to their family members.

Supplementation. Commanders will not supplement this regulation without CG, USAREUR/7A (AEAGA-GR), approval.

Forms. USAREUR and higher-level forms (printed and electronic) are available through the USAREUR Publications System (UPUBS).

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel and Installation Management, HQ USAREUR/7A (AEAGA-GR, 370-7378). Users may suggest improvements to this regulation by sending a DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to the Commander, USAREUR/7A, ATTN: AEAGA-GR, Unit 29351, APO AE 09014.

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1. PURPOSE

This regulation establishes policy and guidelines for authorized civilian personnel and family members to participate in sports and fitness activities in USAREUR.

2. REFERENCES

- a. AR 215-1, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- b. UR 10-5, HQ USAREUR/7A Organization and Responsibilities.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

APO	Army post office
AR	Army regulation
ASG	area support group
BSB	base support battalion
CG, USAREUR/7A	Commanding General, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army
DA	Department of the Army
DOD	Department of Defense
HQ USAREUR/7A	Headquarters, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army
para	paragraph
UPUBS	USAREUR Publications System
U.S.	United States
USAREUR	United States Army, Europe

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Area support group (ASG) commanders are responsible for--

- a. Organizing and supporting sports activities for civilians.
- b. Ensuring that sports activities for civilians do not detract from mission-essential physical-fitness programs for soldiers. (AR 215-1 regulates unit-level sports and sports conducted in ASGs.)

5. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The ASG commander organizing a sporting event or league will determine the eligibility for civilian participation. ASG commanders will also ensure that the following requirements are met when conducting team sports between base support battalions (BSBs) (for example, Army European Championships):

- a. Civilians who take part in the event must be U.S.-identification-card holders and one of the following:
 - (1) A DOD appropriated or nonappropriated fund U.S.-citizen employee.
 - (2) A family member of a DOD appropriated or nonappropriated fund U.S.-citizen employee.
 - (3) A family member of an active-duty member of the U.S. military.
 - (4) A U.S. contractor who is eligible to use U.S. military facilities.
- b. Civilian participants in sporting events must--

(1) Be at least 18 years old and not be enrolled in high school.

(2) Not be eligible to take part in the Youth Services Program.

(3) Be on leave, on compensatory time, or off duty when practicing or taking part in the event.

(4) Compete only on the team of the BSB where they or their sponsors are permanently assigned.

(5) Not compete against military personnel in contact sports (that is, boxing, wrestling, taekwondo, judo, and touch or tackle football).

c. In sports programs for men, team rosters must include at least 75 percent U.S. active-duty military personnel.

d. In sports programs for women, team rosters should include at least 75 percent U.S. active-duty military personnel.

(1) The 75 percent will not be ignored in order to form a more competitive team. When the BSB has enough interested U.S. active-duty women available to meet the 75-percent quota, those women will be given priority regardless of their athletic abilities.

(2) BSBs that are unable to meet the 75-percent quota must request approval from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel and Installation Management, HQ USAREUR/7A, before entering the team into any league or other competition. Requests will be sent to the Commander, USAREUR/7A, ATTN: AEAGA-GR, Unit 29351, APO AE 09014.

e. In individual sports, separate civilian divisions may be established when enough civilians are interested.

f. In sports events involving more than one ASG (for example, invitational tournaments or 1-day competitions), the ASG commander organizing and hosting the event will determine the extent of civilian participation.

g. Age limits are established to ensure a safe environment for all customers of fitness centers. Medical organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine provide specific guidelines for youth-fitness programs. The Army standard is consistent with these guidelines. Youths may use adult indoor physical-fitness centers only under the following conditions:

(1) They conduct themselves in a reasonable, responsible manner and abide by the rules of the facility.

(2) Their use of the facility does not prevent soldiers from using it.

(3) Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized in the cardiovascular, strength, sauna, or steam rooms; nor are they allowed in Jacuzzi areas at any time.

(4) Children up to 16 years old must be one of the following:

(a) Accompanied by, under the direct supervision of, and actively taking part in the same activity as their parent or guardian.

(b) Participating in a special program organized and conducted by Child and Youth Services, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, or other authorized youth organization.

(5) Children of kindergarten age and older will use gender-appropriate showers, locker rooms, and restrooms.