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**Security**

**WESTOVER ARB COMBAT  
ENDURANCE COURSE**

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This instruction implements AFDPO 31-1, *Physical Security*. It establishes guidelines and procedures for using the Westover Air Reserve Base (ARB) Combat Endurance Course. It applies to all authorized users who must be members of active duty, reserve, or ROTC military organizations.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This revision deletes the video presentation as part of the safety briefing (paragraph 3.1.). A bar (|) indicates revisions from the previous edition.

**1. General.** The Westover ARB Combat Endurance Course is off limits to all personnel without proper authorization from the 439th Security Forces Squadron Commander (439 SFS/CC) or designated representative. Obstacle courses are valuable for physical fitness training. The challenge that obstacles offer helps to develop and test basic skills. The obstacle course gives personnel confidence in their mental and physical abilities and cultivates their spirit of daring as well as teamwork. Personnel are encouraged, but never forced, to negotiate every obstacle. This course is never run for time, except during specific training in preparation for competition.

**2. Responsibilities.**

2.1. 439 Security Forces Training Section (439 SFS/SFT).

2.1.1. Provide a safety and orientation briefing prior to use of the course.

2.1.2. Maintain a course safety book with pictures and guidance for each obstacle.

2.1.3. Provide a communication device to users and brief on actions to take in the event of an emergency.

2.1.4. Maintain a sign-in log of all personnel using the course. User Responsibility Statements are completed.

## 2.2. Civil Engineering (439 SPTG/CE).

2.2.1. Provide maintenance to the course as requested by either SFS or Safety (SE) to keep the course in operational condition.

2.2.2. Ensure warning signs are posted as requested and in clear view to ensure unauthorized personnel remain off the course.

2.2.3. CE will attend the annual safety inspection and perform the requested maintenance.

2.3. SE conducts an annual safety inspection and provides a certification letter to be maintained in the course safety book.

**3. Procedures.** Those wishing to use the course must attend a safety/orientation briefing. The individual attending the safety/orientation briefing provided by SFS will be the point of contact (POC) for his or her unit for personnel using the course and will be present while unit personnel negotiate the course. All personnel who will be negotiating the course should attend a briefing provided by the unit POC prior to negotiating the course. The POC is responsible to ensure all personnel using the course have been properly briefed. The briefing includes:

3.1. A review of the course safety book which shows all obstacles and the correct method for negotiating them. The POC will complete the sign-in log.

3.2. An in-depth safety discussion. The agency using the course must have a POC to act as a safety observer. This safety observer will:

3.2.1. Complete a User Responsibility Statement.

3.2.2. Safeguard personnel do not have any existing medical conditions that would prevent them from negotiating the course.

3.2.3. Brief all participants on all obstacles and how to negotiate them safely.

3.2.4. Arrange for an ambulance to be standing by at the course or arrange through 439 SFS Armory for a radio with which to contact the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

3.2.5. Prior to use, conduct a walk-through of the course to determine the condition of each obstacle. Weather conditions may provide an unsafe environment (ice, water, high winds, etc.) on some obstacles. Obstacles determined unsafe will be placed off limits until conditions improve.

3.2.6. Keep the course and surrounding area clean and notify the SFT of any damage to the course. SFT will then notify CE for maintenance and repair.

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**Attachment 1**

**WESTOVER COMBAT ENDURANCE COURSE USER RESPONSIBILTIES**

1. Keep a safe environment at all times and always conduct a safety briefing for all personnel prior to using the course.
2. Place any obstacle off limits if it appears to be unsafe or is above the abilities of the personnel using the course.
3. Never use the course alone.
4. Always have communications with Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk by ether signing out a SFS radio or having a reliable cellular phone (413-557-3557).
5. Never drive on the course, except in emergencies.
6. Do not allow course participants to negotiate any obstacle they are not familiar with.
7. Conduct a walk through inspection of the course for safety and familiarity.
8. Never start the course without setting all moving logs.
9. Always have a spotter on the obstacle being negotiated.
10. Never leave the area without dressing up the pits.
11. Always leave the area neater and cleaner than you found it.
12. Report any damage or problems to 439 SFS/SFTT (Security Forces Training Section)
13. Return all SFS property immediately upon departing the course.

By signing I understand and accept all the above user responsibilities. If I fail to heed instructions, my agency agrees to accept full responsibility and liability for any injuries.

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Signature		Date