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DIRECTORATE OF ATHLETICS

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This mission directive prescribes the mission, organization, and responsibilities of the Directorate of Athletics, Headquarters United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.

1. Authority. AFI 38-101, as implemented by DAF/PE 680r, letter, Organization Action Affecting Certain United States Air Force Academy Units, and Special Order Number GS-4, Headquarters US Air Force Academy, 21 October 1994.

2. Mission. Provide all cadets realistic leadership experience in a mentally and physically challenging environment. Prepare and motivate cadets for a lifetime of service through physical education, fitness training and testing, and intramural and intercollegiate athletic competition. Generate major portion of revenue necessary to operate multimillion dollar athletic program. Promote the Academy to the nation through athletics.

3. Organization. The Directorate of Athletics is assigned to the Headquarters US Air Force Academy. The Directorate of Athletics is comprised of the Athletic Director, Vice Athletic Director, Senior Women's Administrator/Associate Athletic Director, Candidate Counseling, Sports Medicine, Director of Business Operations, Director of Support, Director of Athletic Programs, and 27 intercollegiate sports.

4. Responsibilities:

4.1. Director of Athletics. Plans, directs, and provides oversight for the US Air Force Academy's Athletic Department consisting of 27 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) intercollegiate programs, physical education curriculum, fitness testing, the cadet intramural program, sports medicine division, candidate counseling, and associated support activities. Provides oversight for all business affairs for the Air Force Academy Athletic Association (AFAAA). Represents the Academy at NCAA conference level and other related athletic forums.

4.2. Director of Business Operations. Provides budget planning, financial services, and internal control functions for all appropriated and nonappropriated fund activities of the Athletic Department. Directs and manages business operations to include all gift shops and concessions. Provides supervisory oversight for all contracting, licensing, and procurement activities. Through the Sports Information office, provide sports information assistance in coordinating contact between the media and the athletic department and athletic teams.

4.3. Candidate Counseling. Coordinates all admission support activities for 27 intercollegiate sports within the Athletic Department. Coordinates all actions between AH and the Director of Admissions. Oversees all medical monitoring of identified cadet candidates with the DoD Medical Review Board and Command Surgeon. Coordinates all actions for the selection of endorsed athletes for appointment and preparatory school. Maintains oversight of all Congressional actions as required for all recruited athletes. Coordinates all actions required between Air Force Liaison Officers and the Athletic Department personnel.

4.4. Sports Medicine. The Sports Medicine Division is responsible for providing state-of-the-art injury prevention and rehabilitation protocols to USAF Academy cadets. This includes the optimum development of human performance skills by all members of the cadet wing.

4.5. Athletic Programs. Responsible for the day-to-day operation of intercollegiate, intramural, physical education, and fitness testing programs. Oversees a multifaceted physical education program consisting of 26 physical education courses of instruction, taught to 590 sections and 4,000 cadets. Manages a major college-level National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) intercollegiate sports program consisting of varsity and junior varsity teams. Responsible for supply and equipment budget in excess of \$1 million.

4.6. Athletic Support. The Support Division is to support the USAFA athletic program through facility preparation, equipment repair, and acquisition of supplies and equipment for the directorate. Plan, coordinate, and program facility upgrades and renovations with the 10 CEG. Provides administrative, logistical, and management support for the USAFA athletic teams, Falcon Sports Camps, and all athletic-related events.

4.7. Intercollegiate Athletic Teams. Responsible for the management and oversight of their respective teams within established NCAA and conference guidelines and regulations, and adherence to applicable USAFA, DoD, and Air Force instructions and policies. Responsibilities include: planning and organization of all recruiting efforts, supply and equipment ordering, budget planning, scheduling of athletic contests, and team management.

4.8. Senior Women's Administrator. Supervises seven intercollegiate men's and women's teams. Responsible for the NCAA compliance office, and coordinates recruiting with the candidate counseling office.

5. Relationship to Other Units or Agencies. Direct communication with other US Air Force Academy agencies, Headquarters US Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force, other US Air Force MAJCOMs, and other Department of Defense agencies and activities is authorized.

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