

***Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services***

***AIR NATIONAL GUARD (ANG) MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION  
(MWR) PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES***

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This publication implements the ANG MWR Program; defines program responsibilities and who may participate, and gives guidance on management of airlift and motor vehicle resources in support of National Guard Bureau (NGB)-sanctioned recreational and sporting events. It also defines ANG picnic/recreational areas and multipurpose fitness centers. It applies to all ANG personnel. Any form assigned for use by this publication that requires disclosure of personal information, is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. Supplements to this instruction must be approved in advance by ANG/MPPU.

***Section A - Policy***

1. NGB encourages all active ANG members to participate in ANG-organized and ANG-sponsored recreational and sporting events because they help maintain readiness as well as personal, mental, physical, and social well-being. The events offer commanders another retention tool and also develop esprit de corps.
2. ANG-organized and ANG-sponsored recreational and sporting events must be open to all active ANG personnel. All other personnel, retired ANG, personnel from other military services, and ANG Title 5 civilians requested by the host unit and authorized by NGB may participate. When ANG events require the utilization of core MWR facilities, the total serviced community of active DoD personnel and retirees must be provided with equal access and utilization to these facilities. Spouses of ANG members may participate in sporting events; however, all expenses incurred are the responsibility of the members and spouses. Under no circumstances, unless specifically authorized by publication, is military airlift to be used by spouses.
3. MWR recreational and sporting events established for ANG and other authorized personnel within a State, such as unit-sponsored camping/fishing trips, family field days, and unit teams participating within the community, do not require NGB sanction. They will, however, be consistent with the guidelines and limitations set forth here.
4. Promotional material shall not suggest NGB endorsement of any commercial product or service and shall be designed only as an information medium.
5. ANG members are authorized to use Services facilities on active duty Air Force bases as specified in AFI 34-101, ***Services Programs and Use Eligibility***.

***Section B - Intramural and Extramural Programs***

6. NGB Sanction for ANG Recreational and Supporting Events:
  - 6.1. Written requests for NGB sanction for a specific recreational and/or sporting event will be sent through the respective Adjutant General (AG) for concurrence to ANG/MPPU, 3500 Fetchet Ave., Andrews AFB MD 20762-5157, no later than 4 months before the date proposed for the event. ANG/MPPU will coordinate all action necessary for final approval or disapproval.
  - 6.2. Requests for NGB Sanction must include as a minimum:
    - 6.2.1. Nature of recreational or sporting event.
    - 6.2.2. Travel dates.
    - 6.2.3. Competition dates.
    - 6.2.4. Number of anticipated entrants.

- 6.2.5. Type of participants (active Air Force, active ANG, which includes drill status, military technicians, competitive technicians, and military duty personnel, retired military, personnel from other military services, ANG Title 5 civilian employees, and spouses).
- 6.2.6. The number of military duty personnel (AGR) granted permissive TDY to participate or support the event or competition.
- 6.2.7. Other pertinent data (e.g., locations of competition--fields, lanes, city, and state).
- 6.2.8. Sponsoring unit.
- 6.2.9. Unit project managers and telephone numbers.
- 6.3. NGB approval/disapproval will be returned through the respective AG via 7309 message.
- 6.4. The AGs will ensure that this publication is complied with when authorizing members within their State to participate in or support the competition.
- 6.5. Military technicians, competitive technicians, and Title 5 civilian employees approved by their supervisor to participate in or provide support to a competition must be in an appropriate leave status (annual leave, compensatory time, or leave without pay).
- 6.6. Installation commanders may authorize permissive TDY (AFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program*) for 10 days or less in a calendar year. More than 10 days permissive TDY for participation in or support of competition events must be approved by ANG/MPP.
- 6.7. Intramural by-laws will be governed by the established rules of the national governing bodies (NGB).

#### **7. NGB-Sanctioned Recreational and Sporting Events:**

- 7.1. Bowling tournaments, softball tournaments, regionalized golf tournaments, and competitive track and field events are examples of programs encouraged by NGB.
- 7.2. NGB sanction is not limited to those events in paragraph 7.1.
- 7.3. Any competitive recreational or sporting event that provides a broad participant appeal will be considered.

**8. Program Planning.** While NGB encourages participation in ANG-organized and ANG-sponsored recreational and sporting events, the limited support available requires command emphasis with the best effective planning possible in order to succeed. Commanders must be aware of the need to provide project managers with imaginative support and guidance. Where events interface with other public activities, the public image of the ANG must be a priority consideration.

#### **9. Fiscal Support:**

- 9.1. ANG (drill status, military technicians, competitive technicians, Title 5 civilian employees, and military duty status) members who travel to a sanctioned recreational or sporting event as participants in any other support in role are not entitled to TDY per diem or travel allowances.
- 9.2. Military technicians and drill status personnel will not be awarded retirement points for participation in or support of a recreational or sporting event.
- 9.3. ANG personnel performing active or inactive duty for training (annual training, special training, proficiency training, unit training assembly, etc.) will not participate in or support a recreational or sporting event while in a training status for pay. However, members may participate during non-duty hours.
- 9.4. The only exceptions to paragraph 9.1., 9.2., and 9.3. are the NGB and Marine Corps marathons, which are sanctioned by the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Participants in these two events may be authorized pay and allowances, travel, per diem, and retirement points as provided in the guidance for each event.

#### **10. Transporting Personnel:**

- 10.1. Each unit is responsible for arranging the transportation of its personnel to the participation site and return.
- 10.2. Scheduled operational missions or valid training flights may airlift qualified passengers to participate in recreational or sporting events.
- 10.2.1. Airlift missions to support the transporting of recreational or sporting event participants is prohibited whenever the mission is solely for that purpose.
- 10.3. Any ANG aircraft used for support will remain on the ground at a competition site no longer than the time required to safely discharge, pick-up passengers, and continue normal operations.

10.3.1. When a safety-of-flight item precludes continuing normal operations, details will be forwarded to the commander of the unit to which the aircraft is assigned and the ANG Operations Center by telephone.

10.4. For passenger eligibility and clothing requirement aboard military aircraft, refer to DoD 4515.13R, *Air Transportation Eligibility*, Nov 94; NGB/CF message, DTG 02001Z Jul 94, *Wear of Civilian Clothing on Air Force Organic or Commerical Contract (Chartered) Aircraft*.

10.5. Space-available passengers must be furnished with a completed DD Form 1853, *Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility*. AGRs must have an AF Form 988 or a travel order.

10.6. Government-owned or leased motor vehicles may not be provided to participants or support personnel involved in a sanctioned ANG recreational and/or sporting event.

### **Section C - Fitness Facilities and Recreational Areas**

11. An ANG picnic/recreational area consists of, but not limited to, the following:

11.1. A covered or uncovered outdoor area encompassing picnic tables and grills for cooking.

11.2. One or more sports fields; i.e., running track, football field, softball/baseball diamond, soccer field, and/or basketball courts.

12. An ANG multipurpose fitness center is defined as an indoor area consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

12.1. Conditioning area, basketball court, volleyball court, racquetball court, indoor track, etc.

12.2. Assessment area for cycle ergometry evaluations separate from the normal conditioning area.

13. ANG MWR facilities requirements are controlled by AFI 32-1024, *Standard Facility Requirements*.

14. ANG MWR Resources (3), FAC 4521 (2) and 4522 (1) will be responsible for maintaining the facilities and administering the MWR programs IAW AFMAN 36-2108, *Airman Classification*, CEM Code 3M000.

### **Section D - Safety**

15. Ensure facilities and programs meet the safety requirements in accordance with AFI 34-107, *The Air Force Fitness and Sports Program*, and AFI 91-302, *Air Force Occupational And Enviromental Safety, Fire Protection, and Health (AFOSH) Standards*.

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