

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER

ON

USAF MARATHON MAJCOM CHALLENGE SCORING

PURPOSE

The MAJCOM Challenge Trophy was founded in 2007 by General Bruce Carlson to promote broader participation in the USAF Marathon and foster esprit-de-corps through inter-MAJCOM competition. Since marathon participation is no longer a concern, the USAF Marathon Office recommends updating the MAJCOM Challenge scoring to a more fair/equitable method that would give each MAJCOM, regardless of geographic location and demographics, the opportunity to “win” the MAJCOM Challenge Trophy.

DISCUSSION

- Participation goals have been reached as the USAF Marathon has grown to 15,000 participants across the all races; races routinely sell out months ahead of time
- Some elements of the MAJCOM Challenge provide an inherent advantage to certain MAJCOMs due to geographic locations, demographics, and mission
- For comparison, The Marine Corp Marathon does a “Service Challenge” using combined times in men’s and women’s divisions for two trophies

RECOMMENDATION

- For 2013: Place focus on race performance and eliminate participation points
 - Each MAJCOM will be represented by a team of 10 pre-designated runners (7 male and 3 female)
 - Half marathon team will be top 4 males and 2 females for each MAJCOM
 - Marathon team will be top 3 males and 1 female for each MAJCOM
 - Combined times of these ten runners will be ranked to determine the overall winner. (See Attachment 1 - Sample MAJCOM Challenge Scoring Sheet)
 - MAJCOMs who are unable to field a complete team will have “phantom” runners added who finish ten seconds behind the last actual MAJCOM team runner
 - If implemented, the USAF Marathon Office will request a “Team Captain” POC from each MAJCOM to facilitate registration and race day events

Attachment 1 – Sample MAJCOM Challenge Scoring Sheet

AFMC		AETC	
Full Marathon	Time	Full Marathon	Time
(1) Male	2:45:12	(1) Male	2:28:34
(2) Male	3:04:15	(2) Male	3:01:45
(3) Male	3:27:23	(3) Male	3:35:56
(1) Female	3:00:02	(1) Female	3:05:33
Full Total	12:16:52	Full Total	12:11:48
Half Marathon	Time	Half Marathon	Time
(1) Male	1:30:22	(1) Male	1:30:20
(2) Male	1:45:10	(2) Male	1:35:14
(3) Male	1:58:10	(3) Male	1:38:35
(4) Male	2:02:01	(4) Male	2:04:10
(1) Female	1:29:31	(1) Female	1:31:21
(2) Female	2:12:53	(2) Female	2:10:34
Half Total	10:58:07	Half Total	10:30:14
Combined Total	23:14:59	Combined Total	22:42:02
Overall Winner	AETC		22:42:02