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**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Basic Combatives Course Graduation Requirements

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the specific requirements Soldiers need to meet in order to successfully complete the Basic Combatives Course while allowing Instructors to tailor the course to the Unit.

**SCOPE:** This SOP will be used by all Basic Combatives Course Instructors.

1. Soldiers must complete all the following in order to receive a Basic Combatives Course Certification of Training:
  - Soldiers must not miss more than a total of two course hours.
  - Soldiers must participate in at least two live grappling sessions.
  - Soldiers must successfully pass the React to Contact Drill.
  - Soldiers must successfully complete the Option 3 Drill IAW the Option 3 Drill SOP.
  - Soldiers must successfully pass the Technical Evaluation at the end of the course.
  - Soldiers must successfully pass the Written Evaluation

Note: The Instructors will utilize a modified Option 3 Drill (all strikes will be to the body, shoulders and arms: no strikes to the head) for Soldiers with TBI documented in their medical records.
2. It is recommended that the one-week, 40-hour timeline be used however as respective units have differing needs the timeline is subject to change based on unit discretion as long as it falls within these guidelines and the Soldiers complete all 40 hours of the course. The days of the Option 3 drill and the React to Contact drill must still be performed on their prospective days and are not subject to change.
3. Those using the modules to complete the course over the 10 week period are to still encouraged follow the timeline as a guideline for their course and must keep the Option 3 drill and React to Contact drill on separate weeks, with the React to Contact drill being at the end of their course.
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