

THE JUVENILE CORRECTIONS BOARD



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INTRODUCTION

Juvenile misconduct may be brought before the Juvenile Corrections Board (JCB). The purpose of the JCB is to handle cases of misconduct serious enough that they pose a threat to good order, morale, and discipline on base. A juvenile is defined as any unmarried non-military person under the age of 18 years old. Misconduct is defined as a violation of a statute, laws, regulation, or instruction. Participating is voluntary; however, all juveniles/parents who choose not to participate in the JCB process may be subject to other actions, including but not limited to debarment from the base.

SCOPE

Generally, the JCB will review cases involving violations of the law by dependents age 18 and under. This includes Alaska state laws, federal laws, Wing Instructions, and Fairbanks North Star Borough regulations. Parents, guardians, and hosts of juveniles on base are responsible for the conduct of children in their charge and for ensuring their compliance with the law.

COMPOSITION

The JCB is composed of representatives from both the sponsor's unit and the base at large. The Board will generally be composed of the Mission Support Group Deputy Commander and representatives from the Legal Office, Security Forces, Chaplain Service, Mental Health, Family Support Center, and the sponsor's squadron.

PUNISHMENTS

The Board ensures that the Wing responds appropriately and proportionally to dependent misconduct. The board administers corrective

actions in collaboration with the juvenile's parents after JCB has reviewed the case and made recommendations. The board may impose, but is not limited to, the following actions:

- Oral reprimand of the juvenile and/or his or her military sponsor
- Written reprimand of the juvenile and/or his or her military sponsor
- Referral of the juvenile to the Mental Health, Clinic, Chapel, or other agency for counseling
- Imposition of community service
- Imposition of a curfew
- Referral of the juvenile to the Eielson AFB Drug/Alcohol Abuse Program
- Restricting or denying access to certain base areas and facilities
- Action by the Installation Commander barring the juvenile from Eielson Air Force Base and/or terminating government quarters for the juvenile's sponsor

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Actions such as imposition of community service work or referral to Eielson Air Force Base Drug/Alcohol Abuse Program require parental consent. Parents or guardian may decline authorization for these recommendations, however, failure to cooperate and participate in the program could result in more serious strategies, such as barring the juvenile from Eielson Air Force Base or terminating the sponsor's government quarters.

The JCB hearing is not a court proceeding. Juveniles brought before the JCB do not have the right to have an attorney, to remain silent, or to present witnesses.

The military sponsor of the dependent must appear before the JCB, unless TDY. If the military member is TDY, the non-military guardian (if any) of the juvenile must bring the juvenile to the JCB hearing. Non-military parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.

APPEALS

Any decision of the JCB may be appealed to the Mission Support Group Commander. Any appeal must be (1) in writing; (2) initiated within 10 days of the JCB's action; and (3) specific as to the reason the individual believes the JCB's action was in error. The JCB's decision will remain in effect during any delay occasioned by an appeal. The Mission Support Group Commander's decision is final.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the JCB provides the framework for disposition of juvenile misconduct cases and the treatment of juvenile offenders.

This pamphlet provides basic information on the Juvenile Corrections Board at Eielson Air Force Base. It is not intended to take the place of legal advice from a Judge Advocate. Please contact the 354th Fighter Wing Legal Office for questions and further information.



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