

CFLCC Ground Rules Agreement

1. All interviews will be on the record. Security at the interview source is the policy.
2. At U.S. tactical or field locations and encampments, a Public Affairs escort will be required because of security, safety, and mission requirements. When escorted, media must remain with military escorts until released and will follow instructions regarding their activities.
3. Media will not carry personal weapons.
4. Under no circumstances will media take photographs or video any detainees or detainee facilities. No interviews with detainees will be granted.
5. Media will not photograph Special Operations Forces personnel or their equipment.
6. Media will stay in areas as directed by CFLCC Public Affairs staff.
7. Casualty photographs showing a recognizable face, name tag, or other identifying feature or item will not be used. Names of casualties whose next of kin have been notified can be verified through PAO.
- 8. The following categories of information are not releasable since their publication or broadcast could jeopardize operations and endanger lives:**
 - a. For U.S. or coalition units, specific numerical information on troop strength, equipment or critical supplies (e.g. artillery, tanks, landing craft, radars, trucks, water, etc.).
 - b. Names of military installations or specific geographic locations of military units in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility, unless specifically released by the Department of Defense.
 - c. Information regarding future operations, current operations or strikes including postponed or cancelled operations.
 - d. Information regarding security precautions at military installations or encampments.
 - e. Photography that shows level of security at military installations or encampments, especially aerial and satellite photography that reveals the name or specific location of military units or installations.
 - f. Information on intelligence collection activities including targets, methods and results.
 - g. Information on special operations units U.S. or Coalition, unless otherwise directed by CFLCC PAO staff.
 - h. Information on coalition forces, unless specifically cleared by the CFLCC PAO.
 - i. Information on effectiveness of enemy electronic warfare.
 - j. Information on effectiveness of enemy camouflage and cover.
 - k. Additional guidelines the CFLCC PAO determines necessary to protect tactical security.

Hold Harmless Agreement

Hold Harmless/Release From Liability Statement

1. I recognize that covering combat and other military operations carries with it certain inherent risks to life, limb and equipment.
2. I recognize that the U.S. military, in pursuing the successful accomplishment of its mission, cannot guarantee my personal safety or the safety of my equipment.
3. I hereby release the U.S. Government and the U.S. military of any liability from and hold them harmless for any injuries I may suffer, or any equipment that may be damaged as a result of my covering combat or any other military operations.
4. I understand that my agreement to this statement is a condition of being credentialed to cover U.S. military operations and receiving assistance for that coverage.

Signature Date

Printed Name, affiliate, address & phone number

Witness Signature Date

Witness Printed Name, Rank & Organization

NEXT OF KIN (EMERGENCY CONTACT DATA)

NAME (RELATIONSHIP)

ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER

CREDENTIALS

BLOOD TYPE