



2012 ARMED FORCES TAE KWON DO CHAMPIONSHIP/CISM QUALIFIER

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and USA Taekwondo (USAT) Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC) and/or the CISM Sport Committee (CSC) for Taekwondo. These rules only apply to competitions selecting a team for the World Military (CISM) Championship. Further instructions will be disseminated for competitions not involving team selection for CISM.

- a. Competition will be conducted in sparring (gyorooigi) only
- b. There will be no competition for forms (poomsae) or breaking.
- c. All athletes, coaches, and administrators shall observe the decorum code of USA Taekwondo.

2. ELIGIBILITY: All competitors must possess the following:

- a. Black belt certificate from the WTF (Kukkiwon)
- b. Membership in USA Taekwondo (USAT) for the year in which the competition is conducted (since the qualifier is a sanctioned event).
- c. Valid passport in their possession at the time of the qualifier.
- d. Citizen of the United States. Must provide proof of citizenship of the United States in the form of a US Passport or copy of a birth certificate. Proof of citizenship is required for the qualifying event since it is a sanctioned qualifier for the USAT National Championships which are part of the selection procedures to make US National Teams. Non-US Citizens may be considered for the CISM Team, but will not be permitted to participate in the sanctioned qualifier. Non-citizens will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. WEIGHT CLASSES:

- a. MEN:
 - FIN – < 54 kg or not exceeding 118.8 pounds
 - FLY – < 58 kg or not exceeding 127.6 pounds
 - BANTAM – <63 kg or not exceeding 138.9 pounds
 - FEATHER – < 68 kg or not exceeding 149.9 pounds
 - LIGHT – < 74 kg or not exceeding 163.1 pounds
 - WELTER – < 80 kg or not exceeding 176.4 pounds
 - MIDDLE – < 87 kg or not exceeding 191.8 pounds
 - HEAVY – + 87 kg or over 191.8 pounds
- b. WOMEN:
 - FIN – < 46 kg or not exceeding 101.4 pounds
 - FLY – < 49 kg or not exceeding 108.0 pounds
 - BANTAM – < 53 kg or not exceeding 116.9 pounds
 - FEATHER – < 57 kg or not exceeding 125.7 pounds
 - LIGHT – < 62 kg or not exceeding 136.7 pounds

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WELTER – < 67 kg or not exceeding 147.7 pounds
MIDDLE – < 73 kg or not exceeding 160.9 pounds
HEAVY - + 73 kg or over 161.0 pounds
“Not Exceeding”

c. The weight limit is defined by the criterion of two decimal places away from the stated (in hundredths). For example, “not exceeding 50kg goes up to 50.009kg, with 50.01kg being over the limit. “Over” 50.01kg is considered over the 50kg mark. 49.99 is considered insufficient.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: As a qualifier for the USAT National Championships as well as the CISM Championship, the event will be sanctioned by USA Taekwondo. Round Robin competition amongst all entrants per weight class will be the preferred format. If entry numbers are prohibitive, a blind draw will be conducted to place athletes in a single elimination bracket. There will be no “seeding”.

a. Participants Matches and Awards:

(1) Two participants Match – one match will be fought. Medal - One Gold medal will be awarded.

(2) Three participants Matches - The participants will compete in a round robin. Medals - One Gold and One Silver Medal will be awarded.

(3) Four participants Matches - The participants will compete in a round robin. Medals - One Gold and One Silver medal will be awarded. The two losing semi finalists will compete for a single Bronze medal.

(4) When only one Armed Forces competitor is entered for a weight class, qualified local athletes, if available, may provide exhibition competition to better establish qualifications of the Armed Forces personnel. Other exhibition between adjoining weight classes may be scheduled upon the agreement of coaches and service representatives present.

5. SCORING: Scoring procedures to be implemented at the “follow-on” competition will be followed if possible.

6. DRAW PROCEDURES: A blind draw is used. No competitors will be present at the draw. Service Representative and/or team OIC or coach(s) must be present for the draw.

7. SCHEDULED WEIGH-INS AND PHYSICALS: Weigh-ins are to be conducted in the afternoon or evening of the day prior to competition and will be supervised by the Tournament Director. Women’s division weigh-ins shall be conducted in an area separate and divided from the men’s weigh-in area. A female administrator shall supervise women’s weigh-ins.

a. The weigh-in, for both male and female competitors, shall be taken in the official V-neck uniform only. However, if a competitor wishes, weigh-in may be done in underpants (men) or underpants and brassier (women). Under no circumstances may an athlete weigh-in in the nude in the United States.

b. So as not to be disqualified during the official weigh-in, a scale, identical to the official scale, shall be provided at the athletes’ lodging area or training area for pre-weigh-ins.

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c. Any competitor shall be permitted a maximum of two attempts to weigh-in. If he/she is not within the permitted weight range for the weight class on the first attempt, he/she has the remainder of the one-hour weigh-in period to make weight. One additional weigh-in is permitted. If the athlete does not make weight on the second attempt, he/she is disqualified.

8. TIE BREAKER PROCEDURES: IAW current USA Taekwondo Rules.

9. EQUIPMENT:

a. All participants are responsible for furnishing their own WTF approved competitive gear including uniform (dobok), chest protector (hogu), forearm and shin guards, groin protector, protective head gear, gloves, and mouth guard. If electronic body protector scoring is utilized, athletes will be responsible to furnish their own "socks" compatible with the system used.

b. All gear must meet the specifications of WTF.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES QUALIFIER: To maximize participation in the qualifier, each service will be authorized to enter a maximum of 3 athletes per weight class; up to a total team composition (including men, women, coaches, trainer) of 15. Additional entries will be considered as space allows. They may incur additional lodging expenses.

11. TEAM COMPOSITION FOR CISM: As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

- 8 Male Competitors
- 8 Female Competitors
- 1 Coach
- 1 Asst Coach
- 1 Team Captain
- 1 Certified Team Trainer/Doctor
- 1 Chief of Mission
- 1 Technical Committee Member
- 2 WTF Certified International Referees

TOTAL: 24

12. COACH SELECTION POLICY: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team will be the overall winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship. The Assistant Coach of the Armed Forces Team will be the overall second place Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship.

13. ATHLETE ADVANCEMENT TO HIGHER LEVEL: A gold medalist advances to higher level competition. If the gold medalist is not available, the silver medalist advances. If neither gold nor silver medalist is available, or the weight class was unfilled, the weight class will not be filled unless the AFSWG (or coaches/service reps in attendance) vote on an exception to policy to allow another qualified athlete to substitute into that weight class.

a. All athletes advancing to higher-level competition should have competed at the Armed Forces Qualifier, but can be considered if the gold or silver medalist is unavailable on a case-by-case basis.

b. All available means will be used to assess competitiveness for CISM for any competitor who wins a Gold Medal uncontested (without having fought) at the Armed Forces qualifier.

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These means will include, but are not limited to, exhibition against another weight class, assessment during training camp, and previous known performance. c. Due to the combative nature of the sport of taekwondo, all athletes will be evaluated by the coaches and service representatives in attendance prior to selection to the CISM team to ensure the safety of all participants.

14. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. Service Team Rosters must be submitted to the Host Project Officer by established deadlines – normally 7-10 days prior to competition. Weight classes for participation must be declared upon submission.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship.

c. Copies of all necessary forms (kukkiwon, passport, membership cards) will be verified at the organizational meeting. Competitors without appropriate and complete documentation will not be permitted to participate.

d. All delegation members of the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing must sign the Armed Forces Sports Code of Conduct prior to the start of training camp or departure to higher level competition if a training camp is not conducted. Team Captains shall hold the signed code of conduct forms until the conclusion of the championship, or until all related actions of the championship are finalized.

15. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. More restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.

16. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game.

17. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

a. Service Branches are highly encouraged to bring their own medical personnel to the competition.

b. The host Service shall have a physician, Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), or physician assistant who are familiar with Tae Kwon Do and related injuries present at all matches. A head physician shall be designated at the host site.

c. Ambulance shall be on site during all competition.