



2013 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, dependent upon whether the Armed Forces teams are advancing to CISM or National competition, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:
 - a. Double round-robin. Each team will play three matches within the first two days of play. Matches are played in match sets of two, with the second match starting one half hour after the end of the previous match. Three of five set wins in a match constitute a win.
 - b. One-minute "technical" time outs at 13 points of each set, regardless of whether either team has already used a "regular" time out. The 13 points "technical" time out will only be used in the first through fourth sets, since the fifth set is only 15 points long.
 - c. Warm-up protocol will consist of ten minutes of shared court time (each team peppers on its own side), followed by a five-and-five minute format (first serving team first).
3. SCORING AND SCOREKEEPING: IAW current USA Volleyball DCR.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. TIE- BREAKER POLICY: Breaking a tie for gold or silver medals at the conclusion of round-robin play is determined in the following order:
 - a. Head-to-Head competition between the two teams during tournament play (based on matches won, NOT sets won).
 - b. If still tied, teams will play a one-set to 30 points to determine the medal winner.
 - c. If more than two teams are tied for a medal position, a coin toss will determine bye and sequence of play. Women's tie-breaker matches will be played prior to the men's tie breaker matches.
6. GAME BALL: As determined by the higher level competition.
7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
 - a. Day One
 - Indoor Personnel Arrive (Teams and Officials)
 - Team Practice Sessions (Based on Arrivals)
 - Organizational Meeting
 - Photo Sessions and Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (Optional)
 - b. Day Two
 - Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, the National must be played prior to the opening match. All five Service flags be displayed if flags are posted.

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* 0800 (W) USAF vs USMC
(M) USAF vs USMC
*1300 (W) ARMY vs NAVY
(M) ARMY vs NAVY
*1900 (W) NAVY vs USAF
(M) NAVY vs USAF

*If Opening Ceremony is conducted matches will start at 0830, 1330 and 1930 respectively.

c. Day Three 0800 (M) USMC vs ARMY
(W) USMC vs ARMY
1300 (M) NAVY vs USMC
(W) NAVY vs USMC
1900 (M) ARMY vs USAF
(W) ARMY vs USAF

d. Day Four 1200 (W) USMC vs USAF
(M) USMC vs USAF
1830 (W) NAVY vs ARMY
(M) NAVY vs ARMY

e. Day Five 1200 (M) USAF vs NAVY
(W) USAF vs NAVY
1830 (M) ARMY vs USMC
(W) ARMY vs USMC

f. Day Six 0900 (W) USMC vs NAVY
(M) USMC vs NAVY
1400 (W) USAF vs ARMY
(M) USAF vs ARMY

Team Selection Meetings
(Women followed by Men)

1900 Awards Ceremony

Note: Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependant on host site letter of instruction). Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards, and if selected, will be removed from the Armed Forces team. Additional personnel or guests may only attend if pre-coordinated in advance with the host site through the Service Representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Additional personnel and/or guests will assume responsibility of costs to attend the Awards Ceremony.

g. Day Seven Personnel Depart (Teams and Officials)

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Final team standings are determined by each team's match win record. Matches are also played in the afternoon and evening to maximize spectator opportunity.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the entire team composition) receives individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: A six player "All-Tournament" Team will be selected. The team will include at least 1 setter, 1 middle, and 1 defense specialist. The remaining three will be determined based on best players. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 12 players, 2 coaches, trainer, and Team Captain selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento to present to each member of the "All-Tournament" Team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 16 individuals:

12 Players (The designated "libero" is one of the 12 players)

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

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Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area.

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT:

a. Athlete Selection Process.

(1) The AFSWG members, or designated representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

(2) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative, and the Head and Assistant Coaches. Each Service is limited to one spokesperson. The host Service Representative shall chair the selection meeting.

(3) The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team and the Armed Forces Team shall be conducted as a paper ballot (appendix D), both submitted simultaneously by each Service Representative to the selection meeting chair at the beginning of the selection meeting. Submitted ballots are final. Ties shall be resolved through discussion and vote.

(4) Participants selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster.

(5) When higher-level competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship, based on non-availability, Services may elect to send up to three (3) additional athletes to the Armed Forces training camp.

b. Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service

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Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

c. During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or availability. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordinating with the Working Group Member of the other three Services.

12. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM: As follows or as dictated by host invitation:

- 24 Players – 12 Men/12Women
- 2 Coaches - 1 Men/1 Women
- 2 Asst Coaches - 1 Men/1 Women
- 2 Certified Athletic Trainer
- 2 Referees (Number depends on request by Host Country)
- 1 Combined Sports Committee Member
- 2 Team Captains
- 1 Chief of Mission

13. TEAM COMPOSITION – USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS: As follows or as dictated by invitation:

- 24 Players - 12 Men/12 Women
- 2 Coaches – 1 Men/1 Women
- 2 Asst Coaches – 1 Men/1 Women
- 2 Certified Athletic Trainer
- 2 Team Captains
- TOTAL: 32

14. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. 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.

b. 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.