ARMED FORCES CYCLING TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current International Cycling Union (UCI) as amended by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Cycling Sports Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

a. For all events and categories, only those athletes who are selected to the U.S. Armed Forces Cycling Team (CISM Team or the Team) can represent the United States at this event. Only athletes who are active duty military, guard, or reserve will receive selection consideration.

b. All athletes must have a valid USA Cycling (USAC) international racing license and meet all eligibility requirements of USAC, the International Cycling Union (UCI), U.S. Armed Forces Sports and CISM.

c. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, CISM, U.S. Armed Forces Sports and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

d. Pro and elite/U23 license holders are eligible for consideration. Athletes holding a domestic racing license will obtain a USAC international license upon selection to the CISM Team.

e. Athletes must possess a current Passport. Failure to secure either of these documents in a timely manner, as determined by the Team Manager, will result in dismissal from the Team.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective Service branch.

b. Complete a “Standard Cycling Application” spreadsheet as supplied by the Armed Forces Cycling Manager, and available on the Armed Forces Cycling web site (www.ArmedForcesCycling.org).

c. Send both to the athlete’s appropriate Service branch sports office. Application deadlines will be announced in advance based upon the schedule for CISM World Championship events. CISM Team application deadlines generally will be approximately 60 days prior to the CISM Championship.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA (for all cycling disciplines):

a. There will be no automatic selections to the CISM Team; all selections will be discretionary. All licensed athletes will be given the same selection consideration with no preference given to members of specific clubs, teams, or geographic regions.

b. Discretionary team selection will be made by the Team Manager, in consultation with a selection panel. The primary purpose is to select the best physically, psychologically and technically prepared athlete(s) in order to produce medal-winning performances. Based on the context of the situation, the selection panel will evaluate which athletes should be selected to

the team in order to field the strongest, soundest and most unified team for this event. Discretionary selections shall be based on the following prioritized criteria:

1) Medal capable:

a) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international or domestic elite events;

b) The ability to produce medal capable times under certified conditions within the past 12 months;

c) Consistently placing high among top-quality fields at international or domestic elite events;

d) A recent history of strong performance in international or domestic elite competition that would indicate

2) CISM medal potential.

a) An athlete who can enhance team performance is one who, based on their experience and current level of performance, is expected to contribute substantially to the overall team performance or to the performance of a medal capable team member. In the case of our selection philosophy, this is deemed to be particularly important in the special case where a medal capable individual has been selected to the team and the athlete's contribution may assist the medal capable athlete in a medal winning performance. Obviously this effect may be of primary importance when nominating athletes for team-based events (Men's Road Race, Women's Road Race, Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, and Madison) where the synergy of the team members and/or the ability to play a strong support role is critical to the success of the team. For example, even though the Road Race event is scored individually, athletes who are capable of executing a team strategy for the designated team leaders can have a profound impact on the ability of the medal capable team leaders to achieve a medal winning performance.

3) Future medal capability:

a) An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in domestic competition that, when extended a reasonable distance into the future, intersects the current CISM performance standard for the event under consideration; and/or;

b) An athlete who, despite being "new" to the sport or competing a relatively short time in the sport, is within a reasonable percentage of the CISM performance standard; and or despite being biologically immature, is within a reasonable percentage of the CISM performance standard.

c) An athlete with recent improvements in international and/or elite domestic results. If practical, an event occurring 30-60 days prior to the CISM Championship will be designated as the final selection consideration event for the CISM Team. If possible, a U.S. National Championship event will be used for this purpose. If not, an attempt will be made to designate an event comparable to the CISM Championship. CISM Team selections will not be based solely on the final results of these events but performance in these events will be given a strong consideration factor in the selections. If an appropriate event is not available, selections will be made based only upon written applications.

c. There is no requirement to fill the roster for each specific cycling discipline or gender.

d. Selections will be made based on the ability of athletes to meet the selection criteria.

e. Mechanical problems and crashes are a part of cycling. Therefore, the Team Manager will not consider an athlete's position or placing in an event or events at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical problem or crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.

f. Specific selection criteria for each cycling discipline will be announced as these disciplines are offered at CISM World Championship events. Not every discipline is offered at every CISM Championship. Events offered are at the discretion of the host country and the CISM Cycling Sport Committee.

5. SELECTED ATHLETES

a. Selected athletes are expected to compete in a regular schedule of training and races, as approved by the Team Manager, between the team selection and the CISM Championship. The reason for schedule approval is to ensure the athlete’s focus is on CISM Team preparation.

b. The Team Manager will nominate/select and manage all athletes and staff who participate in these events.

c. All aspects of the team travel, and all on-site logistics and housing for this event will be centrally managed. All athletes and staff who are part of the official U.S. Armed Forces Cycling Team delegation for this event must function AS A TEAM.

d. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and U.S. Armed Forces Cycling will NOT be responsible for or manage logistics for personal team managers, personal coaches/staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make. Additionally, these individual will NOT be credentialed as part of the CISM Team for this event and will therefore not be allowed in the USA Team cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by the Team Manager.

e. If possible, the CISM Delegation will be gathered together for staging prior to departure. This normally will be approximately 5-7 days prior to the start of the CISM Championship. This ensures all bikes and other equipment are accounted for and allows time for equipment quality checks and repairs.

f. Athletes are expected to arrive with a bike that is clean and in race condition. If not, and staff has to make repairs to get the bike into race condition, the athlete may be required to pay for these repairs. The need for such repair will be determined by the staff, because the success of the entire team depends on the preparedness of each athlete and his/her equipment.

g. Any and all equipment provided by U.S. Armed Forces Cycling to an athlete attending this event remains the property of U.S. Armed Forces Cycling and must be returned at the end of the event. Failure to return property in a timely manner may result in future penalties, financial liability, or disciplinary action.

h. The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the host country and the CISM Cycling Sport Committee. These selection procedures have been developed based on the most recent information regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size.

i. All athletes selected to the CISM Team must sign prior to and as a condition of being selected to the CISM Team, and abide by all required forms including, but not limited to:

1) Armed Forces Sports Athlete Code of Conduct

2) Armed Forces Sports Higher Level Advancement Form (OCONUS)

3) CISM Anti-Doping Education and Declaration Form

a) The above forms can be found on the U.S. Armed Forces Sports web site (armedforcessports.defense.gov).

b) Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Team. Failure to abide by these and other required agreements will result in dismissal from the Team.

c) All athletes and staff must abide by all USAC, UCI and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period for this event per UCI anti-doping regulations, a rider against whom an investigation was opened in relation to a fact which may cause a breach of the UCI Anti-Doping Rules, will not be considered eligible until the end of the suspension or until definitive acquittal. In the event of a positive “A” sample, this clause applies starting from the notification of the abnormal analysis result to the rider.

j. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the final racing calendars and/or updated information from the host country or CISM Cycling Sports Committee.

6. ALTERNATE AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES: Alternates MAY be selected in each event. If alternates are named, they will be prioritized and may be selected to replace a selected athlete. Selected athletes may be replaced if injury or illness prevents them from 100% participation in the CISM Championship competition. If an athlete is removed by ineligibility, illness or injury, positive drug testing for a banned substance or fails medical control procedures; voluntarily resigns, or is a recipient of USAC, UCI or Armed Forces disciplinary actions, the athlete MAY be replaced. Replacement of athletes must comply with U.S. Armed Forces rules and CISM event entry deadlines.

7. COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES: Within the United States, USA Cycling rules apply. Regulations of the UCI and the CISM Cycling Sport Committee govern conduct of the CISM Cycling Championship races. General CISM rules govern other aspects of the CISM event.

8. TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CISM EVENTS:

1st day: arrival of mission
2nd day: technical meetings, opening ceremony, and training
3rd day: competition and training
4th day: cultural day
5th day: competition and closing ceremony
6th day: departure of missions

NOTE: program may be seven days if the cultural day is scheduled the day following the road race, or may be five days if the cultural day is incorporated into one of the other days. Varying configurations are possible as agreed upon between the host country and the CISM Cycling Sport Committee.

9. TYPICAL DELEGATION COMPOSITION - CISM CHAMPIONSHIP

Composition of the CISM Delegation as governed by CISM Cycling rules:
1 Chief of Mission
1 team captain
1 trainer/coach (Director Sportif) per discipline
1 masseur/soigneur per discipline
1 mechanic per discipline
Athletes based on disciplines offered – normal maximums are men's road (8), women's road (5), men's mountain bike (5), women's mountain bike (3)

* When a road time trial is offered, athletes will be selected from among the road race team. One additional delegation member is permitted if person is an approved member of the CISM Sport Committee for cycling.

* The final authorization for delegation size is based upon the host country, CISM Cycling rules, and U.S. Armed Forces Sports.

10. TYPICAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

a. Road Time Trial:
Distance: 10km minimum – typically 20-40km
Competitors: Minimum two and maximum four athletes per nation – typically 2 per nation

b. Road Race:
Distance: 100-150km – typically 130-150km for men and a minimum of 50km for women.
Competitors: Maximum 8 athletes per nation for men and 5 athletes per nation for women

c. Mountain Bike Cross Country:
Distances vary based on host country arrangements – typically two hours for men and one hour for women.
Competitors: Maximum 5 athletes per nation for men and 3 athletes per nation for women

NOTE 1: Track cycling events may be offered at future CISM Championships. If so, specifics regarding track cycling disciplines will be published at that time.

NOTE 2: Specific events offered, distances and team size may vary, based on the capabilities of the host country, in coordination with the CISM Cycling Sport Committee.