



2015 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current USGA Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC). Pace of Play will be strictly enforced in accordance with current USGA Rules.
2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Seventy-two (72) holes medal play.
3. **SCORING:** Men and women team awards will be separated. Team scoring will be based on low 5 scores of 6 players each day for men and low 2 scores of 3 players each day for women during the Armed Forces Championship rounds. If a service only has 5 men and 2 women, all score's will count.
4. **TIE-BREAKER POLICY:** In the event of a tie for first or second place in individual final standings, there will be a sudden death playoff which will continue until the tie is broken. Team Championship ties to be determined by a sudden death playoff between the teams tied (only 4 members from each service team will compete in the playoff. Parings will be 2 members of each service team participating in each foursome. Scoring will be aggregate of all four team members to determine winner.) This playoff will start at a hole pre-determined by the host Project Officer and specified in the LOI/MOI. The Service Team Captain will select the four for the sudden death playoff.
5. **EQUIPMENT:** Golf carts are not authorized in the Armed Forces Golf Championship. Caddies are authorized at the golfer's expense.
6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Services shall bring no more than 18 total golfers to compete in two Service qualifying rounds for final Service team selections. Those Service members not making their respective Service team will return to duty station. For the Armed Forces Championship, golfers will play 18 holes per day for four (4) consecutive days. Both team and individual events are conducted. Should any round be postponed due to inclement weather prior to the last scheduled tournament day, the postponed round will be made up the next playing day. If play is postponed on the final day, the rounds played up to that point will constitute the Championship:
 - a. Day One Teams Arrive
 - b. Day Two Service Qualifier Practice Round
 - c. Day Three Round One – Service Qualifiers
 - d. Day Four Round Two – Service Qualifiers (Final Service Teams Selected)
 - e. Day Five Golfers Departure (Those not Making Service Teams)/Rest Day
 - f. Day Six Team Practice
Team Photos
Organizational Meeting
Informal Ice-Breaker

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g. Day Seven Opening Ceremony (Optional) – However, the National Anthem must be played prior to start of competition. All five Service flags must be displayed if flags are posted.

Round One

h. Day Eight Round Two

i. Day Nine Round Three

j. Day Ten Round Four

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game)
Service teams are required to wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards, and if selected, will be removed from the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice-Breaker Social, then all Service Members must comply with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy.

k. Day Eleven Teams Depart

7. TEAM STANDINGS: See paragraph 3.

8. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Awards are given to the top three places in each division.

b. Team Award: Individuals awards are given to each member of the first place and second place men's and women's teams (to include the OIC).

9. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 11 individuals:

6 Men's Open Division

3 Women's Open Division

1 OIC/Team Captain

TOTAL: 11

Note: Rosters must be submitted at the organizational meeting Day 5 of event schedule prior to ice breaker.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM: As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

6 Men' Open Division

2 Women's Division

1 Combined Sports Committee Member

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

TOTAL: 11

11. COURSE SET-UP: After consulting the host golf professional (or head of the host tournament committee), the Project officer makes final decision on course set-up to include pin placement, tee placement, and speed of green:

a. Pin Placement: The Project Officer selects and marks (with a dot of spray paint) the pin placement for the next day. Project Officer will consider the slope of the green, speed of the green, and overall difficulty. In general, a relatively flat area of 5 feet or more should surround the cup, unless totally prevented by the shape and contour of the green. Each day's pin placements should feature 6 easy, 6 medium, and 6 difficult pin placements (course condition/weather permitting). A pin place sheet is prepared daily to show the placement of the pin in relation to the center of the green.

b. Tee Marker Placement: Tees are moved daily to provide for a variety of shots required for each hole throughout the tournament.

12. PLAYER INFORMATION:

a. The same course information will be provided to all players from each Service, including the daily sheets depicting pin locations, and a hole-by-hole graphic booklet if available.

b. Pairings of threesomes shall be determined by the results of the three qualifying rounds. However, pairings or groupings shall not include all players from the same Service. When grouping by score, the next best scoring player shall be inserted. For example: If USAF has top three scorers and Navy player is ranked fourth, the top two USAF players and Navy player shall make up the threesome.

13. PRACTICE ROUNDS: Each Service team is allowed an equal number of practice rounds prior to the start of the tournament.

14. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All final rosters must be turned in to the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting. Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship will be finalized at this time. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix B) 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. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix C) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to , the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix F/H).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix K).

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 score cards for the day have been completed and turned in. If the award ceremony on the final day immediately follows the last round and not part of a banquet, then alcohol is prohibited until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The venue is defined as the playing area (golf course), venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event at a later time. However, more restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team, and shall be subject to further disciplinary actions by the AFSWG.

16. ICE-BREAKER SOCIAL. 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). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

a. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local base policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

17. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative, the project officer, and the appointed rules committee will consider the infraction and penalties for this infraction according to the USGA rules. Once a decision has been made they will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. This shall take place prior to start of the next round.