ARMED FORCES WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current Federation International De Football Association (FIFA) Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. ELIGIBILITY: Only Active Duty, U.S. Armed Forces personnel, to include Reservists and National Guard on orders are eligible to compete in Armed Forces Championships and any subsequent higher-level competition. Armed Forces is defined as Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

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

b. Send 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 will be announced accordingly.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA:

a. Athlete selection will be made by the US Armed Forces Women's Soccer coaching staff based on those participating at the Armed Forces Trial and Training Camp. Coaches reserve the right to make appropriate cuts and final roster selection of the U.S. Armed Forces Team.

b. The proponent Service shall select the coaching staff (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

c. The proponent Service shall select the support staff as determined by the host nation invitation.

5. ATHLETES SELECTED TO TRIAL/TRAINING CAMP: Selected athletes are expected to be in competitive physical condition and immediately ready for the rigors of elite competition. Coaches reserve the right to dismiss athletes who fail to meet the physical demands expected of those competing for a position on the US Armed Forces team.

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 CISM, FIFA 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, OUSA Foot Orienteering rules apply. Regulations of the OIF Foot Orienteering Rules and the CISM Orienteering Sport Committee govern conduct of the CISM Orienteering Championship events. General CISM rules govern other aspects of the CISM event.

8. 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Based on the schedule of the 6th Military World Games.

9. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM Women's World Championship:
As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:
18 Players
1 Coach
1 Asst Coach
2 Certified Athletic Trainers/Physicians
1 Team Captain
1 Combined Sports Committee Member
1 Match Delegate for CISM (Must be active duty)
1 FIFA Officials
1 Assistant FIFA Officials
27 TOTAL

10. FORMS:

a. 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 to the Team Captain upon arrival of the Armed Forces Trial/Training Camp.

b. 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 Trial/Training Camp. The Code of Conduct shall be completed upon arrival of the Armed Forces Trial/Training Camp.

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

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

11. HIGHER-LEVEL COMPETITION SPECIAL POLICIES.

a. Leave. Armed Forces team members are not permitted leave during camps and competition unless coordinated through Service sports offices. This includes coaches and Team Captain. The Team Captain and coaching staff must be the last individuals that depart upon completion of the event to ensure all athletes departure. Barring an emergency, no staff personnel should be granted early departure.

b. Military Uniform: U.S. Military personnel must wear their Military uniforms to all official CISM functions (opening ceremony, banquet, etc.) as dictated by the host country invitation. CISM specifies uniform as summer or winter. Appendix (J) lists the breakout for each U.S. Service uniform.

c. Passports/VISA's/Orders: All Armed Forces participants going to international events are required to have a passport. The Foreign Clearance Guide will dictate the requirements of VISA's, passports, and/or other required documents such as NATO travel orders. AFSCS shall provide all necessary country clearance requirements to the proponent Service. The proponent Service is responsible for ensuring all participants meet the necessary training requirements.

d. Training Requirements: All personnel are required to complete Anti-Terrorism Training/Level One. SERE and ISOPREP may be required depending on the nation/theater traveled to. AFSCS shall provide AFSWG with requirements.