



2012 ARMED FORCES MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current Federation International De Football Association (FIFA) Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Single round-robin. Top two teams advance to the championship game. Third and fourth place teams compete in the consolation game. All games must result in a winner. Games which end in a tie at the conclusion of regulation will be decided by two full overtime periods of 15 minutes each and, if the tie remains, followed by kicks from the mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
3. TEAM STANDINGS: Based on results of championship and consolation matches.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. TIE-BREAKER POLICY: Breaking a tie at the conclusion of round-robin play is determined by the following in order listed:
 - a. Results of head-to-head matches between the tied teams.
 - b. Goal differential between the tied teams.
6. GAME BALL: IAW FIFA. Ball to be used is to be publicized by the host service 60 days prior to the Armed Forces Championship.
7. SUBSTITUTIONS: FIFA substitution rules will apply but with the following exceptions: (a) no more than three substitutions may be made in each half and (b) substitutions made at the halftime break in advance of the second half are not counted in the three substitutions per half rule. Overtime periods is a continuation of the second half.
8. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:
 - A. Two "Yellow Cards" (accumulative for all games, including championship/consolation games) – Individual is out for the next scheduled game after the second yellow card.
 - B. Two "Yellow Cards" accumulative in the same game – Individual is out of the game being played plus the next scheduled game.
 - C. One "Red Card" – Individual is out of the game being played plus the next scheduled game. An individual suspended from a game is not authorized in the team bench area for that game.
9. UNIFORMS:
 - a. All players and substitutes (including the goalkeeper) on each team's roster must have a number between 1 and 26 on their jersey which matches the number on the roster. It is not necessary that the numbers for the team be sequential as long as they are within the permitted

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range. A player's or substitute's jersey number must remain the same throughout the tournament.

b. Home teams shall have priority to declare uniform colors. Both teams shall declare their uniform colors at the organizational meeting.

c. Uniforms for the Championship and Consolation Games will be determined by the higher seeded team from the round-robin having priority.

10. TEAM CAPTAINS (Players): Service teams will designate only one (1) team captain, who will wear a captain's band on the playing field.

11. MEDICAL SITUATION: The treatment of injuries will be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

12. INCLEMENT WEATHER/GAME STOPPAGE: In the event of game stoppage (e.g. inclement weather), the game shall resume where it last left off. Ball position, players, time, and penalties shall be noted and carried over to the re-start of the game.

13. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: The Host installation will determine game-match times. Established times must be consistent each day, and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

a. Day One
Teams Arrive
Team Practice Sessions
Organizational Meeting

b. Day Two
Team Photos
Opening Ceremony (Optional). However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the start of competition. If flags are posted, all five Service flags must be posted.

Round Robin Match 1 USMC vs USN
Round Robin Match 2 USA vs USAF**

**Note: Second match each day will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match.

Ice- Breaker Social**

**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). 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.

c. Day three
Rest day

d. Day Four
Round Robin Match 3 USAF vs USMC

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- Round Robin Match 4 USN vs USA
- e. Day Five Rest Day
- f. Day Six Round Robin Match 5 USAF vs USN
Round Robin Match 6 USMC vs USA
- g. Day Seven Rest Day
- h. Day Eight CONSOLATION MATCH – Seed 4 vs Seed 3

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH – Seed 2 vs Seed 1
- Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the Championship Match) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to 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 Code.
- i. Day Nine Teams Depart

14. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: An 11-player "All-Tournament" team is selected for the tournament. A minimum of 2 forwards, 2 midfielders, 2 defensemen, and 1 goalie must be selected. The remaining players will be decided on best players. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 18 players 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.

15. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 22 individuals:

18 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 OIC

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.

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

a. Athlete Selection Process.

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(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 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.

17. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM Continental Men's:

As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

18 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 Technical Committee Member

1 Ad Libitum

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1 Assistant FIFA Official
26 TOTAL

18. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM Men and Women World Championship:

As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

18 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

2 Certified Athletic Trainers

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 Combined Sports Committee Member

1 Match Delegate for CISM (Must be active duty)

1 FIFA Officials

1 Assistant FIFA Officials

28 TOTAL

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.