



2018 ARMED FORCES TAEKWONDO TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) rules as amended by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Taekwondo Sports Committee.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:**

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

b. All athletes must have a valid black belt certificate issued through the WTF (kukkiwon) and meet all eligibility requirements of WTF, U.S. Armed Forces Sports, and CISM.

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

d. All athletes must possess a WTF Global Athlete License (GAL) for competition in the World Military Championship.

3. **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

a. All entrants must be supported for participation in the USA Taekwondo National Championship and the CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship by their service-specific sports office. Participants circumventing these procedures will not be considered.

b. Final team selection will be made by the team coaches and team captain in consultation with the CISM CSC Member and National Governing Body personnel and will be based upon: history of performance at the national and international level with priority given to recent performance that shows a trend of continued improvement; potential of top performances in world class competitions; competition performance at the 2018 USA Taekwondo National Championship. The skills and ability to perform on the international level at the CISM Championship will be given the highest consideration.

c. 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 – based upon specific weight classes - for this event. Discretionary selections shall be based CISM medal potential and will be based upon the following prioritized criteria:

1) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international, or sanctioned domestic competitive level events;

2) The ability to produce medal capable results under sanctioned conditions within the past 36 months;

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- 3) Consistently placing high among top-quality fields at international or domestic sanctioned competitive level events;
- 4) A recent history of strong performance in international or domestic elite competition that would indicate CISM medal potential.
 - d. There is no requirement to fill the roster for each specific designated weight class, event, or gender. Selections will be made based on the ability of athletes to meet the selection criteria.
 - e. Selections will be made based upon the weight class selected by the athlete. Changes to the roster will only be made should a vacancy at another weight class be available.
 - f. CISM Team application deadlines:
 - 1) Deadline for applications to respective service branches - as determined by each branch.
 - 2) Entry for USA Taekwondo National Championship by deadlines specified by USA Taekwondo (not yet announced as of this date).

Please note the USA Taekwondo policy that "An athlete may NOT qualify in the same World Class weight class at more than one State Championship. Doing so may result in the athlete being disqualified from the US Nationals." If your athletes choose to participate in state championships, they may only qualify at ONE state Championship. We can still include them on our Armed Forces Team roster with one other qualification. But ALL QUALIFICATIONS must be in the same weight class that they want to participate in at the nationals. Switching of weight classes after qualification is NOT permitted by USAT.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

- a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective service branch; i.e. AF 303, APPTRAC application, etc detailing specific experience and achievements in the sport of Taekwondo and forward to them by their specified deadline.
- b. Complete the following documents or registrations and forward to the Team Captain by the designated date to be determined:
 - 1) "Standard Taekwondo Application" Spreadsheet (Encl #1). Providing the same information in another format is also acceptable.
 - 2) Copy of Kukkiwon certificate (black belt issued through World Taekwondo Federation)
 - 3) Copy of 2018 membership in USA Taekwondo (Required for entry to USAT Nationals).
 - 4) Copy of US Passport with an expiration date of no earlier than 1 June 2019. Possession of a valid passport is required for participation in the CISM Championship and a US Passport will confirm US Citizenship requirements for the USA Taekwondo Nationals.
 - 5) Signed copy of the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix B) confirming availability (inclusive of pre-CISM training dates).

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5. SELECTED ATHLETES

a. Army Sports will coordinate will coordinate for participation in the USA Taekwondo Nationals to include travel, lodging, meals, local transportation, etc for all personnel (regardless of service affiliation). Any costs associated will be billed back to the respective service.

b. The selected team for the CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship will be announced after the conclusion of the USA Taekwondo Nationals.

c. Selected athletes/coaches/trainers shall complete (or verify previous completion of) the below training requirements and sign the necessary forms and provide to the Team Captain no earlier than 60 days prior to the CISM Championship. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Team.

1) Level 1 Anti-Terrorism Training – must have been completed no earlier than 12 months prior to the CISM Championship.

2) SERE 100.1 Level A training – must have been completed no earlier than 36 months prior to the CISM Championship.

3) ISOPREP Pro-File completed within 6 months prior to the CISM Championship.

4) Armed Forces Sports Athlete Code of Conduct (appendix C).

5) CISM Anti-Doping Education and Declaration Form (appendix K).

d. All athletes and staff must abide by all CISM, WADA and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period for this event per anti-doping regulations. Any individual currently under investigation which may cause a breach of the Anti-Doping Rules will not be considered eligible until the end of the suspension or until definitive acquittal.

e. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:
www.armedforcessports.defense.gov

6. TYPICAL DELEGATION COMPOSITION - CISM CHAMPIONSHIP: Composition of the CISM Delegation as governed by CISM Taekwondo rules:

- 1 Team Captain
- 1 Coach (Male)
- 1 Coach (Female)
- 1 Athletic Trainer
- 8 Athletes (male – sparring)
- 8 Athletes (female - sparring)

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact the Team Captain, Ms Claudia Berwager at Claudia.a.berwager.naf@mail.mil or (717) 861-2647.