



## **2023 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. Host Service shall provide Pace of Play Policy as part of the Letter of Instruction (LOI).

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Seventy-two (72) holes medal play.

3. SCORING AND FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 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:

a. In the event of a tie for the top three medalists in individual final standings, there will be a sudden death playoff, which will continue until the tie is broken. This format will also be used if there are ties for the CISM men's or women's teams.

b. Team Championship ties to be determined by a sudden death playoff between the teams tied. For men, four (4) members from each service team will compete in the playoff. Parings will be two (2) members of each service team participating in each foursome. Scoring will be aggregate of all four (4) team members to determine winner. For women only two (2) members from each service team will compete in the playoff. The women will play in a foursome with the aggregate scoring of both team members determining the winner. All playoffs 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 players for the sudden death playoff.

5. 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, speed of green, course boundaries, and penalty areas:

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.

c. Project Officer shall communicate areas under repair or new course boundaries due to weather conditions or other conditions that require changes.

6. PLAYER INFORMATION:

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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 four 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.

c. Team Coaches are the only personnel authorized to provide information and advice to players during the course of play.

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

### 8. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL:

a. Golf carts are not authorized in the Armed Forces Golf Championship unless determined by the Service Representatives based upon weather conditions. Host Service is responsible for cart fees during the Armed Forces Championship only. Services are responsible for funding cart fees during their qualifying rounds.

b. Caddies are authorized at the golfer's expense.

c. Host Service shall obtain and fund a minimum of two (2) Course Marshals to serve as the Rules Committee. One (1) shall monitor the front nine holes, with the other monitoring the back nine holes.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Services shall bring no more than 18 total golfers to compete in four 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.

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| 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                              |
| e. Day Five  | Round Three – Service Qualifiers                            |
| f. Day Six   | Round Four – Service Qualifiers                             |
| g. Day Seven | Golfers Departure (Those not Making Service Teams)/Rest Day |
|              | Team Practice (optional)                                    |
|              | Team Photos   |
|              | Organizational Meeting                                      |

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### Informal Ice-Breaker

- h. Day Eight      Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening game. All six Service flags must be displayed if Service flags are posted. If all Service flags are not available, then the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

### Round One – Armed Forces Championship

- i. Day Nine      Round Two – Armed Forces Championship  
j. Day Ten      Round Three – Armed Forces Championship  
k. Day Eleven      Round Four – Armed Forces Championship

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final round) 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.

- l. Day Twelve      Teams Depart

10. ADVERSE WEATHER SCHEDULE: 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.

### 11. 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 and women's teams (to include the OIC).

### 12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 10 individuals:

6 Men's Open Division

3 Women's Open Division

1 Coach

TOTAL: 10

*Note: Rosters must be submitted at the organizational meeting prior to ice breaker.*

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

6 Men' Open Division

3 Women's Division

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

TOTAL: 11

14. SELECTION PROCESS - CISM:

a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) Top six (6) men shall advance to CISM. If unavailable for higher advancement, the next scoring male shall advance.

2) Top three (3) women shall advance to CISM. If unavailable for higher advancement, the next scoring female shall advance.

b. Coaching Selection: Head Coach shall be the winning coach of each Men's/Women's Division. If there is only one coach from the Service who wins both divisions, or they are unavailable, or the invitation file only authorizes one coach, then the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coach from the pool of coaches among the participating Services (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

15. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All final rosters must be turned in to the Host Project Officer and the Armed Forces Sports representative at the Organizational Meeting. Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship will be finalized at this time. Teams are not authorized to compete at the Armed Forces Championship until the final roster is submitted. Once finalized, the Service team is required to send the electronic roster to the Armed Forces Sports representative prior to the start of competition.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) 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. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) 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. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

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

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

f. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

16. 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 if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, 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 regarding 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 administrative actions by the AFSWG.

17. TOBACCO POLICY: All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, to include cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

18. ICE-BREAKER SOCIAL. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent 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 installation 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.

19. 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. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(e)).

20. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by NCAA. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.