



2023 ARMED FORCES PARACHUTING TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current International Parachuting Commission of the Federation (FAI) as amended by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Parachuting Sports Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

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

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

c. Athletes must possess a current Official and Tourist Passport (valid for six months beyond the end of competition). Failure to secure either of these documents in a timely manner, as determined by the Team Manager, may result in an inability to travel and compete.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective Service branch and forward to the U.S. Armed Parachuting Team (USAPT), also known as the Army Golden Knights. USAPT is the lead proponent for team selections and operations of the U.S. Armed Forces Parachuting team.

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. CISM Parachuting Championships consist of three disciplines: Precision Accuracy, Speed Style, and 4 Way Relative Work. Evaluations will normally be conducted at Laurinburg Drop Zone, NC the first week in April of each competition year. Competitive parachutists interested in attending this evaluation should contact USAPT Operations at (910) 907-3201. Additional training camp dates will be announced following the April evaluations.

b. Personnel applying to compete in CISM Parachuting Championships must meet the following requirements:

1) Be on active duty for all evaluations, training camps and competitions.

2) Have the following equipment:

- a) Precision accuracy parachute system (For example: Para-Foil or Classic)
- b) Small free-fall system for doing free-fall formation skydiving
- c) Accuracy, Style, and Relative Work jump suits
- d) AAD (automatic activation device) on all free-fall systems

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- e) Altimeter
- f) Helmet, goggles, gloves, accuracy shoes

c. Performance Requirements: All personnel must be able to compete in Precision Accuracy, Speed Style, and Free-Fall formation parachuting. Minimum performance standards are as follows:

- 1) Men: Accuracy: Achieve 0.15 centimeter total (or less) for 10 rounds
Speed Style: Perform 8 second style sets (judged).
Free-fall formation: Be able to do minimum of 20 points per round
- 2) Women: Accuracy: Achieve 0.20 centimeter total (or less) for 10 rounds
Speed Style: Perform 10 second style sets (judged).
Free-fall formation: Be able to do a minimum of 20 points per round

d. There will be no automatic selections to the CISM Team; all selections will be discretionary. All eligible athletes will be given the same selection consideration with no preference given to members of specific clubs, teams, or geographic regions.

e. Discretionary team selection will be made by the Team Manager, in consultation with a selection panel. 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 for this event. Discretionary selections shall be based on the following prioritized criteria:

1) CISM medal potential:

- a) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international or domestic competitive level events;
- b) The ability to produce medal capable times under certified conditions within the past 12 months;
- c) Consistently placing high among top-quality fields at international or domestic sanctioned competitive level events;
- d) A recent history of strong performance in international or domestic elite competition that would indicate CISM medal potential.

2) Capable of enhancing team performance: An athlete who can enhance team performance is one who, based on experience and current level of performance, is expected to contribute substantially to the overall team performance or to the performance of a medal capable team member. In the case of our selection philosophy, this is deemed to be particularly important in the special case where a medal capable individual has been selected to the team and the athlete's contribution may assist the medal capable athlete in a team medal winning performance.

f. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the host country or CISM Parachuting Sports Committee.

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g. Under the provision of CISM Parachuting Sports Committee Rules paragraph 2.3, each nation participating with a team has to nominate one judge with an international parachuting license (CISM and/or FAI) in at least 2 categories. FAI judges must be qualified to judge at an IPC 1st category event. The name of the Judge appointed by the nation must be specified in the Preliminary Agreement to the WMPC.

5. SELECTED ATHLETES

a. Selected athletes are expected to compete in a regular schedule of training and jumps, as approved by the Team Manager, between the team selection and the CISM Championship. The reason for schedule approval is to ensure the athlete's focus is on CISM Team preparation.

b. The Team Manager will nominate/select and manage all athletes and staff who participate in these events.

c. Athletes are expected to arrive with all required equipment in functioning order and ready for competition. Athletes will notify the Team Manager of any issues pertaining to equipment or health as soon as applicable.

d. The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the host country and the CISM Parachuting Sport Committee. These selection procedures have been developed based on the most recent information regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size.

e. All team members must complete Anti-Terrorism (AT) Level-1 within 12 months prior to travel; Level-A SERE Training within 36 months prior to travel; ISOPREP submitted or reviewed within 6-12 months prior to travel.

f. All athletes selected to the CISM Team must sign prior to and as a condition of being selected to the CISM Team, and abide by all required forms including, but not limited to:

1) Armed Forces Sports Higher Level Advancement Form – OCONUS (Appendix C)

2) Armed Forces Sports Athlete Code of Conduct (Appendix D)

3) CISM Anti-Doping Education and Declaration Form (Appendix L)

4) Coaches, Team Captains and Chiefs of Mission must sign the aforementioned forms, with the exception of Appendix (L). Coaches and Team Captains must also sign the Team Captain/Coach Letter of Instruction (LOI) (Appendix G); and the Chiefs of Mission must sign their respective LOI (Appendix I).

5) The above forms and information books can be found on the U.S. Armed Forces Sports web site (armedforcessports.defense.gov).

6) Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Team. Failure to abide by these and other required agreements will result in dismissal from the Team.

g. All athletes and staff must abide by all CISM, FAI, CISM, WADA and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period for this event per WADA anti-doping regulations. Athletes failing or refusing to sign the "CISM Athlete Consent Form" for anti-doping screening shall be deemed ineligible from all competitions and will be considered a violation of

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the Armed Forces Sports Athlete Code of Conduct policy. In the event of a positive “A” sample, this clause applies starting from the notification of the abnormal analysis result to the athlete.

h. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the final racing calendars and/or updated information from the host country or CISM Parachuting Sports Committee.

6. ALTERNATE AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES: Alternates MAY be selected prior to departure. 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, FAI 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. TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CISM EVENTS:

1st day: arrival of mission and technical meetings
2nd day: opening ceremony, training jumps, competition
3rd day: through 8th day: competition
9th day: (competition if necessary), closing ceremony, and banquet
10th day: departure of missions

NOTE: If the duration is not 10 days, the schedule will be adapted accordingly.

8. CISM DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Composition of the CISM Delegation as governed by CISM Parachuting rules:

- 5 male competitors
 - 5 female competitors
 - 1 Coach
 - 1 International FAI or CISM qualified judge
 - 1 Video cameraperson if the mission participates in Formation Skydive event
 - 1 Team Captain
 - 1 Chief of Mission
- Total = 15

9. COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Accuracy
- b. Style
- c. Formation Skydive