



2024 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current NCAA Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME BALL: Per current NCAA rules for both men and women. Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60-days prior to the championship.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Double round-robin play for seeding. Top two teams play in the Championship Game. Third and fourth teams play the consolation game.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: Based on results of championship and consolation matches.
6. TIE-BREAKER POLICY: The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:
 - a. Head-to-Head record.
 - b. Points for/against differential of the games played between the tied teams.
 - c. Points for/against differential of all games played by tied teams.
7. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL: IAW current NCAA Rules. Host Project Officer shall obtain experienced table officials (scorers, statistician, timers, and shot clock operators) through the local officials' association. Local rates will be paid by hosting Service to these individuals.
8. PROTESTS: Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with NCAA rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.
9. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.
10. 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 (if teams are available)
 Ice- Breaker Social (or as determined by host Service)
 - b. Day Two Team Photos
 Organizational Meeting

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Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening match. 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.

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| | Game 1 | USAF vs USMC |
| | Game 2 | Navy vs Army |
| c. Day Three | Game 3 | USMC vs Army |
| | Game 4 | USAF vs Navy |
| d. Day Four | Game 5 | Navy vs USMC |
| | Game 6 | USAF vs Army |
| e. Day Five | Game 7 | Army vs Navy |
| | Game 8 | USMC vs USAF |
| f. Day Six | Game 9 | Navy vs USAF |
| | Game 10 | Army vs USMC |
| g. Day Seven | Game 11 | Army vs USAF |
| | Game 12 | USMC vs Navy |

NOTE: Second game of each session starts 20 minutes after conclusion of first game. When the Men's and Women's Championship is held together, men games will be played first in the first round and then the women will play first in the second round.

- h. Day Eight CONSOLATION Game – Seed 4 vs Seed 3
 CHAMPIONSHIP Game – Seed 2 vs Seed 1

Selection Meeting (Time) – As determined at organization meeting.

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) 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.

- i. Day Nine Teams Depart

11. 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.

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c. All-Tournament: An "All-Tournament" team is selected of the best five players of the tournament. All-Tournament will have a minimum of two guards and two forwards. The fifth position will be determined based on best play. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 12 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.

12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 17 individuals:

12 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician*

1 ad libitum

1 OIC

TOTAL: 17

* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute this position with an additional coach or statistician. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

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.

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

a. Athlete Selection Process.

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 Service Head Coach. Each Service is authorized one spokesperson during the meeting. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting. All discussion within the meeting shall remain confidential. Only selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

3) The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team and the Armed Forces Team shall be conducted as a paper ballot (appendix E), both submitted and signed simultaneously by each Service Representative to the selection meeting chair at the beginning of the selection meeting. Signed submitted ballots are final. Selection Meeting Chairs shall not accept unsigned ballot forms. Ties shall be made by AFS representative on-site after objective discussion.

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.

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5) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship, based on non-availability, Services may elect to send up to three (3) additional athletes per Service to the Armed Forces training camp from the available pool of those who participated at that year's Armed Forces Championship.

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.

14. TEAM COMPOSITION – SHAPE.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

12 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider*

1 Team Captain (SHAPE defines as Head of Delegation of Team)

1 FIBA Officials

TOTALS: 17

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15. TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

12 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider*

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 FIBA Officials**

TOTALS: 18

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** Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute this position with an additional coach or statistician.*

*** Number of Officials to be taken depends on the request by Host Country in their official invite.*

16. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms are due by the end of the organization meeting and shall be submitted electronically. 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, coaches, and staff 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, higher level competition, and CISM events. 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

17. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM 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. 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.

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18. 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.

19. ICE-BREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. 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.

c. 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.

20. 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)).

21. 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.