



## 2024 ARMED FORCES ORIENTEERING TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current International Orienteering Federation (OIF) as amended by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Orienteering Sports Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

a. For all events and categories, only those athletes who are selected to the U.S. Armed Forces Orienteering 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 have a valid Orienteering USA (OUSA) license/membership in good standing and meet all eligibility requirements of OUSA, the Orienteering International Federation (OIF), U.S. Armed Forces Sports and CISM.

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

d. World Elite status athletes are eligible for consideration. Athletes holding a domestic license will obtain an OIF international license upon selection to the CISM Team. Athletes must also possess a current Passport. Failure to secure either of these documents in a timely manner, as determined by the Team Manager, will result in dismissal from the Team.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective Service branch by the prescribed deadline.

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.

c. Applications/Application process can be found visiting the following website: <https://armedforcessports.defense.gov/For-Athletes/How-to-Apply>. (Follow your Service logo)

4. SELECTION CRITERIA (for all orienteering disciplines):

a. 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.

b. 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:

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### 1) CISM medal potential:

- a) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international or OUSA Foot Orienteering sanctioned 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. *Obviously this effect may be of primary importance when nominating athletes for team-based events (Men's and Women's Relay and VIP race) where the synergy of the team members is critical to the success of the team.*

- c. There is no requirement to fill the roster for each specific designated CISM event or gender. Selections will be made based on the ability of athletes to meet the selection criteria.
- d. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the host country or CISM Orienteering Sports Committee.

### 5. SELECTED ATHLETES

- a. Selected athletes are expected to compete in a regular schedule of training and races, 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. All aspects of the team travel, and all on-site logistics and housing for this event will be centrally managed. All athletes and staff who are part of the official U.S. Armed Forces Orienteering Team delegation for this event must function as a team.
- d. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and U.S. Armed Forces Orienteering committee will NOT be responsible for or manage logistics for personal team managers, personal coaches/staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make. Additionally, these individuals will NOT be credentialed as part of the CISM Team for this event and will therefore not be allowed in the USA Team cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by the Team Manager.

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e. All athletes and coaches are expected to meet up with the team at a CONUS location for training prior to traveling to the competition. This normally will be approximately 3-5 days prior to the start of the CISM Championship at a location conducive to orienteering training. If possible, the entire CISM Delegation will gather for staging prior to departure at the training location or near the airport the majority of the team will be flying from.

f. Athletes are expected to arrive with all identified requirements, as directed by the designated Team Manager.

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

h. 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.

i. 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](http://armedforcessports.defense.gov)).

6) Failure to complete the forms and sign the agreements will result in dismissal from the Team. Failure to abide by these and other required agreements will result in dismissal from the Team.

j. All athletes and staff must abide by all OUSA, OIF, 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 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.

6. **ALTERNATE AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES:** Alternates MAY be selected in each event. 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 OUSA, OIF or Armed Forces disciplinary

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actions, the athlete MAY be replaced. Replacement of athletes must comply with U.S. Armed Forces rules and CISM event entry deadlines.

7. COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES: Within the United States, OUSA Foot Orienteering rules apply. Regulations of the OIF Foot Orienteering Rules and the CISM Orienteering Sport Committee govern conduct of the CISM Orienteering Championship events. General CISM rules govern other aspects of the CISM event.

### 8. TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CISM EVENTS:

- 1st day: Arrival of mission
- 2nd day: Technical meetings, opening ceremony, and training
- 3rd day: Competition and training
- 4rd day: Competition and training
- 5th day: Cultural day
- 6th day: Team competition and closing ceremony
- 7th day: Departure of missions

### 9. TYPICAL DELEGATION COMPOSITION - CISM CHAMPIONSHIP

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

- 1 Chief of Mission
- 1 Team Captain
- 1 Coach/Trainer/Ad Libitum
- 7 Athletes (male)
- 4 Athletes (female)

\* The final authorization for delegation size is based upon the host country, CISM Orienteering rules, and U.S. Armed Forces Sports.

### 10. TYPICAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Middle Distance
- b. Long Distance
- c. Relay (3 per team)/VIP-race