



2024 CISM PARA-SPORT TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current CISM Para-Sport Track and Field regulations. Subject to change based on up-to-date revisions.

2. EVENTS: 100-meters; 200-meters; 1,500-meters; Shot Put; Long Jump.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

a. For all events and categories, only those athletes who are selected to the U.S. Armed Forces Track and Field 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 USA Track and Field (USATF), IAAF, CISM, U.S. Armed Forces Sports and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

c. Team members must also possess a current Official (red) 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.

4. CLASSIFICATIONS:

a. Track Classification Groups:

1) IT1: Single below the knee amputees /double below the knee amputees.

2) IT2: Single above the knee amputees /double above the knee amputees.

3) IT3: Upper body amputees, permanent upper body limb dysfunction

4) IT4: Wheelchair racing participants with limited leg function with presence of some to full trunk control (or injury incompatible with standing class). Includes athletes with spinal cord injury (SCI) at the T6 level or below; bilateral above the knee amputation or permanent impairment; hypertonia – increased muscle tightness or tone (grade 3 or more) not compatible to compete in standing class events; Ataxia caused by TBI or other supra spinal cause not compatible to compete in standing class.

5) IT5: Wheelchair racing participants with no leg function with none to poor trunk function. Includes SCI impairment consistent with T5 level or above.

6) IT6: Blind and Visually Impaired athletes with visual acuity ranges from LogMar 2.60 to 1 (inclusive), and/or the athlete has a visual field that is constricted to a radius of less than 20 degrees.

7) IT7: Other participants. Includes competitors who do not have a permanent physical disability but suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or other illness/injury that has been documented by a medical physician.

b. Shot Put Classification Groups:

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1) IF1: Standing Shot – Lower Limb Impairment.

a) Unilateral or bilateral below knee amputation, through knee amputation or above knee amputation;

b) Injury comparable with single or double below knee amputation, through knee amputation, above knee amputation;

c) Leg length discrepancy of 7cm or greater;

d) Uni or bilateral amputation or injury comparable with being proximal to Lisfranc;

e) Moderate impairment of dynamic balance, which may require assistive device for mobility.

2) IF2: Standing Shot – Upper Limb Impairment.

a) Unilateral or bilateral below, through or above elbow amputation;

b) Injury comparable with unilateral or bilateral below, through or above elbow amputation;

c) Single amputation or injury proximal to wrist joint;

d) Bilateral amputation of thumb and thenar eminence or comparable injury;

e) Bilateral amputation of four digits at or above metacarpophalangeal joints (MCP) joint or comparable injury;

f) Hemiplegia;

g) Single upper limb reduced strength (MMT <3) or range of motion comparable with single above elbow or below elbow amputation;

h) Double upper limb reduced strength (MMT <3) or range of motion comparable with single above elbow or below elbow amputation.

3) IF3: Standing Shot – Visual Impairment.

a) Blind and Visually Impaired athletes with visual acuity ranges from LogMar 2.60 to 1 (inclusive), and/or the athlete has a visual field that is constricted to a radius of less than 20 degrees.

4) IF4: Standing Shot – Open and Modified Frailty Index (MFI).

a) Mild balance impairments;

b) Single or double lower limb amputation distal to Lisfranc or affected foot length less than half of unaffected foot (or comparable injuries);

c) Single amputation or injury distal to wrist joint;

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- d) Bilateral amputation of four digits distal or MCP joint or comparable injury;
 - e) Hypertonia/mild increase in muscle tone;
 - f) Any physical impairment not equivalent to IF1/IF2/IF3.
- 5) IF5: Seated Shot competitor with lower limb impairments with normal functional trunk.
- a) Unilateral or bilateral above knee amputation, through knee amputation, or below knee amputation or comparable injury;
 - b) Lower extremity impairments that affect competing in standing category;
 - c) Spinal Cord Injury at T12 or below;
 - d) Moderate to severe ataxia or balance impairment;
 - e) TBI with moderate to severe tone, grade 3 or more in single or double lower limbs.
- 6) IF6: Seated Shot competitor with lower limb impairments with reduced functional trunk control.
- a) Spinal Cord Injury from T1-T11, inclusive of both levels;
 - b) Bilateral lower limb above knee amputation with distance from greater trochanter to distal end of stump less than half of olecranon to distal end of longest digit of upper limb
- 7) IF7: Seated Shot competitor with reduced functional trunk control with upper limb impairment.
- a) Spinal Cord Injury at or above C8;
 - b) Injury comparable with at/above C8 level with moderate to severe upper limb impairment including (but not limited) handgrip, triceps/biceps; wrist function and partial/complete loss of trunk and lower limb function
- 8) Long Jump (LJ).
- a) LJ1: Single below the knee amputees / double below the knee amputees.
 - b) LJ2: Single above the knee amputees / double above the knee amputees
 - c) LJ3: Upper body amputees, permanent upper body limb dysfunction
 - d) LJ4: Blind and Visually Impaired athletes with visual acuity ranges from LogMar 2.60 to 1 (inclusive), and/or the athlete has a visual field that is constricted to a radius of less than 20 degrees.
 - e) LJ5: Other participants. Includes competitors who do not have a permanent physical disability but suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or other illness/injury that has been documented by a medical physician.

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5. 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*)

6. SELECTION CRITERIA:

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. Applications must contain times and/or distances from competitions within the last 18 months.

c. Time and Distance Standards shall be established for each respective CISM Competition. Minimum standards will be established for each CISM Competition, which must be met for consideration to the team. Athletes who fail to meet the minimum standards will not be considered. There is no exception to this policy.

d. There is no requirement to fill the roster for each specific designated event. Selections will be made based on the ability of athletes to meet the selection criteria. The maximum of authorized participants per delegation is 2 athletes per individual event and 1 team in each relay event if held.

e. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the host country or CISM Track and Field Sports Committee.

7. SELECTED ATHLETES

a. Selected athletes are expected to compete in a regular schedule of training and competitions, 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 Track and Field Team delegation for this event must function as a team.

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d. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and U.S. Armed Forces Track and Field 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.

e. If possible, the CISM Delegation will be gathered together for staging prior to departure. This normally will be approximately 3-5 days prior to the start of the CISM Championship.

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

g. The event draw shall be determined by the CISM Track and Field Sport Committee.

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).

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.

j. All athletes and staff must abide by all USATF, IPC, CISM, WADA and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period for this event per WADA 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.

8. **COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES:** Regulations of the CISM Track and Field Sport Committee govern conduct of the CISM Track and Field Championship events. General CISM rules govern other aspects of the CISM event.

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9. TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CISM EVENTS: As determined by the official invitation

10. PROJECTED TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM CHAMPIONSHIP

a. The final delegation size shall be determined based on the number of qualified applicants.

b. This number may vary by gender and this list is used as a historical estimate.