



## 2024 ARMED FORCES SAILING TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY:

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

c. Athletes must also possess a current passport.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective Service branch by the published 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:

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. Many of these participants may have Olympic experience often with the same teammate they will sail with at the Military World Games. In order for the United States team to be competitive the following criteria have been set as the standards for application.

c. To be considered for the U.S. Armed Forces Sailing Team, all applicants should possess one or more of the following criteria:

1) Collegiate or National experience in dinghy's or the designated boat determined by the host nation.

2) Be part of a current or past United States Olympic Sailing program

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3) Be currently or within the last three years nationally ranked in dinghy's or the designated boat determined by the host nation.

4) A past member of an United States Armed Forces Sailing team.

d. In the event that there are not enough applications received that meet the above criteria the Armed Forces Sports Office reserves the right to not send a sailing team to the Championship.

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

### 5. 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 Sailing Team delegation for this event must function as a team.

d. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and U.S. Armed Forces Sailing 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 and/or training camp prior to departure. This normally will be approximately 7-10 days with a training camp or 3-5 days without a camp 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 Sailing 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)

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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 ISAF, CISM, WADA and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period for this event per ISAF 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. COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES: Within the United States, USA Sailing rules apply. Regulations of the International Sailing Federation Rules and the CISM Sailing Sport Committee govern conduct of the CISM Sailing Championship events. General CISM rules govern other aspects of the CISM event.

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

8. PROJECTED TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM CHAMPIONSHIP

The anticipated delegation is projected as:

- 1 Team Captain
- 1 Coach
- 2-4 Athletes (Men/Mixed)\*
- 2-4 Athletes (female)\*

*\* The final delegation size shall be determined based on the number of qualified applicants as well as the designated boat crew determined by the host nation. This number may vary by gender and this list is used as a historical estimate.*

9. TYPICAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. Men's or Mixed team competition.
- b. Women's team competition.