



2024 ARMED FORCES WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current Federation International De Football Association (FIFA) Rules.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Only Active Duty, U.S. Armed Forces personnel, to include Reservists and National Guard on orders are eligible to compete in Armed Forces Championships and any subsequent higher-level competition. Armed Forces is defined as Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.
3. APPLICATION PROCESS. This application process shall apply if an Armed Forces Championship is not held. In that case, all applicants shall:
 - a. Complete the appropriate sports application for the respective Service branch.
 - b. Send their applications 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. Athlete selection will be made by the US Armed Forces Women's Soccer coaching staff based on those participating at the assigned Armed Forces Trial and Training Camp(s). Coaches reserve the right to make appropriate cuts and final roster selection of the U.S. Armed Forces Team.
 - b. Coaching staff shall be selected by the proponent Service, U.S. Air Force (subject to review by the AFSWG).
 - c. The proponent Service shall select the support staff as determined by the CISM Football Regulations.
5. ATHLETES SELECTED TO TRIAL/TRAINING CAMP:
 - a. Selected athletes are expected to be in competitive physical condition and immediately ready for the rigors of elite competition. Coaches reserve the right to dismiss athletes who fail to meet the physical demands expected of those competing for a position on the US Armed Forces team.
 - b. Service branches are authorized up to ten (10) athletes per Service to attend the training camp. In the event a Service does not have ten (10) qualified applicants, then the remaining allocations will be filled based on the coaching staff's determination who the best players are. In this case, for Services with more than ten qualified applicants, the Services will forward the additional applications to the coaching staff. No more than 40 players will be invited to camp.
 - c. All selected players and coaches must participate during the entire trial/training camp. Athletes unable to attend the full duration shall be dismissed from the team.

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d. All participants (players, coaches and staff) shall be approved/sanctioned and placed on travel orders by their respective branch. Walk-on players or other additional players are not authorized to participate.

e. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and U.S. Armed Forces Soccer 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 receive credentials as part of the U.S. Armed Forces Team for this event and will therefore not be allowed in the USA Team competition sections of the venue.

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

g. 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.

h. All athletes and staff must abide by all U.S. Soccer, FIFA, 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:

a. Alternates may be selected to complete the final roster. Services must be notified of alternates at the conclusion of trail/training camp in order to completed necessary documents.

b. 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.

c. 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, FIFA or Armed Forces disciplinary actions, the athlete may be replaced.

d. Replacement of athletes must comply with U.S. Armed Forces rules and CISM event entry deadlines.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Based on the schedule of the CISM World Military Championship and as written in the published Letter of Instruction (LOI) by the proponent Service branch.

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8. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM Competitions:

21 Players
1 Chief of Mission
1 Coach
2 Assistant Coaches
2 Certified Athletic Trainers/Physicians
1 Team Captain
1 FIFA Officials
1 Assistant FIFA Officials
30 TOTAL

9. FORMS:

a. 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 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.

10. HIGHER-LEVEL COMPETITION SPECIAL POLICIES.

a. Leave. Armed Forces team members are not permitted leave during camps and competition unless coordinated through Service sports offices. This includes coaches and Team Captain. The Team Captain and coaching staff must be the last individuals that depart upon completion of the event to ensure all athletes departure. Barring an emergency, no staff personnel should be granted early departure.

b. Military Uniform: U.S. Military personnel must wear their Military uniforms to all official CISM functions (opening ceremony, closing ceremony, etc.). Appendix (K) lists the breakout for each U.S. Service uniform.