



## 2024 ARMED FORCES TAEKWONDO TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current World Taekwondo (WT) rules as amended by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Taekwondo Sports Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

a. For all events and categories, only those athletes who are selected to the U.S. Armed Forces Taekwondo Team (CISM Team or the Team) can represent the United States at this event. Only athletes who are active duty military or national guard/reserve personnel on active duty military orders will receive selection consideration.

b. All athletes must have a valid black belt certificate issued through the WT (Kukkiwon) and meet all eligibility requirements of WT, U.S. Armed Forces Sports, and CISM.

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

d. All athletes must possess a WT Global Athlete License (GAL) for competition in the World Military Championship.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

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

b. Complete the following documents or registrations and forward to the Team Captain by the designated date to be determined:

1) "Standard Taekwondo Application" Spreadsheet (Encl #1). Providing the same information in another format is also acceptable.

2) Copy of Kukkiwon certificate (black belt issued through World Taekwondo)

3) Copy of 2022 membership in USA Taekwondo (Required for entry to USA Taekwondo Nationals).

4) Copy of US Passport. Possession of a valid passport is required for participation in the CISM Championship and a US Passport will confirm US Citizenship requirements for the USA Taekwondo Nationals.

5) Signed copy of the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) confirming availability (inclusive of pre-CISM training dates).

c. 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.

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d. 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. All entrants must be supported for participation in the USA Taekwondo National Championship and the CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship by their service-specific sports office. Participants circumventing these procedures will not be considered.

b. Final team selection will be made by the team coaches and team captain in consultation with the CISM CSC Member and National Governing Body personnel and will be based upon: history of performance at the national and international level with priority given to recent performance that shows a trend of continued improvement; potential of top performances in world class competitions; competition performance at the 2022 USA Taekwondo National Championship. The skills and ability to perform on the international level at the CISM Championship will be given the highest consideration.

c. 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 – based upon specific weight classes - for this event. Discretionary selections shall be based CISM medal potential and will be based upon the following prioritized criteria:

1) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international, or sanctioned domestic competitive level events;

2) The ability to produce medal capable results under sanctioned conditions within the past 36 months;

3) Consistently placing high among top-quality fields at international or domestic sanctioned competitive level events;

4) A recent history of strong performance in international or domestic elite competition that would indicate CISM medal potential.

d. There is no requirement to fill the roster for each specific designated weight class, event, or gender. Selections will be made based on the ability of athletes to meet the selection criteria.

e. Selections will be made based upon the weight class selected by the athlete. Changes to the roster will only be made should a vacancy at another weight class be available.

f. CISM Team application deadlines:

1) Deadline for applications to respective service branches - as determined by each branch.

2) Entry for USA Taekwondo National Championship by deadlines specified by USA Taekwondo (not yet announced as of this date).

3) Please note the USA Taekwondo policy that "An athlete may not qualify in the same World Class weight class at more than one State Championship. Doing so may result in the

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athlete being disqualified from the US Nationals." If your athletes choose to participate in state championships, they may only qualify at ONE state Championship. We can still include them on our Armed Forces Team roster with one other qualification. But all qualifications must be in the same weight class that they want to participate in at the nationals. Switching of weight classes after qualification is not permitted by USAT.

### 5. SELECTED ATHLETES

a. Army Sports will coordinate will coordinate for participation in the USA Taekwondo Nationals to include travel, lodging, meals, local transportation, etc for all personnel (regardless of service affiliation). Any costs associated will be billed back to the respective service.

b. The selected team for the CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship will be announced after the conclusion of the USA Taekwondo Nationals.

c. 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.

d. The Team Manager will nominate/select and manage all athletes and staff who participate in these events.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. 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.

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

i. 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.

j. 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 (depending on COCOM).

k. 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:

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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.

I. All athletes and staff must abide by all USA Taekwondo, World Taekwondo, 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. CISM DELEGATION COMPOSITION:**

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

- 1 Chief of Mission
- 1 Team Captain
- 1 Coach (Male)
- 1 Coach (Female)
- 1 Athletic Trainer
- 1 Ad Libitum
- 2-3 Referees
- 8 Athletes (male – Kyorugi)
- 8 Athletes (female - Kyorugi)
- Up to 12 Poomsae athletes and one (1) Poomsae Coach
- Up to six (6) Hoshinsul athletes
- Para-Taekwondo athletes if organized by host nation

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

### **7. TYPICAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

- a. Kyorugi (Sparring)
- b. Poomsae (Forms)
- c. Hoshinsul (Self Defense Techniques)