

# 2026 ARMED FORCES SPORTS



## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

## **2026 Armed Forces Sports Standard Operating Procedures**

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**1. REFERENCES.**

- a. DOD Instruction 1330.04, Armed Forces Participation in National and International Sports Activities (July 20, 2022)
- b. Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Manual
- c. Joint Travel Regulations (JTR)
- d. Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Regulations
- e. DOD Instruction 1015.10, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Programs

**2. PURPOSE.** This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides procedures applicable to participation of military personnel in Armed Forces, National, and international sports competitions.

**3. APPLICABILITY.** This SOP applies to elements of Armed Forces Sports program (AFS) and covers the following programs: Armed Forces Championships; National Championships; Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Competitions; and other designated higher level national and international competitions. The approving authority of international competition is the Secretary of War, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State that the interest of the United States will be served by this participation.

**4. CONTENT AND MANAGEMENT.** Content is based on actions of the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC) and subsequent approval by the Assistant Secretary of War for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (AWD(M&RA)) as provided by DOD Instruction 1330.04 (reference a), which provides to the AFSC and AFSC Secretariat (AFSCS) overall policy guidance, assigns and defines responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for policy formulation and oversight of the management and participation of Armed Forces personnel in Armed Forces, amateur national and international sports competitions.

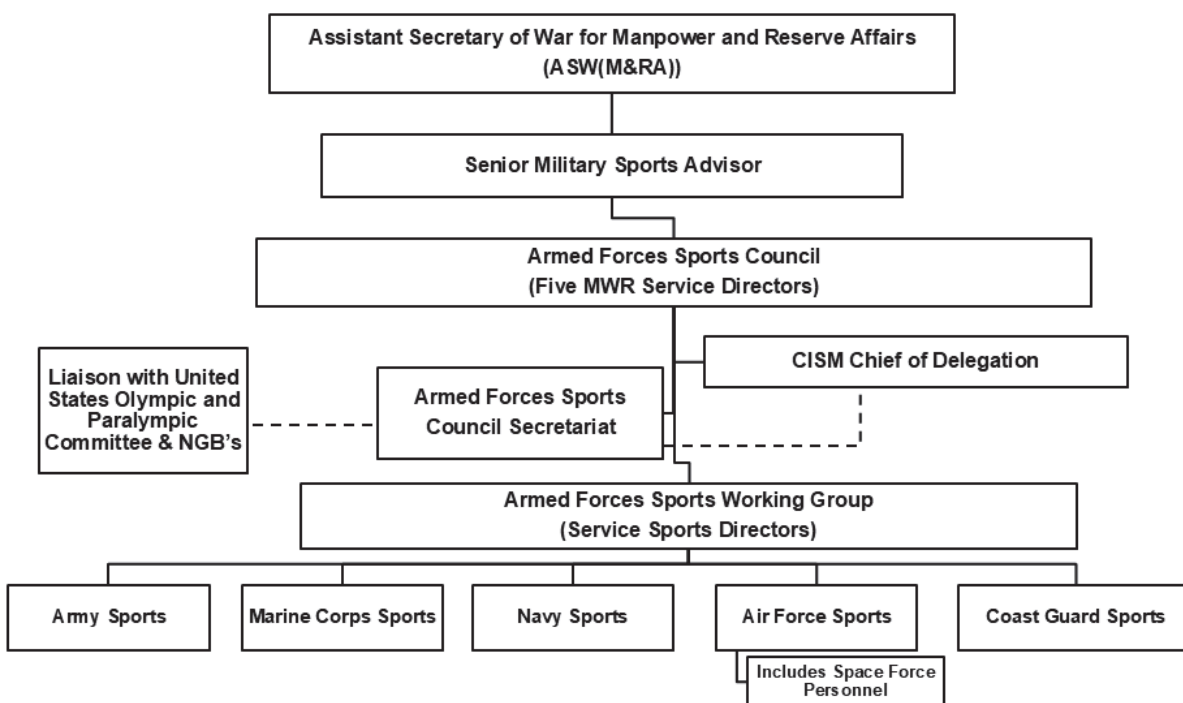
**5. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**

- a. Promote goodwill among the Armed Forces through sports.
- b. Promote a positive image of the Armed Forces through sports.
- c. Provide the incentive and encourage physical fitness by promoting a highly competitive sports program.

d. Provide an avenue for military athletes to participate in national and international competitions.

e. Engage in valuable military-to-military opportunities with CISM member nations through sport.

## 6. ARMED FORCES SPORTS ORGANIZATION.



## 7. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC) Shall:

1) Comprise the MWR Directors from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, or their designated representatives. Space Force personnel shall be represented by the U.S. Air Force Armed Forces Sports Council representative.

2) Act for the Department of War on matters pertaining to sports events involving more than one Service.

3) Meet quarterly to review agenda items forwarded by the Armed Forces Sports Working Group (AFSWG) and vote on items as necessary.

4) Take necessary action to provide the most qualified Active Duty/DoW Civilians to serve as Conseil International Du Sports Militaire (CISM) Combined Sports Committee (CSC) Members and fill other open CISM positions.

5) Approve the annual Armed Forces Sports calendar of events (including national, international and CISM championships).

6) Approve the annual Armed Forces Sports budget.

7) Ensure the U. S. participates in annual CISM sports championship as funding permits.

8) Ensure the U.S. hosts at least one CISM event per year as funding permits.

9) Select the U.S. CISM Chief of Delegation and submit to SMSA for approval.

10) Determine the quadrennial apportionment among the Services for funding Service member participation in civilian national and international amateur sports competitions pursuant to Reference (a); advise the AWD(M&RA) of the apportionment and any changes to it.

11) Serve as the Appeals Committee on all administrative actions from code of conduct violations.

12) Determine the workload and provide oversight of the AFSCS office.

13) Approve Annual Performance Measures (appendix A).

b. AFSC Chairperson Shall:

1) The Chair of the AFSC shall rotate every two (2) years beginning on October 1, 2025 between the Services in the following order: Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Army.

2) Recommend and finalize dates for AFSC meetings.

3) Announce all prospective guests and purpose of attendance at AFSC meetings. Approve guests based on majority concurrence of the AFSC.

4) Chair AFSC meetings.

5) Approve and sign final draft of AFSC minutes.

6) Liaise with the SMSA and AFSCS.

7) Direct the workload of the AFSCS office as determined by the AFSC.

c. Armed Forces Sports Working Group (AFSWG) Shall:

1) Comprise the Sports Directors from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. AFSWG Chair coincides with the AFSC Chairperson schedule. Air

Force AFSWG member shall represent Space Force personnel.

- 2) Meet quarterly at AFS Championships prior to the scheduled AFSC meetings.
- 3) Submit meeting agenda items to AFSCS 21 days prior to the scheduled meetings.
- 4) Attend AFSWG meetings ready to discuss and vote on all agenda items.
- 5) Serve as liaison between the AFSWG and their council representative.
- 6) Take necessary actions to solicit and nominate candidates to serve as: the U.S. CISM Chief of Delegation; on CISM Board of Directors, Commissions, and Sports Committees; and in U.S. National Governing Body (NGB) positions.
- 7) Make necessary changes to individual sport rules, as delegated by AFSC (AFSC Meeting #266, 6 December 2006).
- 8) Review all code of conduct violations and take appropriate administrative actions.
- 9) Develop and track annual performance measures and benchmarks (appendix A).

d. AFSWG Chairperson Shall:

- 1) Recommend and finalize dates for working group (WG) meetings.
- 2) Announce all prospective guests and purpose of attendance for AFSWG meetings. Approve guests based on majority concurrence of the WG.
- 3) Chair WG meetings.
- 4) Approve and sign final draft of AFSWG minutes.
- 5) Liaise with the AFSC Chairperson and AFSCS.

e. AFSCS Office Shall:

- 1) Report directly to the AFSC on all matters who provide direction in the discharge of AFSC responsibilities, primarily as executive officer, staff administrator and coordinator.
- 2) Serve as a contact point for the Department of War and its components on matters pertaining to the Armed Forces Sports Program.
- 3) Serve as liaison between AFSWG and AFSC. Liaise directly with SMSA on

behalf of AFSC unless otherwise directed.

4) Advise AFSWG and AFSC on pressing issues and serve as recorders for AFSWG and AFSC meetings.

5) Disseminate agenda items approximately 14 days prior to scheduled AFSWG and AFSC meetings.

6) Publish and distribute draft minutes of AFSWG and AFSC actions within seven (7) working days of meeting.

7) Transmit AFSC minutes to the SMSA for review to ensure compliance with DoW policy before submission to the AWD(M&RA).

8) Refer AFSC matters requiring OSW coordination through the SMSA to the ASW(M&RA) when necessary.

9) Submit, through the SMSA to the ASW(M&RA), comments on legislative matters affecting military sports activities that are of interest to the Department of War.

10) Coordinate (approved as part of signed minutes) administrative changes to SOP with AFSWG Chair.

11) Update AFS SOP and distribute to AFSWG members.

12) Serve as the responsible steward of the Annual Armed Forces Sports budget, upon approval of the AFSC.

13) Ensure annual calendar and directory are updated.

14) Ensure AFS website and approved social media sites are maintained and updated.

15) Attend and be the responsible neutral agent to ensure that all rules at Armed Forces Championships are followed and facilitate issues/protests/concerns. If Armed Forces Sports Office representatives are not present at the championship due to conflicting events, the AFSCS will identify the senior Service representative responsible to carry out this function.

16) Liaise with National Governing Body referee/officials' association to secure referees/officials for Armed Forces and/or CISM Championships 45-days prior to the start of the event. Be responsible for the payment of per diem, transportation (less local transportation), and associated fees for all sports officials at Armed Forces Championships.

17) Provide higher level team selection charts to Armed Forces Championship host site project officers.



18) Publicize Service member participation in programs, including the Olympic Games, by providing informational material to the ASW (PA) and the respective Services.

19) Serve as U.S. Delegate to CISM. In the absence or vacancy of the Chief of Delegation, AFSCS shall serve as the acting Chief of Delegation to CISM unless otherwise directed by the AFSC.

20) Provide applicable reports to AFSC and AFSWG pertaining to CISM meetings and other pertinent national and international meetings.

21) Receive and process requests from foreign CISM Chiefs of Delegation for U.S. military coaching assistance.

22) Notify CISM and other sports organizations of the Armed Forces intent to participate in respective higher-level competitions.

23) Process travel clearances through the Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System to obtain country, theater, and special area clearances for Service members participating in CISM events per reference (b).

24) Approve Travel Tracker/Individual Anti-Terrorism Plan when required per reference (b). When approving authority requires higher than GS-15 level, AFSC Chair shall approve if they are GO/FO or SES.

25) Coordinate with the Department of State (DoS) and other governmental agencies and national sports organizations regarding sports tours and clinics in foreign countries that involve Service member participation.

26) Assist Service branches in obtaining visas if required by host nation. Service members are required to obtain their own official passport and visa.

27) Advise proponent Services on country clearance requirements, generation of NATO orders when necessary and other travel related issues.

28) Serve as U.S. Liaison to CISM Headquarters and the North American CISM Office.

29) Provide CISM mementos for U.S. delegations.

30) Serve as the Liaison on National Governing Bodies (NGB) when positions become vacant or as determined by the AFSC.

31) Serve as the AFSC Liaison to the U.S. Olympic Committee when pertaining to Armed Forces Sports involving more than one Service.

32) Prepare code of conduct violation cases to AFSWG for review/action.

33) Receive performance measure data from AFSWG, collect assigned data and generate annual report (appendix A).

f. U.S. Chief of Delegation to CISM Shall:

1) Serves at the pleasure of the AFSC.

2) Represents the AFSC and U.S. Delegation on all matters dealing with International Military Sports at CISM.

3) Represents the interests of the AFSC at the annual CISM General Assembly and empowered to vote at the General Assembly, representing the national position of the U.S. Armed Forces Sports program.

4) Interfaces with the Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat (AFSCS) who coordinates with the CISM Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium on any items that the COD needs to act upon and signs necessary correspondences.

5) Attend (if available) the annual CISM Continental Meeting of the Americas, Military World Games, and U.S. hosted CISM World Championships and events.

6) Recommend participation of U.S. missions at CISM events to the AFSC.

7) Sign preliminary and final agreements of official CISM Invitations for all U.S. - invited events. Only authorized to commit the U.S. Delegation to events approved by the AFSC.

8) Sign official invitations for U.S. hosted events, as approved by the AFSC. Will not commit the U.S. Delegation to host events without first obtaining approval by the AFSC.

9) Submit official nomination letters to CISM, with AFSC endorsement, for CISM appointed positions including Board of Director members; Commission Members; Presidents of CISM Sport Committees (PCSC); and CISM Sport Committee (CSC) Members.

10) Have oversight of the U.S. CISM appointees.

a) Submit preliminary and final agreements to host nations including CISM appointees as required.

b) Receive after action reports from CISM appointees after CISM events.

c) Recommend to AFSC the removal of CISM appointees who fail to meet their obligations to their CISM roles or violate CISM rules or the Armed Forces Sports code of conduct.

d) Authorized to immediately temporarily suspend U.S. CISM appointees, Chiefs of Mission, and Team Captains due to gross safety negligence and/or violation of the Code of Conduct.

11) Be responsible for all U.S. missions participating at CISM events, ensuring that the missions adhere to the Armed Forces Sports and CISM codes of conduct.

12) Assists in the solicitation of DoW support for funding of U.S. participation in the Military World Games and other CISM activities.

13) Actively promotes the ideals of CISM with senior leadership throughout DoW and serves as an “ambassador” for the U.S. Armed Forces by holding the highest ideals for goodwill and friendship in dealing with other nations.

## 8. PROCEDURES.

### a. Meetings.

#### 1) Armed Forces Sports Council Meetings.

a) Occur quarterly following AFSWG meetings.

b) AFSC Meeting Attendees. Five Council Members (Coast Guard is Non-Voting); Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat (AFSCS); AFSWG Chairperson; AFSC Legal Representative; Office of the Secretary of War (OSW) Representative; and invited guests (approved by the AFSC Chairperson).

c) Agenda items are provided by AFSCS approximately 14 days prior to the AFSC meeting. AFSC members may submit agenda items at any time to include during the AFSC meeting. U.S. Coast Guard may submit agenda items and have an active voice in discussions but cannot vote.

d) Voting. Each voting member of the AFSC receives one vote on all agenda items. Votes ending in a tie will result in the agenda remaining unchanged or "as-is". If the tie applies to new business, then the AFSC may elect to send the agenda to the Senior Military Sports Advisor (SMSA) as the tiebreaker, or the AFSC may reserve the right to task the AFSWG to re-work the agenda.

1) For time sensitive agenda items occurring between AFSC meetings, votes by email are authorized. AFSCS shall prepare the agenda item for all AFSC members for review and shall record the vote accordingly. The final decision shall be taken for action.

e) AFSC Meeting Minutes. The AFSCS shall provide minutes within seven (7) working days to the council members for review. After council members review, the AFSC Chairperson signs the minutes and forwards the minutes for signature to the SMSA. The Council minutes are then forwarded to the ASW (M&RA) for approval.

f) Meetings are generally held in observation of the Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the AFSC.

2) Armed Forces Sports Working Group Meetings.

a) Occur quarterly preceding AFSC meetings.

b) AFSWG Meeting Attendees. Five Working Group Members (Coast Guard is Non-Voting); Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat (AFSCS); AFSC Legal Representative; Office of the Secretary of War (OSW) Representative; AFSWG alternate members and invited guests (approved by the AFSCS).

c) Agenda items are provided by AFSCS approximately 14 days prior to the AFSWG meeting. AFSWG members may submit agenda items at any time to include during the AFSWG meeting. U.S. Coast Guard may submit agenda items and have an active voice in discussions but cannot vote.

d) Voting. Voting AFSWG Members receive one vote on all agenda items. If a vote (at the meeting or through the e-mail process) ends in a tie, and cannot be resolved via a majority vote, then the agenda remains status quo, unless all the AFSWG members agree to forward the agenda to the AFSC.

1) For time sensitive agenda items occurring between AFSWG meetings, votes by email are authorized. AFSCS shall prepare the agenda item for all AFSG members for review and shall record the vote accordingly. All recommendations that require AFSC approval shall be sent to the AFSC by the AFSCS.

2) Changes to Sport Rules are only authorized by the AFSWG and must occur prior to the championship organization meeting. Service representatives at Armed Forces Championships are not authorized to change rules unless all primary members of the AFSWG are in attendance.

e) AFSWG Meeting Minutes. The AFSCS shall provide minutes within five (5) working days to the Working Group Members for review. Working Group Members shall review the minutes within seven (7) working days. Upon review, the AFSCS prepares the minutes as agenda items for the next AFSC Meeting.

f) Meetings are generally held in observation of Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the AFSWG.

3) Athlete and Coach Selection Meetings. See page (11) under section d. "Higher-Level Competition".

b. Armed Forces Championships.

1) All Armed Forces Championships must be approved by the AFSC and meet the following criteria:

a) Team Sports. A minimum of three (3) teams are entered. Composite teams may be authorized when one or more Services cannot field a team. In such cases, three teams are still required to conduct an Armed Forces Championship.

b) Individual Sports. A minimum of three (3) service teams are entered with a minimum roster to qualify for the team championship in each applicable sport.

c) Weight Class Sports. A minimum of two (2) individuals, from separate Services participate. If entries fall below the stated minimum, no team points will be awarded unless otherwise specified in the individual sport rules.

## 2) Governance.

a) All Armed Forces Championships are conducted IAW the recognized National Governing Body rules/regulations/by-laws of the respective sport as amended by the AFSC, when applicable.

b) National Governing Bodies are defined per reference (a) as those amateur sports organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and authorized to govern a particular sport.

c) Operating procedures for each Armed Forces Sport are outlined in appendix (B) of this SOP.

## 3) Eligibility.

a) 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 are defined as Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

b) Service Academy Cadets and Midshipmen are only eligible to participate in Armed Forces or CISM Championships if approved by their respective Academy Superintendent and if authorized by their Service Sports/MWR policy. Individuals in an Officer Accession Program with the rank of Cadet or Midshipman within the Reserve Officer Training Corps are not eligible for Armed Forces Championships nor any subsequent higher-level competition.

c) Service Members in retired status are not eligible to compete in Armed Forces Championships, nor compete in any subsequent higher-level competition.

d) Coast Guard personnel are authorized to participate with Navy teams in Armed Forces competitions when they are unable to field their own Service team.

e) Navy and Marine Corps personnel may participate for the team of the Service where the athlete is assigned. These agreements are coordinated through the respective Service Sports Offices.

f) Space Force personnel are authorized to participate with Air Force teams in Armed Forces competitions.

g) Other Services may combine on a case-by-case basis when Services are unable to field a complete team. The combining Services shall notify the other participating Services.

h) Service representatives should not be a participating coach, OIC, athlete, or trainer. Service representative responsibilities are identified in appendix (P).

i) Questions regarding Service member status or other personal identifying information shall be verified through the DEERS system of record.

4) Special Armed Forces Championship Policies.

a) Ice-Breaker Social.

1) Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

2) Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

3) The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

b) Awards Ceremony. Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must comply with paragraph 8.a.(4)(a). Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

c) Dining Support. Host Service must identify available dining facilities on the installation within the Championship Letter of Instruction.

d) Alcohol Policy. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet



immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

e) Tobacco Policy. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

f) Handling of Rule Violations.

1) If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game.

2) Code of conduct violations occurring during a championship/event shall be handled by the Service representatives on site. The AFS representative shall prepare the case for review. Actions are limited to the suspension of specific game(s), the rest of the tournament, and/or removal from consideration for higher level competition. Final actions are determined by majority vote of the attending Service representatives of the participating teams. When the vote is tied, the AFS representative on site shall break the tie.

3) Code of conduct violation cases occurring after the event has concluded shall be prepared by the AFSCS and presented to the AFSWG for review and action. After AFSWG decision and AFSC Legal Counsel review, AFSCS shall prepare a memorandum to the Service AFSWG Member of the participant at fault. Each individual Service is responsible for notifying their respective Service member either through direct contact or through participant's chain of command. AFSC shall serve as the appeals committee on any ruling challenged by those involved. Individual Services may impose more strict sanctions on their respective Service members if they deem necessary. AFSCS shall maintain all records of actions/rulings.

g) Protest Responsibilities and Procedures. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with the specific sport playing rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

h) Officiating Problems. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.

i) Opening Ceremonies. Opening ceremonies are optional. However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed. If hosted on a military installation, the National Anthem shall be played prior to the first competition of the championship even if an opening ceremony does not occur. Armed Forces Flag and Marching Protocol is in appendix (O) of this SOP.

j) Organization Meeting. All Armed Forces Championship shall have an organization meeting prior to the start of competition. Unless otherwise specified, only Service representatives, coaches, OIC's, medical personnel, public affairs, and referees/officials shall attend. Athletes shall only attend when stated in the letter of instruction. The organization meeting shall be the official deadline for all required forms as stated in the championship letter of instruction, as well as any rule and/or event format changes upon approval by the AFSWG.

k) Forms and Rosters. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship. Failure to provide Code of Conduct form will disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must complete the appropriate forms as identified in the individual sport rules (appendix B). Forms shall be submitted electronically. Navy teams shall annotate Coast Guard personnel and Air Force teams shall annotate Space Force personnel on rosters with combined teams.

l) Letters of Instruction (LOI). Host Service shall provide draft of LOI 90-days prior to Armed Forces Championship to AFSCS. Once reviewed, Host Service shall publish the LOI no later than 60-days prior to the Armed Forces Championship.

m) Cancellation Policy. All Armed Forces Sports Championships shall have a 60-day deadline for cancellation. AFSWG will conduct an emergency meeting followed by an emergency AFSC vote when circumstances do not allow for the 60-day notice.

n) Hospitality Area. During Armed Forces Championships, the host site shall provide a designated hospitality area for officials, Service representatives, and VIP's. Water, sport drinks/juice, light snacks/finger foods shall be included at a minimum.

5) New Armed Forces Championships/Sports. The procedures for the introduction of new Armed Forces Championships/Sports are as followed:

a) AFSWG members may introduce new sports based on the following criteria:

1) Sports officially recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee as an official National Governing Body or "Recognized Sport Organization"; or Sports offered by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM).



2) Additional requirements include proof of a strong grass-roots program within the military bases throughout the Department of War. This must be demonstrated through inclusion of the program such as in intramural or varsity-level programs offered by the installation.

b) AFSWG members must present a detailed plan of action and milestones for the implementation of the program. Additionally, the plan must include financial, staffing, referee/officials, format, and higher-level considerations.

c) The AFSC is the final approving authority for the adoption of new Armed Forces Championships/Sports.

c. 2026 Armed Forces Championship Hosting Responsibilities.

1) The Services shall host the following sports in 2026:

a) Men's and Women's Basketball – USMC

b) Cross-Country – Navy

c) Flag Football – USAF

d) Golf – Army

e) Men's Rugby – USMC

f) Women's Rugby – USMC

g) Men's Soccer – Army

h) Men's and Women's Softball – USAF

i) Esports – USAF

2) The following sports shall be hosted on a permanent basis:

a) Triathlon – Navy

b) Marathon – USMC

c) Women's Soccer Trial Camp (when applicable) – USAF

d) Esports – USAF

e) Men's and Women's Rugby Trial Camp – Army\*

\* When higher level competition does not follow the Armed Forces Championship.

3) The following units serve as the lead proponent for selected sports:

a) Parachuting – U.S. Army Parachuting Team (Golden Knights)

b) Skiing/Winter Sports – U.S. Army Vermont National Guard

1) Includes but not limited to: Biathlon; Cross Country Skiing; Patrol Race; and Ski Mountaineering.

d. Higher-Level Competition.

1) Athletes, coaches, and associated staff members shall represent the United States Armed Forces at National Championships, CISM World Military Championships, or other selected higher-level competitions as prescribed by the sport. The AFSC shall approve participation to all higher-level competitions within the Armed Forces Sports program on an annual basis. The U.S. reserves the right to withdraw (with AFSC approval) if original dates of National Championships, international or CISM competitions are changed or present a conflict to Armed Forces or national events.

2) All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B).

3) All delegation members of the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing to higher level competition shall sign the Armed Forces Sports Code of Conduct (appendix D) prior to the start of training camp or departure to higher level competition if a training camp is not conducted. Host Service shall hold the signed code of conduct forms until the conclusion of the championship, or until all related actions of the championship are finalized.

4) During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or disciplinary reasons. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordination and concurrence of the Working Group Members of the other three Services.

5) Athlete Selection Process.

a) All-Tournament and Armed Forces Team Selections from Armed Forces Championships (Team Sports).

1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

b) Athlete Selections for all individual sports shall be in accordance with the respective SOP for that sport contained within appendix (B).

c) Armed Forces Team Selections from Training Camps, special competitions, or qualifying events/criteria. (Non-Armed Forces Championships)

1) Training Camps.

a) The AFSC shall determine the proponent Service responsible for the conduct of the respective training camp.

b) Athletes from all branches of Service shall apply for consideration to the U.S. Armed Forces Training Camp of the respective sport. All participants must be approved, sanctioned, and be placed on orders by their respective service Sports Office.

c) Coaches reserve the right to make appropriate cuts and final roster selection of the U.S. Armed Forces Team.

2) Special Competitions.

a) Special competitions, qualifiers, or invitational competitions may be conducted by a proponent Service in order to select a U.S. Armed Forces Team to compete in CISM Championships upon approval of the AFSC. Such competitions may include, but not limited to: Taekwondo, Shooting, Parachuting, and Skiing/Winter Sports.

b) Events hosted by unit elements, such as Parachuting - Golden Knights and the Vermont National Guard, may be conducted in coordination with Armed Forces Sports upon approval by the AFSC. Funding for the competition shall be determined by the proponent unit and/or Service in coordination with the responsible agencies.

3) Qualifying Events/Criteria.

a) Sports such as, but not limited to Judo, Track and Field, Modern Pentathlon, Parachuting, Skiing/Winter Sports, and Cycling may conduct qualifying events or select team members through special qualifying factors (such as resume) to the U.S. Armed Forces Team competing in CISM Competitions.

b) Proponent Services responsible for the respective sport are responsible for drafting selection criteria and procedures. AFSWG members shall approve all criteria and procedures for the selection of U.S. Armed Forces Team Members and any qualifying events.

6) Coach Selection Policy.

a) Team Sports. The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second-place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor the second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

b) Individual Sports. The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). The Assistant Coach of the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall second place Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If the winning coach is not available, the second-place team coach shall serve as the Head Coach of the Armed Forces Team. Service Reps shall vote on the Assistant Coach for both positions, if neither the first nor second place coaches are available.

1) For Marathon, Cross Country, Triathlon, and Golf where there is the possibility that separate Services may win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the following shall apply: The proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coach from the pool of coaches among the participating Services (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

c) For sports not competed at Armed Forces Championship, such as Women's Soccer, the following applies:

1) The AFSC shall select the proponent Service as approved within this SOP.

2) The proponent Service is responsible for leading the coaching selection process. The coach selection process shall include soliciting applications from among qualified candidates from the Service branches.

3) The proponent Service shall outline application deadlines, criteria, and selection timelines. Service sport directors are required to comply with all deadlines for coach consideration.

4) The proponent Service shall select the coaching staff with ratification by the AFSWG.

d) For sports held outside of the Armed Forces Championship, such as rugby, the following applies:

1) The AFSC shall select the proponent Service as approved within this SOP.

2) The proponent Service is responsible for leading the coaching selection process. The coach selection process shall include soliciting applications from among qualified candidates from the Service branches.

3) The proponent Service shall outline application deadlines, criteria, and selection timelines. Service sport directors are required to comply with all deadlines for coach consideration.

4) The proponent Service shall select the coaching staff with ratification by the AFSWG.

7) Team Captain Appointments.

a) Team Captains for higher level competition for all sports shall be nominated by the assigned proponent Service except for the permanent sports listed below. All Team Captain nominations are reviewed and approved by the AFSWG.

1) The assigned proponent Service for the following sports is on a permanent basis:

a) Marathon – USMC

b) Parachuting – Army Golden Knights

c) Rugby – Army

d) Sailing – Navy

e) Skiing – Army Vermont National Guard

f) Soccer (Women) – USAF

g) Taekwondo – Army

h) Triathlon – Navy

i) Wrestling – Army

2) The Proponent Service schedule for the non-permanent sports shall be determined in paragraphs 8.c.(1) to (2) of this SOP.

3) The following CISM-only sports shall be assigned to a Service for the CISM Military World Games, contingent on funding, manpower, qualified participants, and if the Service branch can meet the roles and responsibilities listed in Appendix (P).

a) Archery – Army

b) Cycling – USAF

c) Judo – Navy

d) Modern Pentathlon – Army

e) Orienteering – Army

f) Shooting – Army

g) Swimming and Lifesaving

h) Track and Field – USAF

b) Selection Process.

1) Criteria for selection as Team Captain in order of importance:

a) Staff members at Service Sports office are preferred first.

b) Department of War (DoW) Civilian staff member with experience coordinating logistical and administrative requirements of the position.

c) Technical knowledge/background in the sport (rules and bylaws, tournament structure, brackets and pool play, medal round).

d) Previous Team Captain for a CISM sport (conducted OCONUS).

e) Training as a Team Captain for a CISM event by attending a CISM sports camp (hosted OCONUS) as Observer and assisting primary Team Captain with duties.

f) Previous Team Captain for a sport attending U.S. National championship.

g) Host Project Officer for a CISM championship.

- h) Host Project Officer for an Armed Forces championship.
  - i) Previous sports team member at a CISM event.
- c) Requirements of Team Captain.
- 1) Team Captains must be familiar with travel orders and booking airline flights.
  - 2) If the Armed Forces training camp is OCONUS, the Team Captain must be present for the entire training camp. If the Armed Forces training camp is held on a CONUS installation, the local sports director may assist with administrative needs until the team captain joins the team.
  - 3) Service representative, an officer (or equivalent DoW civilian), or E-7 (or above) may be nominated as the Team Captain.
  - 4) Team Captains shall agree to sign the prescribed Team Captain Letter of Instruction (LOI) in appendix (G) and strictly adhere to all duties outlined within the LOI.
- d) Duties of Team Captain are outlined in appendix (H) of this SOP.
- 8) CISM Chief of Mission Appointment.
- a) Proponent Service is responsible for selecting the CISM Chief of Mission (O-5/O-6 preferred). By request, the U.S. Chief of Delegation may select the Chief of Mission if the proponent Service is unable to find a suitable Chief of Mission or they will travel with the U.S. delegation to the CISM competition.
  - b) The proponent Service of the CISM sport and/or AFSCS briefs the Chief of Mission on all duties, functions, and responsibilities prior to the team departure for the CISM Championship.
  - c) Selected Chiefs of Mission shall agree to sign the prescribed Chief of Mission Letter of Instruction (LOI) in appendix (I) and strictly adhere to all duties outlined within the LOI.
  - d) Duties of Chief of Mission are outlined in appendix (J)
- 9) Medical Support Personnel Selection.
- a) The proponent Service is responsible for obtaining appropriate medical support personnel, such as physicians and Certified Athletic Trainers for all U.S. Armed Forces Teams. All medical support personnel must possess the appropriate credentials (i.e. Certified Athletic Trainer) for the position they are assigned. See appendix (B) for specific sport requirements.



b) All Medical Support Personnel shall sign a code of conduct agreement and must strictly adhere to the conduct outlined in the form.

c) If the proponent Service is unable to locate the appropriate medical coverage for the U.S. Armed Forces Team, the AFS Sports Medicine Advisory Team shall be tasked by the AFSCS to recommend the most appropriate medical provider.

#### 10) Higher-Level Competition (CISM and Nationals) Responsibilities.

a) Proponent Services are responsible for coordinating arrangements for the Armed Forces Team/Delegation for all training camps and follow-on higher-level competitions (CISM and Nationals). Responsibilities include:

1) Billeting.

2) Provide meals and incidental expenses per funding guidance listed in paragraph 9 of this SOP.

3) Dining requirements at both military installations and/or civilian facilities.

4) Transportation, to include:

a) Local transportation at training camps.

b) Transportation to and from higher-level competition.

5) Securing scrimmage competitions and training facilities for all team sports.

6) Entry fees to higher level activities.

7) Special requirements will be the responsibility of each service.

8) Providing installation of the Armed Forces championships with national championship entry form and entry instructions for sports, as applicable.

#### 9) Purchasing Competitive Uniforms.

a) Proponent Service is responsible for purchase of all competitive uniforms. Uniforms for higher-level competition are purchased annually with athletes retaining all uniforms and issued items upon completion of each competition.

b) Armed Forces Teams advancing onto National Championships will use the Armed Forces Sports emblem on their competitive uniform and "USA" on their bags and warm-ups as applicable.

c) Funding limits for Armed Forces Team competitive uniforms are set in appendix (N).

b) During situations when two or more Services co-host an event, training camp, and/or team; then the Services will draft an agreement identifying responsibilities and roles of all parties prior to the championship.

11) Higher-level competition (CISM and Nationals) Training Camp Structure.

a) Length of training camps shall not exceed the following (time frame includes travel days):

1) Women's Basketball: 10 days on-site prior to CISM or SHAPE.

2) Men's Basketball: 10 days on-site prior to CISM or SHAPE.

3) Volleyball (M/W): 10 days on-site prior to CISM

4) Soccer (M): 10 days on-site prior to CISM. If no Armed Forces event 18 days prior to CISM.

5) Soccer (W): 18 days prior to CISM (Trial Camp if no Armed Forces Championship)

6) Wrestling: Eight (8) days prior to CISM

9) Track and Field: Seven (7) days prior to CISM

10) Swimming: Seven (7) days prior to CISM

11) Triathlon: Five (5) days on-site prior to CISM

12) Softball: Five (5) days on-site prior to Nationals

13) Sailing: Seven (7) days prior to CISM

14) Other sports are determined on a case-by-case basis as determined by the AFSWG.

15) During CISM Military World Games, AFSWG shall have the flexibility to modify the length of camp to adjust for the World Games schedule.

12) 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 and the proponent Service. Leave in conjunction after the competition will fall under the logistical management of the participants' respective sports office. This includes coaches and Team Captain. The Team Captain and coaching staff are last to depart upon

completion of an 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, banquet, etc.) as dictated by the host country invitation. CISM specifies uniforms as summer or winter. Appendix (K) lists the breakout for each U.S. Service uniform.

c) Passports/Visas/Orders. The Foreign Clearance Guide will dictate the requirements of visas, passports, and/or other required documents such as NATO travel orders. AFSCS shall provide all necessary country clearance requirements to the proponent Service. The proponent Service is responsible for ensuring all participants meet the necessary clearance training requirements and ensure that all participants have the necessary information to obtain official Service passports and visas if required by the host nation.

d) Contingency Funds. Proponent Service shall provide necessary contingency funds to support the Armed Forces team by request of the proponent Service. Costs are to be pro-rated equally among the Services. Contingency checks will not exceed \$1,500 and are to be used only for emergencies. The contingency checks for \$500 will still be standard.

e) Training Requirements. At a minimum, all personnel are required to complete Anti-Terrorism Training/Level One. SERE and ISOPREP may be required depending on the nation/theater traveled to. AFSCS shall provide AFSWG with all training requirements.

f) Country/Theater Clearances. AFSCS shall submit the required entry clearance for country, theater, and special area. AFSCS shall provide the required training requirements for the country, as well as the necessary information required for the submission of the APACS request. Failure to comply with or submit required information will result in participant(s) from advancing to higher-level competitions.

g) Travel/Scrimmages. All scrimmage and leisure related travel must be approved by the proponent Service at both the training camp site and competition site. While OCONUS, all scrimmage and leisure related travel occurring outside the nation hosting the competition must be coordinated with the proponent Service and approved by the Armed Forces Sports Office. The Armed Forces Sports Office will only grant approved travel after coordination with the appropriate U.S. State Department agencies (U.S. Embassy/Consulate).

e. Requirements to host a CISM Championship.

1) Hosting installations are authorized an initial \$250,000 for hosting a CISM championship. If the host site expects to exceed the budget of \$250,000, then the host Service shall seek AFSWG approval for additional funding prior to the championship. If approval is not granted, then additional expenses will be borne by the host Service.

2) Host Service must be able to meet all CISM requirements for hosting World Championship in reference (d).

f. Armed Forces and CISM Officials.

1) Selection Process.

a) Ninety (90) days prior to an Armed Forces championship, the AFSCS sends correspondence to the national chief of officials for the respective sport. The correspondence states minimum qualifications expected of the officials for a championship and request a list of qualified officials. Officials selected must be available to officiate for the duration of the Armed Forces Championship.

b) AFSCS notifies selected officials and provides them with information about travel arrangements, local transportation, billeting, dining, event schedule, fees, per diem, and the contact information for the local project officer. AFSCS arranges travel and pays the officials the approved stipend and per diem per the fee structure listed in paragraph 8,f,(3),(a).

c) The selection of experienced/qualified support officials such as scorers, starters, timers, etc., is the responsibility of the host installation.

d) Active-Duty personnel are not to be used as Armed Forces Championship officials unless concurrence is obtained from the AFSC. This does not apply to support officials, such as line judges, scorekeepers, and timekeepers.

e) A chief or head of officials is named for each Armed Forces Championship. AFSCS will coordinate with the appropriate agent to select the U.S. officials for Armed Forces and CISM championships.

2) Officials Required for Armed Forces Championships.

a) Basketball (NCAA - Men/Women): 6 referees, 1 non-calling chief of officials. Referees crew shall double if combined Men and Women's Armed Forces Championships, which would include a second non-calling chief of officials.

1) Host Project Officer shall obtain experienced table officials that include the following:

a) One (1) NCAA Certified shot clock operator

b) One (1) NCAA Certified scoreboard operator/official timer.

c) One (1) scorekeeper proficient in current NCAA rules.

b) Flag Football (USA Football): 8 referees per men's and women's championship (16 total if held together), 1 non-calling referee manager for the championship.

c) Rugby (USA Rugby): 8 referees, 1 non-calling chief of officials. Only applies to events not held in conjunction with established tournaments.

d) Softball (USA Softball - Men/Women): 6 umpires, 1 non-calling umpire-in-charge. Umpire crew shall double if combined Men and Women's Armed Forces Championships, which would include a second non-calling umpire-in-charge.

e) Soccer (USSF): 8 officials, 1 non-calling chief of officials.

f) Triathlon (USAT): 2 officials.

g) Volleyball (USAV - Men/Women): 6 referees, 1 non-calling chief of officials. Referees crew shall double if combined Men and Women's Armed Forces Championships.

1) Host Project Officer shall obtain experienced table officials that include the following:

a) Four (4) USA Volleyball Certified Regional Officials to serve and rotate as line judges and libero tracker.

b) One (1) scoreboard operator.

c) One (1) statistician to track at a minimum: Aces, blocks, kills, assists, digs, and errors.

h) Wrestling (USA Wrestling): 8 referees, 2 non-calling chiefs of officials and 1 pairings master when competing on two mats. 4 referees, 1 non-calling chief of officials and 1 pairings master when competing on one mat if only three teams participate.

3) Officials Fees, Per Diem, Expenses and Stipend. AFSCS is responsible for payment of fees and meal per diem to officials. Officials will receive payment prior to departing Host Installation.

a) Armed Forces Championship Official Fees per sport are as follows:

1) Basketball: \$350.00/game for each floor and head official per championship event. \$110/game for each table officiating crew member. Statistician obtained by host installation or Armed Forces Sports based on approved rates to be determined.

2) Flag Football: \$125.00/day for each official per championship event.

3) Rugby: \$125.00/day for each official per championship event.

4) Soccer: \$170.00/day for each official per championship event. When US Soccer Federation representative attends, host Service shall provide lodging.

5) Softball: \$60.00/day for each official per championship event. Head officials receive an additional \$25.00/tournament, but do not work games. Host installation will provide experienced/qualified official scorers who have responsibility for distributing game statistics to coaches and Service Representatives. Local rates will be paid to these individuals and are the responsibility of the host Service and will not be pro-rated.

6) Triathlon: \$150.00/event per official. Course monitors will be obtained through the local officials association. Local rates will be paid to these individuals and are the responsibility of the host Service and will not be pro-rated.

7) Volleyball: \$1,000.00 per official per championship event. Host project officer shall provide USA Volleyball Regional Certified referees (line judges/libero tracker), scoreboard operator, and statistician. Local rates will be paid to these individuals by the host Service and are not pro-rated.

8) Wrestling: \$300.00/day for each official per championship. When USA Wrestling representative attends, host Service shall provide lodging.

9) Note: Head officials who work games/matches receive an additional payment of \$25 per championship unless otherwise indicated.

b) Per Diem, Billeting, and Local Transportation: Officials for an Armed Forces Championship receive a meal per diem of \$30 per day; paid by AFSCS. In addition, lodging and rental vehicles are provided to the officials by the Host Installation.

c) Travel and Baggage Fees: Proponent Service is responsible for obtaining and securing transportation for officials to the competition site. Officials using privately owned vehicles (POV) for travel will be paid mileage by the AFSCS or IAW current JTR rates as long as mileage does not exceed the cost of government round trip airfare. AFSCS will reimburse baggage fees and parking if applicable.

d) CISM Stipend and Support: Officials for a CISM championship receive transportation, lodging and meals paid for by the AFSCS (or CISM host country). Official fees per sport are as follows:

1) Basketball: \$150.00/day for each floor and head official per championship event. SHAPE competitions as well.

2) Soccer: \$200.00/day for each official per championship event.

3) Triathlon: \$500.00 for each official per championship event.

4) Volleyball: \$200.00/day for each floor and head official per championship event.

5) Wrestling: \$300.00/day for each official per championship.

6) Other: Sports not listed above shall receive a stipend of \$150.00/day for each official per championship event.

7) Stipends issued on a daily rate are capped based on the tournament schedule. Officials wishing to attend outside the tournament schedule are not entitled to additional stipends unless specified by AFSCS.

## 9. FUNDING ARMED FORCES SPORTS.

a. AFSCS prepares the annual operating budget for review by the AFSWG, prior to submission to the AFSC for approval.

b. The Army Nonappropriated fund (NAF) provides payment of AFSCS operating budget expenditures. The Army NAF prorates operating budget expenditures to the four Services, by line item, semiannually. AFSCS shall provide receipts upon request.

c. The host and/or proponent Service of an Armed Forces Championship bills the other Services for the pro-rata share of expenses for follow-on higher-level championship training camps and competitions. If the proponent Service purchases standard issue items on behalf of AFS, then AFS shall directly reimburse that Service.

1) The expenses are billed as followed:

	Pro-rated Equally by Four Services	Each Service Assessed on Number of Participants
1. Awards/Mementos/Banners/Promotional Materials	X	
2. Contingency Funds	X	
3. Entry Fees	X	
4. Armed Forces Apparel	X	
5. Competitive Uniforms		X
6. Official's Stipend, Travel & Authorized Expenses	X	
7. CISM Events Hosted by U.S.	X	
8. Training Camp Expenses		X
9. Travel of CISM Sports Committee Members		X
10. Travel of CISM Mandated Positions (PCSCs/BoD)	X	



2) Host and/or proponent Service shall bill the other Services within 75 days upon the completion of the higher-level event. Failure to appropriately bill the Service branches within 75 days will result in the host and/or proponent Service to incur all associated costs.

3) Services shall submit payment to host and/or proponent Service bills within 45 days. Services shall not be permitted to participate in higher-level competition of the respective sport from bills that remain unpaid. Outstanding bills must be reported to AFSCS for AFSCS to notify the Service of unpaid debt. Services have up to the date of the organization meeting of the respective sports to clear unpaid bills for reinstatement of higher-level competitions.

d. Sponsorship/Gifts.

1) If host installation for Armed Forces or CISM Championship obtains cash sponsorship, 25% will apply to the cost of hosting the championship and 75% will remain at the installation MWR program.

2) Sponsorship of U.S. Armed Forces Teams must go through the proponent Sponsorship office via AFSCS. Individual sponsorship of teams or implied sponsorship is prohibited by local installations.

3) Gifts/Donations offered to the U.S. Armed Forces Teams shall go through the Army Gift Office via AFSCS.

4) Sponsorship logos on Service team uniforms are authorized (IAW NGB Rules). All team uniforms must be consistent. Individual sponsorship logos are not authorized.

5) All sponsorship and gift/donations shall comply with reference (e) of this document.

6) Individual athletes are not authorized to appear endorsing companies, products, or services mentioning Armed Forces Sports, or utilizing Armed Forces Sports team uniforms, logos, and/or event information without the expressed written consent of Armed Forces Sports Council Legal Counsel.

e. Armed Forces Championships.

1) Awards.

a) AFSCS purchases individual and team medals. Medals are prorated equally among the Services and are billed per paragraph 9.b.

b) All-Tournament awards and special competition medals are the responsibility of the host Service. All-Tournament awards are not equally prorated among the Service branches.



2) Officials.

a) Officiating stipends, per diem and travel are arranged by AFSCS and are prorated equally among the Services and are billed per paragraph 9.b.

b) Local scorekeepers, judges, starters and timers as mentioned in paragraph 8.f.1)c) are the responsibility of the host Service and is not prorated equally among the Services.

f. Training Camps and Travel to Higher-level competitions.

1) Per Diem Rates.

a) Meals and Incidentals shall be provided by the host Service at the appropriate rate per the JTR (Reference c). When hosting the training camp on a U.S. military installation, the GSA on-base rate shall apply to cover the cost of the dining facilities.

b) If meals are provided to the athletes, only the incidental rate shall be paid. CONUS incidental rate is \$5.00/day. OCONUS incidental rate is \$3.50/day. The OCONUS incidental rate of \$3.50 applies when participants are housed on a U.S. military installation or lodging and messing is provided by the CISM host nation. JTR authorizes the use of the \$3.50/day if the Authorizing/Order-Issuing Official (AO) determines that a reduced rate for incidental expenses is adequate. The reduced incidental expense rate must be stated in the traveler's orders (reference c, para 020304, E.3 on page 2-36). Reduced incidental expense rates do not apply to the days traveled by the participant.

c) If dining facilities are not available for three meals/day, then the GSA proportional meal rate shall apply.

d) Travel to and from competition from the training camp shall use the GSA rate for the temporary duty site per JTR.

2) Billeting. The Proponent Service shall coordinate billeting for their assigned teams. If billeting is not provided for free, the Proponent Service shall procure billeting at the GSA per diem rate.

3) Airfare. Airfare shall be in conjunction with the JTR. The AO may authorize or approve restricted airfares when they are offered to the general public and if trip cancellation would not impose significant costs (reference c, para 020206,M,2 on page 2-13).

4) Entry Fees. Any entry fees for higher level competition shall be purchased by the proponent Service branch and are billed (prorated) equally to the other Services.

5) Team Uniforms.

a) Team issued apparel such as polo shirts and warm-ups are purchased by AFSCS and are prorated equally among the Services and are billed per paragraph 9.b.

b) Team competitive uniforms such as basketball jerseys and running singlets are purchased by the host Service. The host Service shall bill the competitive uniform expenses to each Service branch based on the number of their respective participants (e.g. Navy has five participants, they are billed for five competitive uniforms).

c) Host Services purchasing additional gear outside of the scope of competitive uniforms outlined in appendix (N) of this SOP, are not authorized and Services failing to comply shall not bill the other Service branches.

g. Travel for CISM mandated positions, as approved by the AFSC, shall be borne AFSCS and prorated equally among the Services. CISM mandated positions include CISM President; CISM Vice Presidents; CISM Secretary General; CISM Board of Directors; Presidents of CISM Sports Committees; and Presidents of CISM Commissions.

h. CISM Sport Committee Member travel shall be arranged and borne by the proponent Service branch and billed to the member's Service Sports office when traveling with the U.S. delegation. When the CISM Sports Committee Members travel separately from the U.S. team, the member's respective Service branch shall make and fund the appropriate travel arrangements.

10. NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY AND CISM POSITIONS.

a. AFSC will take necessary action to provide the most qualified Active Duty/DoW Civilians to serve on CISM sports Technical Committees, Commissions, or other open CISM positions.

b. Armed Forces Representatives for National Governing Body (NGB) positions shall be Active Duty or DoW Civilians. Non-DoW Civilians may be considered only when other candidates are not available and/or it is determined to be in the best interest of the Armed Forces Sports program. Non-DoW Civilian candidates must have a previous affiliation with the Armed Forces Sports program and is considered a subject matter expert of the sport within the respective National Governing Body.

c. Candidates must submit resumes/bios through their respective Service Sports representative. These will be reviewed and voted on by the AFSWG. AFSWG will recommend the best candidate to the AFSC.

d. Per CISM regulations (reference d) individuals must be an active duty commissioned officer to be considered for President of a CISM Sports committee or commission and be available to serve for a four-year period. Should a Service member retire from the military, they may be authorized by the U.S. Chief of Delegation to

complete their role if their four-year mandate is expiring within 12 months. This exception shall be on a case-by-case basis.

e. Incumbent CISM or NGB members are not to recommend any replacements to their respective positions to CISM or the NGB. The AFSCS will notify CISM or NGB of approved representatives.

f. Members of CISM Sports Committees, Commissions, other CISM Positions, or NGB representatives must provide trip reports and minutes within five days upon completion to AFSCS.

g. Incumbent CISM members serving mandated positions are authorized for re-election unless otherwise withdrawn by the member, their respective Service branch, or the AFSC.

## 11. MEDICAL AND SAFETY.

### a. Safety regulations.

1) All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by the National Governing Body of the sport competed in. AFSC shall apply additional procedures and/or requirements for sports in the interest of participant health and safety.

2) Safety regulations for all sports competed at Armed Forces Championships are identified in appendix (B) of this SOP.

### b. Anti-doping.

1) Armed Forces Sports complies with the National Governing Bodies' rules/regulations/by-laws pertaining to anti-doping when conducted under the purview of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

2) USADA is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and shall be used as the sole agency to conduct anti-doping tests at Armed Forces and U.S. hosted CISM World Military Championships.

3) All athletes are subject to Anti-doping Testing IAW the WADA at CISM Championships. Medical Staff shall ensure that athletes understand the anti-doping process and complete the required forms in appendix (L) and review the anti-doping brief in appendix (M) of this SOP.

4) Sanctions imposed by WADA and/or USADA shall be strictly enforced by the Armed Forces Sports program.

c. Sports Medicine Advisory Team.

1) Advise the Armed Forces Sports Council Working Group (AFSCWG) and the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC) on matters pertaining to the overall health and well-being of our AFS participants. Providers shall include at a minimum: Lead Physician, Orthopedic Surgeon, and Certified Athletic Trainer.

2) Review individual sport rules/regulations, safety procedures, anti-doping education, medical forms, and the selection process of providers for Armed Forces Championships and higher-level competitions.

3) Develop educational material for athletes, coaches, and staff. Compile list of available providers screened by the SMAT to serve as medical support for AFS teams competing in CISM and other higher-level competitions. Database shall be maintained by the AFSCS office.

4) Providers within the database shall review the annual calendar and list their availability. SMAT will assign providers to the AFS teams based on level of risk of competition; experience of provider; and rotation of providers from each Service.

5) Members of the SMAT shall be available to attend special symposiums on Sports Medicine issues and serve as advisors to CISM upon request regarding the overall conduct of safety, anti-doping, and health management at athletic championships; as well as reviewing CISM regulations to ensure safety procedures are adequate.

6) Serve as advisors for each Service Sports office. Be available or nominate subject matter experts to serve on safety advisory boards or safety investigation boards when necessary.

12. Point of Contact is the Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat at 210-238-9919 or [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the Secretariat, Armed Forces Sports.

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## Armed Forces Sports Program - Performance Metrics

Category	Sub-Category	Goal	Metric Name	Metric	Metric Description	Metric Code	Metric Target	Desired Outcome	Alignment to AFS Objectives	Data Source	Collection Method	Benchmark	Collection Cadence	Collection Level of Effort
Community Relations and Impact	Community Outreach	Quantify AFS community outreach efforts in a consistent manner over time	Community Outreach Activities Quantity Total	# of community outreach activities	Total number of community outreach activities (e.g. clinics at youth centers and schools, volunteer activities) delivered/sponsored by AFS	CR-1	26 community outreach activities per reporting period	Meet or exceed metric target	2	AFS	AFS Community Outreach Post-Event Report*	TBD after first year of data	Per Event	Low
			Community Outreach Participants Total	# of community outreach activity participants	Total number of participants at a community outreach activity	CR-2	N/A*	N/A	2	AFS	AFS Community Outreach Post-Event Report	TBD after first several years of data	Per Event	Low
			Community Outreach Participation Average*	Average # of participants per community outreach activity	Average number participants per community outreach activity	CR-3	N/A*	N/A	2	AFS	N/A	TBD after first several years of data	N/A	Low
	Public Relations	Quantify AFS public relations in a consistent manner over time	AFS Article/Post Quantity Total*	# of AFS articles/posts	Total number of articles/posts made by AFS	CR-4	TBD: "X # of Articles/Posts per Reporting Period"	Meet or exceed metric target	2	Multiple: AFS social media account holders, PAO, etc.	Data pull	TBD after first year of data	Yearly	Low
Event Participation	Event Attendance	Quantify AFS' participation in competition events	Armed Forces Championship Quantity Total	# of Armed Forces Championships with AFS participation	Number of Armed Forces Championships with AFS participation	EP-1	N/A*	N/A	1, 3, 4	AFS	AFS Event After-Action Report	N/A	Per Event	Low
			National Competition Quantity Total	# of National Competitions with AFS participation	Number of National Competitions with AFS participation	EP-2	N/A*	N/A	1, 3, 4	AFS	AFS Event After-Action Report	N/A	Per Event	Low
			CISM Competition Quantity Total	# of CISM Competitions with AFS participation	Number of CISM competitions with AFS participation	EP-3	N/A*	N/A	3, 4, 5	AFS	AFS Event After-Action Report	N/A	Per Event	Low
			Competition Quantity Total	Total # of competitions with AFS participation	Total number of competitions with AFS participation	EP-4	N/A*	N/A	1, 3, 4, 5	AFS	AFS Event After-Action Report	N/A	Per Event	Low
	Athlete Participation	Quantify AFS athletes' participation in competition events	Unique Athlete Participation Quantity Total	# of unique athletes who participated in AFS	Number of unique athletes who participate in AFS, with each individual participant only being counted once. Participation in multiple events does not count the athlete an additional time	EP-5	N/A*	N/A	3, 4	AFS	AFS Roster Data	N/A	Yearly	Low
	AFSC Priorities	Measure AFS' ability to participate in AFSC-approved events	AFSC Approved Events Rate	% of AFS participation in AFSC approved events	Percentage of events AFS participated in that were approved by AFSC as part of AFS events calendar for the year	EP-6	100% of AFSC approved events attended	Meet target	4, 5	AFS	AFS Event Data	TBD after first year of data	Yearly	Low
Athlete Impact	Participation Time	Understand extent of athlete participation	Average days away from unit	Average # days athlete is away from unit per year	Annual count of the number of days athlete is away from unit per year	AI-2	N/A*	N/A		AFS	AFS Data pull	N/A	Annually	Low
International Impact	International Presence	Quantify AFS contacts with other nation's militaries	Unique Country Interactions Total	# of unique countries interacted with per event	Number of unique countries AFS athletes interacted with during events	II-1	TBD: "X # of countries per through AFS events"	Meet or exceed metric target	1, 2, 4, 5	AFS	AFS Event Data Template	TBD: "X% of countries at event"	Per Event	Low
		Quantify AFS Impact to Global Military Sports	Impact to Global Military Sports	# of AFS impacts made by U.S. CISM Delegation	Number of impacted events made by the U.S. CISM Delegation, to include policy changes, new member-nations, new initiatives, new events, etc.	II-2	3 impacts per year	Meet or exceed metric target	2, 4, 5	AFS	Data pull	TBD after first year of data	Annually	Low



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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current NCAA Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME BALL. Per current NCAA rules for both men and women. Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Single round-robin play for seeding followed by a single elimination bracket.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of single elimination bracket.
6. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:
  - a. Head-to-Head record.
  - b. Points for/against differential of the games played between the tied teams.
  - c. Points for/against differential of all games played by tied teams.
7. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL.
  - a. Court IAW current NCAA Rules.
  - b. Host Project Officer shall obtain experienced table officials (scorers, statisticians, timers, and shot clock operators) through the local officials' association. Local rates paid by hosting Service to these individuals.
    - 1) At a minimum, the following stats shall be collected: Field goals attempted and made; 3-point field goals attempted and made; assists; steals; offensive and defensive rebounds; blocked shots; minutes played; fouls.
    - 2) NCAA certified Shot Clock Operator.
    - 3) NCAA certified Official Timer/Scoreboard Operator.
    - 4) NCAA certified Statistician.
  - c. Only rostered personnel are authorized in the team bench and training areas.
  - d. Reserve Players
    - 1) Reserve players are only eligible to play should a member of the 12-player roster become injured.



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2) Should a player become injured the player may be replaced from the approved reserve player pool, provided the injury is certified by the team's medical staff.

3) Injured players that are replaced by reserve players are not eligible to return to competition in the event their condition improves.

4) Reserve players are not permitted in the team bench area unless they are also officially designated as a staff member on official roster. Staff members include Head coach, Assistant Coach, OIC, and Ad libitum. Medical personnel cannot be designated as reserve players.

5) All reserve players are required to have a uniform with a unique number not duplicated by any other athlete.

e. If a player is ejected from the tournament, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

f. Media personnel are not authorized in the field of play unless directed by the Armed Forces Sports staff during approved breaks.

8. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with NCAA rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

9. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. The host installation will determine game times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

- a. Day One
  - Teams Arrive
  - Team Practice Sessions (if teams are available)
  - Organizational Meeting
  - Ice- Breaker Social
- b. Day Two
  - Team Photos
  - Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.
  - Game 1            USMC vs Army (W)
  - Game 2            USMC vs Army (M)
  - Game 3            Navy vs USAF (W)
  - Game 4            Navy vs USAF (M)



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c. Day Three      Game 5      Army vs Navy (W)  
                         Game 6      Army vs Navy (M)  
                         Game 7      USAF vs USMC (W)  
                         Game 8      USAF vs USMC (M)

d. Day Four      Game 9      USMC vs Navy (W)  
                         Game 10      USMC vs Navy (M)  
                         Game 11      USAF vs Army (W)  
                         Game 12      USAF vs Army (M)

e. Day Five      Practice/Community Engagement

f. Day Six Single Elimination Bracket Begins

Game 13      Seed 3 vs Seed 2 (W)  
Game 14      Seed 3 vs Seed 2 (M)  
Game 15      Seed 4 vs Seed 1 (W)  
Game 16      Seed 4 vs Seed 1 (M)

g. Day Seven      Championship Round

Selection Meeting (Time) – As determined at organization meeting.

Loser Game 13 vs Loser Game 15 (W)  
Loser Game 14 vs Loser Game 16 (M)  
Winner Game 13 vs Winner Game 15 (W) (Top Seeded Team is Home)  
Winner Game 13 vs Winner Game 16 (M) (Top Seeded Team is Home)

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

i. Day Eight      Teams Depart

### 11. AWARDS.

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament Team.

1. The All-tournament team is announced prior to the announcement of the 12 players selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento.

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2. See selection process in paragraph (13) for All-Tournament Team selection procedures.

3. All-Tournament will have a minimum of two front court players and two back court players. The fifth position will be determined based on best play.

### 12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 19 individuals:

12 Players

2 Reserve Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician\*

1 ad libitum

1 OIC

TOTAL: 19

\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

### 13. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT.

#### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

a) The All-Tournament team shall consist of five players. The following positions are required at a minimum for the All-Tournament Team: Two (2) back court and two (2) front court players. The remaining roster of guards, forwards, and centers shall be determined based on the best players.

b) The following positions are required at a minimum for the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing to higher level competition: Four (4) back court and four (4) front court players. The remaining roster of guards, forwards, and centers shall be determined based on roster of players and coaching formation/styles.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed

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Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

b. Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second-place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives

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at the Championship). If neither the winning nor the second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

c. During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or disciplinary reasons. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordination and concurrence of the Working Group Members of the other three Services.

### 14. TEAM COMPOSITION – SHAPE.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

12 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider\*

1 Team Captain (SHAPE defines Head of Delegation of Team)

1 FIBA Officials

TOTALS: 17

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player.*

### 15. TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

12 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider\*

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 FIBA Officials\*\*

TOTALS: 18

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player.*

*\*\* Number of Officials to be taken depends on the request by Host Country in their official invite.*

### 16. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

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b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at: [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

17. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

18. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

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### 19. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

20. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

21. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by NCAA. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.



## 2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES. Current World Athletics Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Committee (AFSC), if applicable.

2. DIVISIONS AND COURSE DISTANCES. 2026 Armed Forces will consist of 10k distance for men and 8k distance for women based on the 2026 CISM Cross Country Championship format. If event is held in conjunction with the USA Track and Field (USATF) National Championship, the distance will comply with current USATF rules.

3. SCORING AND FINAL TEAM STANDING. Men and women team scores will be separated. The winning men and women team is determined by USATF's displacement scoring system. The winning men's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top five (5) of the team's seven (7). The winning women's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top four (4) of the team's six (6). The lowest displacement score shall determine the winning teams.

4. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. Placement of first non-scorer for each team (Either the sixth male finisher or the fifth-place finisher in the women's race). Should one of the tied Services have only the minimum number of athletes, then the tiebreaker shall be based on the aggregate times of the "scoring runners" (E.g. total time of the five scoring men or the four scoring women).

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. Times and dates of events may change as determined by the race organizers.

- a. Day One            Teams Arrive
- b. Day Two            Packet Pick-up  
                             Course Inspection  
                             Organizational/Technical Meeting  
                             Informal Icebreaker (Optional)
- c. Day Three            Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

### Team Competitions

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

- d. Day Four            Teams Depart

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### 6. AWARDS.

- a. Individual. Awards are given to the top three finishers in each division.
- b. Team Award. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receives individual awards.

### 7. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

7 Men  
6 Females  
1 Coach  
1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Personnel  
1 Ad Libitum  
1 OIC  
TOTAL: 17

### 8. 2026 TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM. As dictated by host country invitation:

4 Men (10k)  
4 Women (8k)  
2 Men (Mixed Relay)  
2 Women (Mixed Relay)  
1 Coach  
1 Ad Libitum  
1 Chief of Mission  
TOTAL: 15

### 9. SELECTION PROCESS – CISM.

#### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The U.S. Armed Forces Cross Country Team competing at the CISM World Military Cross Country Championship will be determined by the following:

a) Top four (4) men and top four (4) women finishers competing in the individual competition.

b) The next two (2) men and next two (2) women finishers will make up the mixed relay team.

c) If unavailable for higher advancement, the next scoring runner in their respective division shall advance.

2) The following course lengths apply at the CISM World Championship:

a) Men's Division: 10km – 4 runners

b) Women's Division: 8km – 4 runners

c) Mixed Relay: 8km (2 x 2km) – 2 men/2 women runners



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### b. Coaching Selection.

1) The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall winning Head Coach of the Men's and Women's Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship).

2) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coach from the pool of coaches among the participating Services (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

3) If the invitation authorizes a second coaching position, then the following applies if the AFSWG authorizes a second coach:

a) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the winning coach of their respective team shall coach at the CISM Championship. For example: Army wins Men's division, they coach the men at CISM. Navy wins Women's Division, they coach the women.

b) If one Service wins both Men's and Women's divisions, then the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coaching staff from the pool of coaches among the participating Services and shall determine the coaching strategy for the CISM Championship (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

c. Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum Selection. The designated proponent Service is responsible for the selection of the Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum roles in accordance with paragraphs 8.d.7) and 8.d.8) of the Armed Forces Sports Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

## 10. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level

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competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at: [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

11. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

12. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 13. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

14. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve

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the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

15. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.** All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Track and Field rules. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.



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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current professional (Tier 1) rule set based on applicable game title, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME EQUIPMENT. Modified game controllers, keyboards and mice are not permitted with custom modification ability for macros. Hosting service shall publish required equipment for each team within the Letter of Instructions (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Current professional (Tier 1) rule set based on applicable game titles. Format and structure will differ depending on the game title selected by host service.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of championship and consolation matches.
6. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:
  - a. Head-to-Head record.
  - b. Match win percentage.
  - c. Game win percentage.
7. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL. IAW current game title (Tier 1) ruleset. Host Project Officer shall obtain appropriate facility to facilitate practice/setup for each team depending on selected game title.
8. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.
9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. The Host installation will determine game-match times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.
  - a. Day One            Teams Arrive  
                         Team Practice Sessions (if teams are available)
  - b. Day Two            Team Photos/Media  
                         Team Practice Sessions (if teams are available)  
                         Organizational Meeting  
                         Ice- Breaker Social (or as determined by host Service)
  - c. Day Three           Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

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Double-round robin/Swiss tournament depending on game title

- d. Day Four Double-elimination bracket to determine placement

CONSOLATION Game – Seed 4 vs Seed 3

CHAMPIONSHIP Game – Seed 2 vs Seed 1

- e. Day Five Teams Depart

### 10. AWARDS.

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team. Rotating Team Trophy presented to winning team.

### 11. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 7 individuals:

4 Players\*

1 Coach\*\*

1 ad libitum

1 Service Rep

TOTAL: 7

\*Player Size subject to change based off selected game title.

\*\*If Host service provides professional coaches for player experience this will not count towards this position.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT two days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area.

### 12. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces

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Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

13. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

14. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 15. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

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c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

16. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

17. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by the host Service.



## **2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. COMPETITION RULES. Under the auspices of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) for five vs. five (5 v 5) play following the current USA Football 5V5 Flag Football Rulebook and as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME BALL. Per current USA Football rules for both men and women. Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Double round robin followed by championship and consolation games.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.
5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of championship and consolation games.
6. DURATION OF GAMES AND TIE-BREAKER POLICY.
  - a. Game length consists of two (2), 20-minute halves with a five (5) minute halftime, using a Running Clock during round robin games and the Pro Clock Settings during the Championship and Consolation Games. Each team has two (2) 30-second timeouts per half.
  - b. Tournament Play Overtime.
    - 1) A coin flip will determine the team that chooses to be on offense or defense first.
      - a) If a second round of overtime must be played, the team that lost the coin toss will get to choose offense or defense for the start of the second round of overtime. This process continues with teams alternating who choose to be on offense or defense to start out during every round of overtime.
      - b) The official will determine on which end of the field the overtime will take place.
    - 2) Each team will take turns getting one (1) play from the defense's 5-yard line for one point or the defense's 10-yard line for two points.
    - 3) All regulation period rules and penalties are in effect.
    - 4) There are no timeouts in overtime.
  - c. Teams will not play more than three (3) games per day for safety reasons.
  - d. Tie Breaking procedures. The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:
    - 1) Head-to-Head record.
    - 2) Points for/against differential of the games played between the tied teams.



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- 3) Points for/against differential of all games played by tied teams.

### 7. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.

a. IAW current USA Flag Football Rules. Players must wear rubber-soled shoes. Cleats with exposed metal are never allowed and must be removed.

b. All players must be provided with an official flag belt and team jersey. Flag belts cannot be the same color as shorts or pants.

c. Jerseys.

- 1) must be tucked into shorts/pants if they hang below the belt line.

2) Home teams shall have priority declaring uniform colors. Both teams shall declare their uniform colors at the organizational meeting.

3) Uniforms for the Championship and Consolation Games will be determined by the higher seeded team from the round-robin having priority.

- 4) Players must retain the same jersey number throughout the tournament.

d. All players must wear mouth guards while on the playing field.

e. Field dimensions are 25 x 70 yards in total with two (2) 10-yard end zones and a 50-yard field of play.

f. No-run zone in effect. No-run zone is a 5-yard imaginary zone before the end zone. Teams cannot run the ball in any fashion. All plays must be passing plays, even with a handoff.

g. If a player is ejected from the game due to conduct, that player is ineligible for the remaining games of the championship, and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team. Teams may not substitute ejected players with reserve players.

h. Reserve Players

1) Reserve players are only eligible to play should a member of the 12-player roster become injured.

2) Should a player become injured the player may be replaced from the approved reserve player pool, provided the injury is certified by the team's medical staff.

3) Injured players that are replaced by reserve players are not eligible to return to competition in the event their condition improves.

4) Reserve players are not permitted in the team bench area unless they are also officially designated as a staff member on official roster. Staff members include Head coach, Assistant Coach, OIC, and Ad libitum. Medical personnel cannot be designated as reserve players.

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5) All reserve players are required to have a uniform with a unique number not duplicated by any other athlete.

i. If a player is ejected from the tournament, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

j. Media personnel are not authorized in the field of play unless directed by the Armed Forces Sports staff during approved breaks.

8. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with USA Football rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

### 9. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS:

a. Teams are allowed to use a timeout to question an official's rule interpretation. If the official's ruling is correct, the team is charged a timeout. If the rule is interpreted incorrectly, the timeout is not charged, and the proper ruling will be enforced. Officials should all agree upon any controversial call in order to give each team the full benefit of each call. A team with no timeout remaining cannot challenge a rule interpretation, though officials can come together independently and reverse a call by unanimous decision.

b. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately, through the Armed Forces Sports representative onsite. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship. When the championship is conducted in conjunction within a civilian tournament, officiating issues will be addressed in accordance with the tournament rules/guidelines.

### 10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (As determined by the Host Organizers).

- a. Day One      Teams Arrive  
Team Practice Sessions (if teams are available)  
Organizational Meeting  
Opening Ceremony Walk-Through (one rep from each team if required)  
Team Check-In

*Note: Authorized team members must attend Organizational Meeting and Team Check-In in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear.*

- b. Day Two      Team Photos  
Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

Round Robin Begins

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Game 1	Army vs USAF (M)
Game 2	Army vs USAF (W)
Game 3	Navy vs USMC (M)
Game 4	Navy vs USMC (W)
Game 5	USMC vs USAF (M)
Game 6	USMC vs USAF (W)
Game 7	Army vs Navy (M)
Game 8	Army vs Navy (W)

### c. Day Three Round Robin Continues

Game 9	USMC vs Army (M)
Game 10	USMC vs Army (W)
Game 11	USAF vs Navy (M)
Game 12	USAF vs Navy (W)
Game 13	USMC vs Navy (M)
Game 14	USMC vs Navy (W)
Game 15	USAF vs Army (M)
Game 16	USAF vs Army (W)

### d. Day Four Round Robin Continues

Game 17	Navy vs Army (M)
Game 18	Navy vs Army (W)
Game 19	USAF vs USMC (M)
Game 20	USAF vs USMC (W)
Game 21	Navy vs USAF (M)
Game 22	Navy vs USAF (W)
Game 23	Army vs USMC (M)
Game 24	Army vs USMC (W)

### e. Day Five Competition Continues (Championship and Consolation Games)

Game 25	Consolation Game Seed 4 vs Seed 3 (M)
Game 26	Consolation Game Seed 4 vs Seed 3 (W)
Game 27	Championship Game Seed 2 vs Seed 1 (M)
Game 28	Championship Game Seed 2 vs Seed 1 (W)

Team Awards Ceremony

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### All-Tournament Team selection meeting

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

### f. Day Six Teams Depart

## 11. AWARDS.

- a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.
- b. Team: No team trophy is presented.
- c. All-Tournament Team.

1. See selection process in paragraph (13) for All-Tournament Team selection procedures.

2. All-Tournament will have a minimum of one (1) quarterback. The remaining positions will be determined based on best play.

## 12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP AND HIGHER LEVEL:

Roster not to exceed 20 individuals\*

12 Players

2 Reserve Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician\*

1 Ad Libitum

1 OIC/Team Manager

TOTAL: 19

\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

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### 13. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT.

#### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

a) The All-Tournament team shall consist of five players. One (1) quarterback is required at a minimum for the All-Tournament Team. The remaining roster shall be determined based on the best players.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

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10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

### 14. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

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g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

15. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

16. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 17. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

18. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

### 19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

a. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Football. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.

b. When hosted by a Service branch, an ambulance is required on-site during competition due to the risk of injury.





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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current U.S. Golf Association (USGA) rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC). Pace-of-Play will be strictly enforced in accordance with current USGA rules. Host Service shall provide Pace-of-Play Policy as part of the Letter of Instruction (LOI).

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Seventy-two (72) holes stroke play.

3. SCORING AND FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Men and women team awards will be separated. Team scoring will be based on low 5 scores of 6 players each day for men and low 2 scores of 4 players each day for women during the Armed Forces Championship rounds. If a service only has 5 men and 2 women, all scores will count.

4. TIE-BREAKER POLICY.

a. In the event of a tie for the top three medalists in individual final standings, there will be a sudden death playoff, which will continue until the tie is broken. This format will also be used if there are ties for the CISM men's or women's teams.

b. Team Championship ties to be determined by a sudden death playoff between the teams tied. For men, four (4) members from each service team will compete in the playoff. Parings will be two (2) members of each service team participating in each foursome. Scoring will be aggregate of all four (4) team members to determine winner. For women only two (2) members from each service team will compete in the playoff. The women will play in a foursome with the aggregate scoring of both team members determining the winner.

c. All playoffs will start at a hole predetermined the host Project Officer and specified in the LOI/MOI. The Service Team Captain will select the players for the sudden death playoff.

5. COURSE SET-UP. After consulting the host golf professional (or head of the host tournament committee), the Project officer makes final decision on course set-up to include pin placement, tee placement, speed of green, course boundaries, and penalty areas in compliance with USGA rules:

a. Pin Placement: The Project Officer selects and marks (with a dot of spray paint) the pin placement for the next day. Project Officer will consider the slope of the green, speed of the green and overall difficulty. In general, a relatively flat area of 5 feet or more should surround the cup, unless totally prevented by the shape and contour of the green. Each day's pin placements should feature 6 easy, 6 medium, and 6 difficult pin placements (course condition/weather permitting). A pin placement sheet is prepared daily to show the placement of the pin in relation to the center of the green.

b. Tee Marker Placement: Tees are moved daily to provide for a variety of shots required for each hole throughout the tournament.

c. Project Officer shall communicate areas under repair or new course boundaries due to weather conditions or other conditions such as immovable obstructions that require changes IAW USGA rules.

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### 6. PLAYER INFORMATION.

a. The same course information will be provided to all players from each Service, including the daily sheets depicting pin locations, and a hole-by-hole graphic booklet if available.

b. Pairings of threesomes shall be determined by the results of the four qualifying rounds. However, pairings or groupings shall not include all players from the same Service. When grouping by score, the next best scoring player shall be inserted. For example: If USAF has top three scorers and Navy player is ranked fourth, the top two USAF players and one Navy player shall make up the threesome.

c. Team Coaches and a player's caddie are the only personnel authorized to provide information and advice during play.

7. PRACTICE ROUNDS. Each Service team is allowed an equal number of practice rounds prior to the start of the tournament.

### 8. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL:

a. Golf carts are not authorized in the Armed Forces Golf Championship unless determined by the Service Representatives based upon weather conditions. Host Service is responsible for cart fees during the Armed Forces Championship only. Services are responsible for funding cart fees during their qualifying rounds.

b. Caddies are authorized at the golfer's expense.

c. Host Service shall obtain and fund a minimum of two (2) Course Marshals to serve as the Rules Committee. One (1) shall monitor the front nine holes, with the other monitoring the back nine holes.

d. Service Qualifying Rounds. Services shall bring no more than 20 total golfers to compete in four Service qualifying rounds for final Service team selections. Those Service members who do not make their respective Service team will return to duty station.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. For the Armed Forces Championship, golfers will play 18 holes per day for four (4) consecutive days. Both team and individual events are conducted.

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|--------------|---|
| a. Day One   | Teams Arrive  |
| b. Day Two   | Service Qualifier Practice Round                            |
| c. Day Three | Round One – Service Qualifiers                              |
| d. Day Four  | Round Two – Service Qualifiers                              |
| e. Day Five  | Round Three – Service Qualifiers                            |
| f. Day Six   | Round Four – Service Qualifiers                             |
| g. Day Seven | Golfers Departure (Those not Making Service Teams)/Rest Day |

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Team Practice (optional)  
Team Photos  
Organizational Meeting  
Informal Icebreaker

- h. Day Eight      Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

Round One – Armed Forces Championship

- i. Day Nine Round Two – Armed Forces Championship

- j. Day Ten      Round Three – Armed Forces Championship

- k. Day Eleven      Round Four – Armed Forces Championship

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

- l. Day Twelve      Teams Depart

10. ADVERSE WEATHER SCHEDULE. Should any round be postponed due to inclement weather prior to the last scheduled tournament day, the postponed round will be made up the next playing day. If play is postponed on the final day, the rounds played up to that point will constitute the Championship.

### 11. AWARDS.

- a. Individual. Awards are given to the top three places in each division.

b. Team Award. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receives individual awards.

### 12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rosters do not exceed 12 individuals:

6 Men's Open Division  
4 Women's Open Division  
1 Ad Libitum  
1 Coach  
TOTAL: 12

Note: Rosters must be submitted at the organizational meeting.

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13. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM. As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

6 Men' Open Division  
3 Women's Division  
1 Team Captain  
1 Chief of Mission  
TOTAL: 11

14. SELECTION PROCESS – CISM.

a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) Top six (6) men shall advance to CISM. If unavailable for higher advancement, the next scoring male shall advance.

2) Top three (3) women shall advance to CISM. If unavailable for higher advancement, the next scoring female shall advance.

b. Coaching Selection.

1) The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall winning Head Coach of the Men's and Women's Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship).

2) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coach from the pool of coaches among the participating Services (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

3) If the invitation authorizes a second coaching position or an ad libitum position separate from the Team Captain, then the following applies if the AFSWG authorizes a second coach:

a) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the winning coach of their respective team shall coach at the CISM Championship. For example: Army wins Men's division, they coach the men at CISM. Navy wins Women's Division, they coach the women.

b) If one Service wins both Men's and Women's divisions, then the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coaching staff from the pool of coaches among the participating Services and shall determine the coaching strategy for the CISM Championship (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

c. Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum Selection. The designated proponent Service is responsible for the selection of the Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum roles in accordance with paragraphs 8.d.7) and 8.d.8) of the Armed Forces Sports Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

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### 15. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

16. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

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17. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

18. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

19. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

20. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USGA rules. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.



## 2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES. Current World Athletics Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Committee (AFSC), if applicable. The Armed Forces Championship is conducted in conjunction with the Marine Corps Marathon. The Armed Forces Marathon Championship consists of only those rosters/teams officially submitted by the respective Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force sports offices. This competition does not include other military personnel (U.S. and international) that have registered and competed on their own.

2. COURSE DISTANCES. 26.2 miles

3. SCORING AND FINAL TEAM STANDING. Men and women team scores will be separated. The winning men and women team is determined by USA Track & Field's displacement scoring system. This system adds the place number finish of team's official scorers, with place numbers affixed through the Armed Forces event, not the overall Marine Corps Marathon event. The winning men's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top four of the team's six men. The winning women's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top two of the team's four women. The lowest displacement score shall determine the winning teams.

4. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. Placement of first non-scorer for each team (Either the fifth male or the third female). Should one of the tied Services have only the minimum number of athletes, then the tiebreaker shall be based on the aggregate times of the "scoring runners" (E.g. total time of the four scoring men or the two scoring women).

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. Times and dates of events may change as determined by the race organizers.

- a. Day One            Teams Arrive
- b. Day Two            Press Conference  
                             Organizational Meeting  
                             Registration  
                             Course Review  
                             Armed Forces Race Meeting  
                             Ice Breaker
- c. Day Three           Opening Ceremony (As determined by the Marine Corps Marathon Race Director)  
                             Team Photos
- d. Day Four            Competition Commences

Awards Ceremony - (Time as determined by Race Director and announced in the LOI) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must



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with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service

- e. Day Five              Teams Depart

### 6. AWARDS.

a. Individual. Awards are given to the top three finishers in each division.

b. Team Award. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receives individual awards.

### 7. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 Men  
4 Women  
1 Ad Libitum  
1 Coach/OIC  
TOTAL: 12

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Team points and awards will only be awarded to official Service team members.

### 8. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM. As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

4 Men  
4 Women  
1 Coach  
1 Chief of Mission  
1 Team Captain  
TOTAL: 11

### 9. SELECTION PROCESS – CISM.

a. Selections for the U.S. Armed Forces Team shall be made by application. Service members must apply through their respective sport offices and forwarded to the Marine Corps Sports office. Applications shall include events, times and results over the last two years. Applications are due by the prescribed deadline once established. The AFSWG shall establish a selection panel for final athlete selections for CISM.

b. Coaching Selection.

1) The proponent Service is responsible for leading the coaching selection process. The coach selection process shall include soliciting applications from among qualified candidates from the Service branches.

2) The proponent Service shall outline application deadlines, criteria, and selection timelines. Service sport directors are required to comply with all deadlines for coach consideration.

3) The proponent Service shall select the coaching staff with ratification by the AFSWG.

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c. Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum Selection. The designated proponent Service is responsible for the selection of the Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum roles in accordance with paragraphs 8.d.7) and 8.d.8) of the Armed Forces Sports Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

### 10. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

11. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event.

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However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

12. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

13. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

14. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

15. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Track and Field rules. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.



## **2026 ARMED FORCES PARACHUTING TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES**

1. PROPONENT. The United States Army Parachute Team (USAPT) is the lead proponent for U.S. Armed Forces Parachuting team's participation at Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Parachuting Championships. The USAPT is responsible for selecting the strongest possible CISM parachuting delegation for participation in CISM World Military Parachuting Championships (WMPC). Evaluations will normally take place at the USAPT training facility at Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, NC in early April. Point of contact will be the USAPT Operations Office, 910-907-3131/3205.

### **2. ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS.**

- a. Armed Forces Sports (AFS)
- b. Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM)
- c. Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI)
- d. International Skydiving Commission (ISC)
- e. Freefall Style (Style/S)
- f. Formation Skydiving (FS/F)
- g. Precision Accuracy (Accuracy/A)
- h. Team Captain / Leader is responsible for all team administrative responsibilities as defined in this SOP and CISM regulations (the term Team Captain is used in the AFS SOP, Team Leader is used in the CISM regulation. Team Leader is used in this appendix)
- i. Team Captain (in CISM Parachuting Regulations) is responsible for actions in the aircraft
- j. United States Anti Doping Agency (USADA)
- k. United States Army Parachute Team (USAPT)
- l. World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)
- m. World Military Parachuting Championships (WMPC)

### **3. REGULATIONS**

- a. DOD Instruction 1330.04, Armed Forces Participation in National and International Sports Activities
- b. Armed Forces Sports SOP
- c. FAI / ISC Regulations

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- d. WADA / USADA Rules
- e. CISM Regulations (General and Parachuting specific)
- f. USAPT SOP

### 4. COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A CISM PARACHUTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

a. CISM parachuting consists of the following events:

- 1) Precision Accuracy (Accuracy), Team and Individual event
- 2) Freefall Style (Style) Individual event
- 3) Formation Skydiving (FS) Team event

b. Teams are encouraged to participate in all events but may choose to enter one, two or all three events for medal opportunities.

### 5. CISM TEAM COMPOSITION.

(As dictated by CISM Parachuting rules and host country invitation)

5 male competitors  
5 female competitors  
2 junior competitors  
1 Coach  
1 International FAI or CISM qualified judge  
1 Video cameraperson if the mission participates in Formation Skydive event (a second camera person can be accommodated by special request if male and female FS teams participate)  
1 Team Leader (Team Captain in AFS SOP)  
1 Chief of Mission  
Total: 17

### 6. ELIGIBILITY:

a. Only those selected to the AFS Parachuting Team can represent the United States at CISM events.

- 1) Athletes must be Active Duty Military, National Guard or Reserve .
- 2) Judge can be Military or Civilian with a current FAI Category 1 or CISM judge's rating in at least two events (A/S, A/F, S/F or A/S/F).
- 3) Staff:
  - a) Coach may be military or civilian
  - b) Team Leader may be Military or DOD Civilian
  - c) Chief of Mission should be a senior ranking military officer. Exceptions are permitted.

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b. All Team members must be in good standing with FAI, CISM, AFS and the USADA.

c. Team members must possess a current Official and/or Tourist Passport (valid for six months beyond the end of competition). Failure to secure either of these documents in a timely manner, as determined by the Team Leader, may result in an inability to travel and compete.

### 7. ATHLETE APPLICATION PROCESS. All applicants shall:

a. Submit the appropriate sports' application for their respective Service branch sports office - links available on the AFS web site ([armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://armedforcessports.defense.gov)). Application deadlines will be announced in advance based on the schedule for CISM World Championship events.

b. Forward a copy of the application to the USAPT Operations Office no later than the published application deadline.

### 8. SELECTION CRITERIA:

a. Athletes applying to compete in CISM Parachuting Championships must meet the following requirements:

1) Be on active duty for all evaluations, training camps and competitions.

2) Have the following equipment:

a) Precision accuracy parachute system (For example: Para-Foil or Classic)

b) Small free-fall system for doing Style and FS

c) Accuracy, Style, and FS jump suits

d) AAD (automatic activation device) on all free-fall systems

e) Altimeter

f) Helmet, goggles, gloves, accuracy shoes, weights as needed

b. Performance Requirements: Applicants must be able to compete in the discipline(s) USAPT will enter during any given WMPC: Accuracy, Style, and/or Formation Skydiving. Minimum performance standards are as follows:

1) Men:

a) Accuracy: Achieve 0.15 centimeter total (or less) for 10 rounds

b) Style: Perform 8 second style sets (judged).

c) FS: Be able to do a minimum of 20 points per round

2) Women:

a) Accuracy: Achieve 0.20 centimeter total (or less) for 10 rounds

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b) Style: Perform 10 second style sets (judged).

c) FS: Be able to do a minimum of 20 points per round

c. 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.

d. Discretionary team selection will be made by the Team Leader, in consultation with a USAPT 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:

1) CISM medal potential:

a) A recent history of top finishes at CISM World Championships, international and/or domestic competitive level events.

b) The ability to produce medal capable performances under certified conditions within the past 12 months.

c) Consistently placing high among top-quality fields at international and/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.

3) Medal events at WMPC:

a) Individual Accuracy (general and/or junior categories)

b) Individual Style (general and/or junior categories)

c) Individual Overall (general and/or junior categories)

d) Team Accuracy

e) Team FS

f) Overall Team (must compete in all three disciplines)

e. The number of athlete-start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the host country and the CPC. These selection procedures have been developed based on the most recent information regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. The selection procedures may be subject to change based on the host country or CISM Parachuting Sports Committee (CPC) published guidance.

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### 9. SELECTED ATHLETES AND TEAM MEMBERS

a. The Team Leader will develop training plans and schedules for the Team. Selected athletes are required to participate.

b. Athletes are expected to arrive with all required equipment in functioning order and ready for training/competition. Athletes will notify the Team Leader of any issues pertaining to equipment or health as soon as applicable.

c. All team members must complete the following training:

1) Anti-Terrorism (AT) Level 1 within 12 months prior to travel.

2) SERE Level A Training within 36 months prior to travel.

3) ISOPREP submitted or reviewed within 6-12 months prior to travel.

d. All team members must; review, sign and abide by the following documents (as indicated) prior to and as a condition of being selected to the CISM Team: All forms and documents are located at [armedforcessports.defense.gov](https://armedforcessports.defense.gov)

1) Armed Forces Sports Higher Level Advancement Form – OCONUS (Appendix C), All Team members

2) Armed Forces Sports Athlete Code of Conduct (Appendix D), All Team members

3) CISM Anti-Doping Education and Declaration Form (Appendix L) Athletes and coach

4) Captain/Coach Letter of Instruction (LOI) (Appendix G) Team Leader and coach

5) Chiefs of Mission LOI (Appendix I)

6) Chief of Mission Handbook

7) Team Captain Handbook (Team Leader)

8) Anti-Doping Brief for athletes and coaches

9) Military Uniforms at CISM Events Brief

e. All team members must abide by all AFS, FAI/ISC, CISM, WADA and USADA regulations prior to, during and after the competition.

1) Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) are available for certain WADA/USADA prohibited medications. TUEs may take several months to process.

2) A positive “A” sample will likely result in disqualification and loss of any medals/titles earned and may affect the athlete’s ability to participate in future FAI sanctioned competitions.

3) Note: Supplements may contain forbidden ingredients.



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### 10. ALTERNATE AND REPLACEMENT ATHLETES.

a. Alternates MAY be selected prior to departure. 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 Championships.

b. If an athlete is removed by ineligibility, illness or injury, positive drug testing for a banned substance or fails medical control procedures; voluntarily resign, or is a recipient of CISM, FAI or AFS disciplinary actions, the athlete may be replaced. Replacements of athletes must comply with AFS rules and CISM event entry deadlines.

### 11. TYPICAL SCHEDULE OF CISM EVENTS:

- 1st day: arrival of mission and technical meetings
- 2nd day: opening ceremony, training jumps, competition
- 3rd day: through 8th day: competition
- 9th day: (competition if necessary), closing ceremony, and banquet
- 10th day: departure of missions

NOTE: If the duration is not 10 days, the schedule will be adapted accordingly. Travel days may extend the total number of days.



## **2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. COMPETITION RULES. Current World Rugby law book for seven-a-side play, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME BALL. Per current USA Rugby Rules for both men and women. Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Single round robin, followed by championship and consolation matches.
4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw, or as determined by the tournament director when hosted in conjunction with a civilian event.
5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of championship and consolation matches.
6. DURATION OF MATCHES AND TIE-BREAKER POLICY.
  - a. Round Robin Matches: Played in two, 7-minute halves with a two-minute halftime break (Armed Forces Men's Championship halftime break as determined by tournament director).
  - b. Tie Breaking procedures, in order, following Round-Robin Play: Head-to-head record of teams involved; margin of points for and against all teams; margin of converted tries; total points; total tries; coin toss.
  - c. Championship Matches: Played in 7-minute halves, with a one-minute halftime break.
  - d. Tiebreaker for Championship Matches: After a 1-minute interval, play 5- minute overtime periods with teams changing ends after each overtime period, without an interval until first score determines winner.
  - e. Drawn Matches: Drawn matches in the Round Robin competition shall be declared a tie.
7. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.
  - a. IAW current USA Rugby Rules. All footwear (boots), including those with alloy safety studs, are compliant with current USA Rugby Rules.
  - b. Reserve Players
    - 1) Reserve players are only eligible to play should a member of the 13-player roster become injured.
    - 2) Should a player become injured the player may be replaced from the approved reserve player pool, provided the injury is certified by the team's medical staff.
    - 3) Injured players that are replaced by reserve players are not eligible to return to competition in the event their condition improves.

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4) Reserve players are not permitted in the team bench area unless they are also officially designated as a staff member on official roster. Staff members include Head coach, Assistant Coach, OIC, and Ad libitum. Medical personnel cannot be designated as reserve players.

5) All reserve players are required to have a uniform with a unique number not duplicated by any other athlete.

c. If a player is ejected from the tournament, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

d. For championships held in conjunction with a civilian event, after the Armed Forces Championship pool (subject to tournament rules):

1) Any player not listed on a team's final 13 are eligible to be in a replacement pool for the tournament bracket, subject to the tournament rules and procedures.

2) Should a player become injured after the Team Check In, the player may be replaced from the approved replacement pool, provided he is certified as injured by the Medical Manager.

3) If a participating team dismisses a player (for any reason) after the Team Check-in, the player may be replaced from the approved replacement pool.

4) The Team Manager must submit a match roster of seven players and up to six substitutes for the squad by not later than 20 minutes prior to each match. Rosters will be provided to the Team Manager at the Coaches and Managers Meeting as well as on match day.

d. Media personnel are not authorized in the field of play unless directed by the Armed Forces Sports staff during approved breaks.

8. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with NCAA rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

9. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship. When the championship is conducted in conjunction within a civilian tournament, officiating issues will be addressed in accordance with the tournament rules/guidelines.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. The host installation/tournament organizers will determine game times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

- a. Day One      Teams Arrive  
                     Team Practice Sessions (if teams are available)

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Organizational Meeting  
Opening Ceremony Walk-Through (one rep from each team if required)  
Team Check-In

*Note: Authorized team members must attend Organizational Meeting and Team Check-In in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear.*

- b. Days Two      Competition Begins. For Armed Forces Women's Championship, the following draw schedule applies:

Team Photos  
Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

Match 1	USMC vs Navy
Match 2	USAF vs Army
Match 3	USCG vs USAF
Match 4	Army vs Navy
Match 5	USMC vs Army
Match 6	USCG vs USMC

- c. Day Three      Competition Continues. For Armed Forces Women's Championship, the following draw schedule applies:

Match 7	Navy vs USCG
Match 8	USAF vs Navy
Match 9	USMC vs USAF
Match 10	Army vs USCG

All-Tournament Team selection meeting

Match 11	Consolation Match
Match 12	Championship Match

Team Awards Ceremony

- d. Day Four      Teams Depart (Armed Forces Women's Championship)

Competition Continues (Armed Forces Men's Championship at Rugbytown 7s Tournament)

Team Awards Ceremony

All-Tournament Team selection meeting

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards

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ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

e. Day Five Teams Depart (Armed Forces Men's Championship)

### 11. AWARDS.

- a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.
- b. Team: No team trophy is presented.
- c. All-Tournament Team.

1. An All-Tournament team is selected of the best seven (7) players of the tournament regardless of position. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All Star" memento to present to each member of the All-Tournament team.

2. See selection process in paragraph (13) for All-Tournament Team selection procedures.

### 12. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 21 individuals:

13 Players  
2 Reserve Players  
1 Coach  
1 Asst Coach  
2 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician\*  
1 ad libitum  
1 OIC/Team Manager  
TOTAL: 21

\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

### 13. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT.

- a. Athlete Selection Process.

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1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

a) An All-Tournament team is selected of the best seven (7) players of the tournament regardless of position.

b) Applicable when Armed Forces Championship precedes higher level competition, the following positions are required at a minimum for the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing to higher level competition: Three (3) forwards (two props and a hooker) and four (4) backs (scrumhalf, fly-half, center, and wing). The remaining roster of forwards and backs shall be determined based on roster of players and coaching formation/styles.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

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10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

b. Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second-place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor the second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

c. During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or disciplinary reasons. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordination and concurrence of the Working Group Members of the other three Services.

### 14. TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

13 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider\*

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 World Rugby Referee

TOTALS: 19

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player.*

### 15. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

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a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

16. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.



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17. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

18. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

19. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

20. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

a. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Rugby. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.

b. When hosted by a Service branch, an ambulance is required on-site during competition due to the risk of injury.



## **2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RUGBY-7 TEAM SELECTION STANDARD PROCEDURES**

1. COMPETITION RULES. Current World Rugby law book for seven-a-side play as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

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 Rugby 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. Army (subject to review by the AFSWG).

c. The proponent Service shall select the support staff as determined by the CISM Rugby-7 Regulations.

### **5. ATHLETES SELECTED TO TRAINING CAMP.**

a. Service branches are authorized to submit up to ten (10) athletes per Service for selection. 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.

b. No more than 18 players will be invited to training camp.

c. 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.

d. All selected players and coaches must participate during the entire training camp. Athletes unable to attend the full duration shall be dismissed from the participating.

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e. 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.

f. U.S. Armed Forces Sports and proponent Service 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.

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

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 and staff must abide by all U.S. Rugby, World Rugby, 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 training camp. Services must be notified of alternates attending training camp 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.** As determined by the host nation of the CISM Rugby Military Challenge and as written in the published Letter of Instruction (LOI) by the proponent Service branch.

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### **8. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM Competitions.**

(Based on host nation invitation file)

13 Players

1 Chief of Mission

1 Coach

1 Assistant Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainers/Physicians

1 Team Captain

18 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](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.

### **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.



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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current Federation International De Football Association (FIFA)/International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. GAME BALL. IAW with current FIFA official match ball. Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Single Round Robin with top two teams advancing to the championship match. Third and fourth place teams compete in the consolation match. All matches must result in a winner.

a. Round Robin matches which end in a tie at the conclusion of regulation will be decided by two overtime periods of 15 minutes each with implementation of the "Golden Goal" (first goal scored ends the match). If the tie remains, kicks from the mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game shall determine the winner.

b. Championship and Consolation Matches which end in a tie at the conclusion of regulation will be decided by two full overtime periods of 15 minutes each. If the tie remains, kicks from the mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game shall determine the winner.

4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.

5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of championship and consolation matches.

6. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:

a. Greatest number of points obtained in all round-robin matches.

b. Goal difference in all round-robin matches.

c. Greatest number of goals scored in all round-robin matches.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS. FIFA substitution rules will apply:

a. The number of substitutes, up to a maximum of five, which may be used

b. Maximum of three substitution opportunities. Substitutions at half-time do not count as one of the three opportunities.

c. Extra Time substitution rules will apply:

1) If a team has not used the maximum number of substitutes and/or substitution opportunities, any unused substitutes and substitution opportunities may be used in extra time

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2) Teams have one additional substitute and one additional substitution opportunity in extra time.

3) Substitutions may also be made in the period between full-time and the start of extra time, and at half-time in extra time – these do not count as used substitution opportunities

d. Return substitutions are not permitted.

### 8. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.

a. Two “Yellow Cards” (accumulative for all round-robin matches) – Individual is suspended for the next scheduled match after the second yellow card. “Yellow Cards” reset to zero for the Championship and Consolation Matches, except for the following:

1) When two “Yellow Cards” are issued to a player for unsporting behavior – “commits in a reckless manner a direct free kick offense” or “shows a lack of respect for the game;” the player is out for the next scheduled match to include the championship/consolation match.

b. Two “Yellow Cards” accumulative in the same match – Individual is sent off during the match being played and is automatically suspended for the next scheduled match.

c. One “Red Card” – Individual is sent off during the match being played and is automatically suspended for the next scheduled match.

d. “Red Card” issued for “serious foul play” is sent off during the match being played and is automatically suspended for the next scheduled match. The Service Representatives on-site and the head referee shall review the offense to determine additional match suspensions.

e. “Red Card” issued for “violent conduct” shall result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament and may result in additional sanctions as determined by the Armed Forces Sports Working Group.

f. Players sent off, and suspended players are not permitted in the team bench area and are not permitted to engage referees or other players from within the spectator area. Players engaging with referees after suspension may result in additional sanctions as determined by the Service Representatives on-site and/or by the Armed Forces Sports Working Group.

### 9. UNIFORMS.

a. The two teams must wear colors that distinguish them from each other and the match officials. Each goalkeeper must wear colors that are distinguishable from the other players and the match officials. If the two goalkeepers’ jerseys are the same color and neither have another jersey, the referee allows the match to be played. Team uniforms must have player numbers.

b. All players’ and substitutes’ jersey numbers must remain the same throughout the tournament.

c. Home teams shall have priority declaring uniform colors. Both teams shall declare their uniform colors at the organizational meeting.

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d. Uniforms for the Championship and Consolation Matches will be determined by the higher seeded team from the round-robin having priority.

10. TEAM CAPTAINS (Players). Service teams will designate only one (1) team captain, who will wear a captain's band while on the playing field. If the team captain is substituted, then they will transfer the captain's band to another player.

11. MEDICAL SITUATION. The treatment of injuries will be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

12. INCLEMENT WEATHER/MATCH STOPPAGE. In the event of match stoppage (e.g. inclement weather), the match shall resume where it last left off. Ball position, players, time, and penalties shall be noted and carried over to the re-start of the match.

13. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL.

a. IAW current FIFA Laws of the Game.

b. Only rostered personnel are authorized in the team bench and training areas.

c. Reserve Players

1) Reserve players are only eligible to play should a member of the 12-player roster become injured.

2) Should a player become injured the player may be replaced from the approved reserve player pool, provided the injury is certified by the team's medical staff.

3) Injured players that are replaced by reserve players are not eligible to return to competition in the event their condition improves.

4) Reserve players are not permitted in the team bench area unless they are also officially designated as a staff member on official roster. Staff members include Head coach, Assistant Coach, OIC, and Ad libitum. Medical personnel cannot be designated as reserve players.

5) All reserve players are required to have a uniform with a unique number not duplicated by any other athlete.

d. If a player is ejected from the tournament, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

e. Media personnel are not authorized in the field of play unless directed by the Armed Forces Sports staff during approved breaks.

14. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Referees will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Protests must be submitted in writing using the "Protest Form" by 9:00am local time to the Armed Forces Sports

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representative onsite the following morning of the match in question and must be resolved before the next scheduled match.

15. **OFFICIATING PROBLEMS.** Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.

16. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.** The Host installation will determine game times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

- a. Day One      Teams Arrive  
Team Practice Sessions  
Organizational Meeting  
Ice- Breaker Social
- b. Day Two      Team Photos  
Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

Round Robin Match 1:      Army\* vs USMC  
Round Robin Match 2:      USAF\* vs Navy \*\*

\* Note: Home teams are listed on the left

\*\*Note: Second match each day will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match.

- c. Day three      Rest day
- d. Day Four      Round Robin Match 3:      Navy vs Army  
Round Robin Match 4:      USMC vs USAF
- e. Day Five      Rest Day
- f. Day Six      Round Robin Match 5:      Navy vs USMC  
Round Robin Match 6:      Army vs USAF
- g. Day Seven      Rest Day  
Selection Meeting (Time) – Or as determined at organization meeting.
- h. Day Eight      CONSOLATION MATCH:      Seed 3 vs Seed 4

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH:      Seed 1 vs Seed 2

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker



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Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

i. Day Nine Teams Depart

17. ADVERSE WEATHER SCHEDULE. Service representatives shall determine alternative solutions and schedules during adverse weather conditions. Resumption of play shall be in accordance with paragraph (12).

18. AWARDS.

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament Team.

1. The All-tournament team is announced prior to the announcement of the players selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento.

2. See selection process in paragraph (20) for All-Tournament Team selection procedures.

3. An 11-player "All-Tournament" team is selected for the tournament. A minimum of 2 forwards, 2 midfielders, 2 defensemen, and 1 goalie must be selected. The remaining players will be decided on best players.

19. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 27 individuals:

18 Players

2 Reserve Players

1 Coach

2 Asst Coach

2 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician/Medical Provider\*

1 ad libitum

1 OIC

TOTAL: 27

\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

20. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT.

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### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

a) The All-Tournament team shall consist of eleven (11) players. The following positions are required at a minimum for the All-Tournament Team: Two (2) forwards, two (2) midfielders, two (2) defensemen, and one (1) goalie. The remaining players will be decided on best players.

b) The following positions are required at a minimum for the U.S. Armed Forces Team advancing to higher level competition: Four (4) forwards, four (4) midfielders, four (4) defensemen, and two (2) goalies. The remaining roster of forwards, midfielders, defensemen, and goalies shall be determined based on roster of players and coaching formation/styles.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

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9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

b. Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second-place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor the second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

c. During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or disciplinary reasons. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordination and concurrence of the Working Group Members of the other three Services.

### 21. TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM.

As follows, or as dictated by host country invitation:

21 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

2 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider\*

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

1 FIFA Referee

1 FIFA Assistant Referee

TOTALS: 29

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player.*

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### 22. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

23. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

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24. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 25. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

26. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

### 27. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

a. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by U.S. Soccer Federation. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.

b. When hosted by a Service branch, an ambulance is required on-site during competition due to the risk of injury.



## **2026 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. COMPETITION RULES. Current USA Softball Rules for Men's B competition and Women's Open Division, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC). Home run rule shall comply with current USA Softball Rules.

2. GAME BALL. Per current USA Softball Rules for both men and women. Balls must adhere to USA Softball specifications (compression and CORE). Hosting Service shall publish the most current ball-type within the Letter of Instruction (LOI) at least 60 days prior to the championship.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT. Triple round-robin play for seeding followed by single elimination bracket.

4. DRAW: As determined by established annual draw.

5. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS. Based on results of single elimination bracket.

6. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. The following procedures, in order, will be used to break any ties at the conclusion of round-robin play:

- a. Head-to-Head record.
- b. Run for/against differential of the games played between the tied teams.
- c. Run for/against differential of all games played by tied teams.

### 7. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.

- a. Field IAW current USA Softball Rules.
- b. Dugout.

1) All players, except for the base coaches, batter, and on-deck batter, must remain in their assigned dugout. Unauthorized players caught in the field of play will result in the active batter called out. If defensive team substitute players are caught in the field of play, the first batter will be called out.

2) Only official roster team members are authorized in the dugout.

3) Music is not authorized in or around the dugout and the competition venue. Authorized music may only be provided by the host site organizers. Service representatives have the authority to shut off all music at the competition venue.

- c. Playing Area.

1) When the player enters the playing area (actual field of play, not including dugout) with a non-approved bat/warm-up device (any bat/device not stamped approved by the USA Softball Umpires onsite), the player shall be ejected from the game and all games remaining in

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tournament. Team bats may be used for infield prior to the game but must be removed from the field of play prior to the first pitch. All bats will remain on the field of play.

### d. Equipment.

1) Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.

2) Bats must adhere to IAW USA Softball specifications. Participants can bring and use their own bats if they pass the USA Softball bat test. The host Service must have a USA Softball bat tester on site. All bats will be inspected and tested by the UIC. If the bat passes, a tamper proof sticker will be placed on it. Officials reserve the right to retest any bat at any time during the tournament. Teams must coordinate with the UIC for additional testing if replacement bats are required.

e. Uniforms. All players shall wear the same competitive uniform, which may include either shorts or pants. Teams may elect to wear shorts or pants, but all players shall be uniform (all shorts or all pants).

f. Host Project Officer shall obtain experienced scorers and statisticians through the local official's association/sources. Local rates will be paid by hosting Service to these individuals.

### g. Reserve Players

1) Reserve players are only eligible to play should a member of the 15-player roster become injured.

2) Should a player become injured the player may be replaced from the approved reserve player pool, provided the injury is certified by the team's medical staff.

3) Injured players that are replaced by reserve players are not eligible to return to competition in the event their condition improves.

4) Reserve players are not permitted in the team bench area unless they are also officially designated as a staff member on official roster. Staff members include Head coach, Assistant Coach, OIC, and Ad libitum. Medical personnel cannot be designated as reserve players.

5) All reserve players are required to have a uniform with a unique number not duplicated by any other athlete.

h. If a player is ejected from the tournament, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, cannot remain on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All-Tournament Team.

i. Media personnel are not authorized in the field of play unless directed by the Armed Forces Sports staff during approved breaks.

8. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with USA Softball rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

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9. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. The host Service will determine game times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

- a. Day One            Teams Arrive (Travel Day)  
                             Team Practice Sessions
- b. Day Two:           Team Practice Sessions  
                             Organizational Meeting  
                             Informal Icebreaker  
                             Team Photos
- c. Day Three:        Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the  
                             Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with  
                             colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag  
                             and host Service flag shall be displayed.

(Home team on the right)

- Game 1            USAF vs Navy (W)
- Game 2            USAF vs Navy (M)
- Game 3            Army vs USAF (W)
- Game 4            Army vs USAF (M)
- Game 5            Navy vs Army (W)
- Game 6            Navy vs Army (M)
- d. Day Four:        Game 7            USAF vs Army (W)  
                             Game 8            USAF vs Army (M)  
                             Game 9            Army vs Navy (W)  
                             Game 10           Army vs Navy (M)  
                             Game 11           Navy vs USAF (W)  
                             Game 12           Navy vs USAF (M)
- e. Day Five:        Game 13           Navy vs Army (W)  
                             Game 14           Navy vs Army (M)  
                             Game 15           USAF vs Navy (W)  
                             Game 16           USAF vs Navy (M)  
                             Game 17           Army vs USAF (W)  
                             Game 18           Army vs USAF (M)
- g. Day Seven:       Single Elimination Bracket Begins  
  
Game 19           (M)        Seed 3 vs Seed 2  
Game 20           (W)        Seed 3 vs Seed 2

US Armed Forces Team Selection Committee immediately following  
Game 20.



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Game 21	(M)	Winner Game 19 vs Seed 1
Game 22	(W)	Winner Game 20 vs Seed 1

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy. Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service Representatives.

h. Day Eight: Teams Depart (Travel Day)

11. ADVERSE WEATHER SCHEDULE. The schedule may be adjusted due to hot climates at various locations. Service representatives shall determine alternative solutions/schedules during adverse weather conditions.

### 12. AWARDS.

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament Team.

1. The All-tournament team is announced prior to the announcement of the 15 players selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento.

2. See selection process in paragraph (13) for All-Tournament Team selection procedures.

3. Women. The All-Tournament team is selected of four (4) infielders, four (4) outfielders, two (2) utility players, and one (1) pitcher.

4. Men. The All-Tournament team is selected of five (5) infielders, three (3) outfielders, two (2) utility players, and one (1) pitcher.

### 13. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 19 individuals:

15 Players

2 Reserve Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician\*

1 ad libitum

1 OIC

TOTAL: 22

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\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

### 14. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT.

#### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The AFSWG members, or designated Service representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the All-Tournament Team and the U.S. Armed Forces Team for higher-level competition.

a) The following positions are required at a minimum:

1) Women: Four (4) infielders, four (4) outfielders, two (2) utility players, and one (1) pitcher.

2) Men: Five (5) infielders, three (3) outfielders, two (2) utility players, and one (1) pitcher.

b) The remaining roster of infielders, outfielders, pitchers and utility players shall be determined based on roster of players and coaching formation/styles.

2) The host Service shall ensure all Higher Advancement forms (appendix c) have been completed and signed electronically to the Armed Forces Sports Office at the conclusion of the organization meeting. The host Service will provide Service representatives with a list of participants unavailable to advance to higher-level competition.

3) Service representatives and coaches are required to assess all athletes regardless of Service affiliation and select the most qualified athletes for the All-Tournament and U.S. Armed Forces Teams. Service representatives must ensure that all appropriate player positions are selected.

4) Service representatives are required to submit the All-Tournament Team and U.S. Armed Forces Team ballots electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative on site (appendix E) the evening prior to the selection meeting, or as determined by the Armed Forces Sports representative.

5) Service Representatives, coaches, and any designated voting delegates may not vote for athletes from the Service they represent when submitting All-Tournament or Armed Forces Team ballots. Ballots containing votes for athletes from the voter's own Service will be considered invalid and returned for correction.

6) Athletes selected to the All-Tournament Team shall automatically be selected to the Armed Forces Team unless unavailable. The most competent athletes, regardless of Service

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affiliation, shall be selected to complete the final Armed Forces Team roster. Applicable exception is addressed in paragraph 8.d.(4).

7) The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall chair the selection meeting. If the Armed Forces Sports Representative is not in attendance, then the host Service shall chair the selection meeting.

8) The Armed Forces Sports Representative will compile the results of the ballots and present the results to the Service representatives at the start of the selection meeting. In the event of ties, the Armed Forces Sports Representative shall lead the Service representatives through objective discussions and conduct two re-votes on the tied individuals. The Armed Forces Sports Representative shall break the remaining tie(s).

9) Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative and the Service Head Coach. Each Service authorizes one spokesperson during the meeting.

10) All discussions within the meeting shall remain confidential. Selections of athletes shall be released at the designated awards ceremony.

11) When higher-level team sports competition does not immediately follow the Armed Forces championship and athletes withdraw from higher competition, the head coach may nominate replacement players of the specific positions vacated with AFSWG concurrence. Replacement players must have played at the Armed Forces Championship, have completed the Higher Advancement Form (appendix C), have necessary training completed for country/theater clearance, and have the required travel documents (passport/visa when applicable).

b. Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). This coach shall select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second-place team Head Coach shall be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual shall also select his/her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in their respective Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor the second place Head Coaches are available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG shall vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority shall be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team shall not advance to higher level competition.

c. During the Athlete Selection Process, Service representatives shall reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or disciplinary reasons. The host Service will not make any additions or deletions to the selected Armed Forces Team without coordination and concurrence of the Working Group Members of the other three Services.

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### 15. TEAM COMPOSITION – NATIONALS.

15 Players  
1 Coach  
1 Asst Coach  
1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Medical Provider\*  
1 Team Captain  
TOTALS: 19

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute for this position with an additional coach, statistician, or reserve player.*

### 16. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship and higher level competition. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains and Coaches shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

17. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is

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defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

18. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 19. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

20. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

### 21. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

a. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Softball. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.

b. Host Service shall ensure there is adequate water and ice to accommodate for the heat conditions at the tournament site.



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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current World Triathlon Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), if applicable. Drafting is Legal.
2. COURSE DISTANCES. Olympic Distance: 1500M swim; 40K bike; and 10k run.
3. SCORING AND FINAL TEAM STANDING. Men and women team scores shall be separated. The winning men and women open team is determined by the displacement scoring system. This system adds the place number finish of team's official scorers. The winning men's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top five (5) of the team's seven (7) Men's Open participants. The winning women's team is determined by adding the displacement finishers of the top three (3) of the team's five (5) Women's Open participants. Athletes that declare to compete in the Masters Division shall not be included in the Open Team competition and will not be included in the displacement scoring system.
4. TIE-BREAKER POLICY. Placement of first non-scorer for each team (Either the sixth Men's Open finisher or the fourth place Women's Open finisher). Should one of the tied Services have only the minimum number of athletes, then the tiebreaker shall be based on the aggregate times of the "scoring participants" (E.g. total time of the five scoring men or the three scoring women).
5. FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.
  - a. Personal advertising is not allowed on service competition uniforms. Only approved sponsorship logos are authorized by the respective Service branch and shall appear equally on all uniforms of that Service branch.
  - b. The Host project Officer is authorized to open the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship to other military members, as course conditions allow and must be conducted in separate waves. Non-Armed Forces Championship riders cannot draft along Armed Forces Championship riders due to safety. Only personnel listed on the official roster shall score for team and individual results.
  - c. Equipment shall comply with World Triathlon guidelines for draft-legal competitions.
6. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with USA Triathlon and World Triathlon rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.
7. OFFICIATING PROBLEMS. Incidents or issues related to an official at an event will be addressed with the head official immediately. If not addressed immediately, Services should inform the AFSCS about problems occurred with official(s) within 30 days after the conclusion of the championship.

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8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. The host installation will determine game times. Established times must be consistent each day and must be set to draw maximum fan participation.

- a. Day One            Teams Arrive  
                         Training Day – Lifeguard required.
- b. Day Two            Team Photo  
                         Course Review/Rules Meeting  
                         Bike Inspection  
                         Informal Icebreaker  
                         Training Day – Lifeguard required.
- c. Day Three           Bike Repair/Assistance  
                         Team Training  
                         Training Day – Lifeguard required.
- d. Day Four           Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, all Service flags to include the  
                         Space Force and Coast Guard flags shall be displayed or posted with  
                         colors. If all Service flags are not available, then only the American flag  
                         and host Service flag shall be displayed.  
  
                         Transition Area Open  
                         Competition Commences  
  
                         Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams  
                         will wear Service warm-ups or competitive uniforms at the awards  
                         ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards  
                         or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards ceremony is  
                         conducted as a separate function in conjunction with the Ice Breaker  
                         Social, then all Service Members must with Ice-Breaker Dress Policy.  
                         Footwear shall be at the discretion of the attending Service  
                         Representatives.
- e. Day Five            Teams Depart

## 9. AWARDS.

- a. Individual. Awards are given to the top three finishers in each division.
- b. Team Award. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) receives individual awards.

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### 10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

7 Men Open  
2 Men Masters (40 and older)  
5 Women Open  
2 Women Masters (35 and older)  
1 OIC  
1 Ad Libitum  
1 Coach  
TOTAL: 19

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel (not including reserve players) are authorized in the designated bench areas.

### 11. 2026 TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM.

(As dictated by host country invitation)

6 Men Competitors (Open)  
6 Women Competitors (Open)  
3 Men Competitors (Masters)  
2 Women Competitors (Masters)  
1 Certified Athletic Trainer  
1 International referee  
1 Chief of Mission  
1 Coach  
1 Team Captain  
TOTAL: 22

### 12. SELECTION PROCESS – CISM.

a. Open Competitors are determined by top six men and top six women Open finishers at the Armed Forces Championship.

b. Masters competitors are determined by the top three men and top two women finishers at the Armed Forces Championship. Masters shall also be considered from the AFC Open category based on their respective age.

c. In the event an Armed Forces Championship is not conducted prior to the CISM Championship, then the U.S. Armed Forces Triathlon team shall be selected by application. Service members shall submit their applications to their respective Service sports office. The proponent Service shall receive all applications and forward them to the selection committee. All applications are prioritized on the following criteria:

- 1) Fastest times achieved at Olympic Distance events within the last 18-months;
- 2) Draft-legal experience;
- 3) International race experience;
- 4) ITU points earned within the last 18-months



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### b. Coaching Selection.

1) The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall winning Head Coach of the Men's and Women's Armed Forces Championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship).

2) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coach from the pool of coaches among the participating Services (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

3) If the invitation authorizes a second coaching position, then the following applies if the AFSWG authorizes a second coach:

a) If separate Services win the championship either in the men's or women's division, the winning coach of their respective team shall coach at the CISM Championship. For example: Army wins Men's division, they coach the men at CISM. Navy wins Women's Division, they coach the women.

b) If one Service wins both Men's and Women's divisions, then the proponent Service for higher level competition shall select the coaching staff from the pool of coaches among the participating Services and shall determine the coaching strategy for the CISM Championship (subject to review and approval by the AFSWG).

c. Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum Selection. The designated proponent Service is responsible for the selection of the Chief of Mission and Team Captain/Ad Libitum roles in accordance with paragraphs 8.d.7) and 8.d.8) of the Armed Forces Sports Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

### 13. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of

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Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at: [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

14. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

15. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 16. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Ice-breaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

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17. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All Armed Forces Sports shall comply with the safety procedures prescribed by USA Triathlon rules. Service Branches are encouraged to bring their own medical personnel with them to the competition.



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1. COMPETITION RULES. Current USA Wrestling and United World Wrestling (UWW) Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT.

- a. Dual Meet – UWW Ranking System during Team Competition applies.
- b. The Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions are considered separate championships.

3. WEIGHT CLASSES. Greco-Roman (GR), Freestyle (FS) and Women's Freestyle (FW) weight classes are as followed.

Greco-Roman (all weights in kilograms): 55, 60\*, 63, 67\*, 72, 77\*, 82, 87\*, 97\*, 130\*

Men's Freestyle: 57\*, 61, 65\*, 70, 74\*, 79, 86\*, 92, 97\*, 125\*

Women's Freestyle: 50\*, 53\*, 55, 57\*, 59, 62\*, 65, 68\*, 72, 76\*

\* denotes Olympic Weight Categories

4. WEIGH-IN AND COMPETITIONS.

a. For all competitions, the weigh-in is organized each morning of the weight-category concerned. All wrestlers will weigh-in once on the day of competition and declare the weight class they intend to compete in the respective style. Competitors wrestling in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle are required to weigh-in on each day of competition.

- b. A 2kg weight allowance is authorized for all styles.

5. DRAW PROCEDURES.

a. Four Teams: First place team prior year competes against fourth place team from prior year for first match, while second place team from prior year opens against third place team from prior year. The winning teams of the first two meets face the opposite losing teams, with the final meets being between the two opening winners and the two opening losing teams. The upper seeded teams in all matches wear red. If a team did not compete the previous championship, then they will be drawn as the fourth place team.

b. Three Teams: The first session shall consist of the second and third highest ranked teams from the previous Armed Forces Championship in the respective style. The second session includes the losing team of the first session, and the highest ranked team from the previous Armed Forces Championship. The final session shall include the winning team of the first session and the highest ranked team from the previous Armed Forces Championship. The upper seeded teams in all matches wear red.

6. SCHEDULED WEIGH-INS AND MEDICAL CHECKS. Combined Weigh-ins and medical checks are conducted IAW current USA Wrestling Rules and supervised by the Tournament Director. Weigh-ins and medical checks are limited to one hour. The host site will provide a medical doctor. All Service representatives must attend. Teams will weigh-in as a team, based upon finish (lowest to highest) from previous championship.

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7. SCORING. The World Cup Scoring System is employed. Each individual bout (weight) will earn team points under the UWW formula of point scoring, with points awarded as follows:

<u>Individual Scoring</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>
Victory by Fall	5	0
Technical Superiority (8 points advantage in Greco/ 10 points advantage in Freestyle)		
-Loser has technical points	4	1
-Loser has no technical points	4	0
Injury Default	5	0
Forfeit/Default*	5	0
Decision (1-5 margin)		
-Loser has technical points	3	1
-Loser has no technical points	3	0
Disqualification	5	0
Double Disqualification	0	0

\* Wrestlers forfeiting, regardless of reason, shall forfeit the rest of their remaining matches during that day's session (Greco-Roman forfeits do not apply to the following Freestyle matches).

### 8. FINAL TEAM STANDINGS.

a. Using the UWW Ranking System during Team Competition, the winning team will receive one (1) team point and the losing team will receive zero (0). Applies to all three championships.

b. Women's Freestyle team competition requires four wrestlers from two separate Services to compete to justify team awards.

### 9. TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES.

a. If two or more teams have an equal number of team points, the ranking will be determined following these criteria:

- 1) The highest classification points.
- 2) The highest victories by fall.
- 3) The highest match victories by superiority.
- 4) The highest technical points scored.
- 5) The fewest technical points given.
- 6) Their direct match (if applicable).
- 7) The lowest draw number.

b. In case of a tied match (same number of victories like 5-5) between two teams in a team competition, the winner will be determined by successively reviewing the following criteria:

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- 1) The total classification points.
- 2) The most victories by fall.
- 3) The most match victories by superiority.
- 4) The most technical points obtained during the match.
- 5) The fewest technical points given during the match.
- 6) The outcome of the last bout competed.

10. HEADGEAR RULE. Headgear can be worn by wrestlers. If the wrestler's opponent request that the headgear be removed, only a doctor's authorization (verbal or written) will allow it to be worn.

### 11. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL.

#### a. Designated Team Area.

1) Only athletes, coaches (of the designated style), and medical staff listed on the official roster are authorized within the designated team area. OIC's, Service Representatives and non-rostered personnel must remain in the spectator areas.

2) Former coaches or family members are not authorized on the mat or in the designated team area during competition.

3) Credentialed media personnel are authorized around the mat and team areas as long as they comply with the head referee's instructions and do not interfere during the match.

#### b. Host Project Officer shall obtain the following volunteers:

- 1) Camera operator for each mat.
- 2) Computer operator for each mat.
- 3) Tapper (alerts referee that time has expired) for each mat.

#### c. Host Project Officer shall obtain the following equipment:

- 1) Two (2) 32-inch (or larger) TV/Monitors per mat.
- 2) Splitter and cables for TV/Monitors.
- 3) One (1) Laptop per mat. Plus one (1) for the Jury Table.
- 4) HDMI cables to connect computer to TV/Monitors.
- 5) External monitor/small TV for Jury Table with associated cables to connect to computer.
- 6) Printer, paper, and back-up ink/toner for Head Table.

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7) PA system with microphone/speaker for Head Table.

8) Internet Switch for all laptops to connect to.

9) More specific details coordinated with USA Wrestling Pairings Master.

12. PROTESTS. Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the protest committee. The protest committee consisting of Service representatives and Chief of Officials will only accept protests when they are submitted in accordance with USA Wrestling rules. Protests must be resolved before a contest can continue.

13. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. (All times are contingent on local organizers and thus shall be used as a traditional guide)

a. Day One        Teams Arrive

b. Day Two        Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (If necessary)  
Organizational Meeting

c. Day Three       Medical Checks/Weigh-ins (Greco-Roman and Women's  
Freestyle for those matches competed on day-three)  
Team Photos

Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening game. All six Service flags must be displayed if Service flags are posted. If all Service flags are not available, then the American flag and host Service flag shall be displayed.

### GRECO-ROMAN DUAL MEET BEGINS:

First Session - 2 mats for four teams; 1 mat for three teams

Second Session - 30 mins after First Session

Third Session - Time set to three hours after the start of the first session.

d. Day Four        Medical Checks/Weigh-ins (Men's Freestyle and Women's Freestyle for  
those matches competed on day-four)

### FREESTYLE MEET BEGINS:

First Session - 2 mats for four teams; 1 mat for three teams

Second Session - 30 mins after First Session

Third Session - Time set to three hours after the start of the first session.

Awards Ceremony/Closing Banquet - Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction).

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e. Day Five      Teams Depart

### 14. AWARDS.

a. Individual. Awards are given to the champion and runner-up for each weight class in all three styles.

b. Team Award.

1) Greco-Roman Championship. Individual awards are given to each member of the overall first place team and second place team (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) based upon the team standings.

2) Men's Freestyle Championship. Individual awards are given to each member of the overall first place team and second place team (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) based upon the team standings.

3) Women's Freestyle Championship. Individual awards are given to each member of the overall first place team and second place team (to include the coaches, team trainer and OIC) based upon the team standings.

### 15. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Roster not to exceed 39 individuals:

10 Greco-Roman Wrestlers (one per weight class)

10 Freestyle Wrestlers (one per weight class)

10 Women Freestyle (one per weight class)

2 Coaches Greco-Roman

2 Coaches Men's Freestyle

2 Coaches Women's Freestyle

1 Certified Trainer/Doctor

1 Ad Libitum

1 OIC

TOTAL: 39

*Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date.*

*\* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute this position with an additional coach or statistician.*

### 16. TEAM COMPOSITION FOR CISM World Military Championships.

*(Subject to change based on Host Nation invitation)*

10 Greco-Roman Wrestlers (one per weight class)

10 Freestyle Wrestlers (one per weight class)

10 Women Freestyle (one per weight class)

3 Coaches

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Doctor

1 Team Captain

1 Combined Sports Committee Member

1 Chief of Mission

3 UWW Referees

TOTAL: 40



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### 17. SELECTION PROCESS – CISM.

#### a. Athlete Selection Process.

1) The gold medalist within their respective weight class advances to higher level competition. If the gold medalist is not available, the silver medalist advances. If neither gold nor silver medalist is available, the weight class will not be filled unless the AFSWG votes on an exception to policy to allow another qualified athlete to substitute. All athletes advancing to higher-level competition must have competed at the Armed Forces Championship.

2) Dual Medalists. Any wrestler winning both the Greco Roman and Free Style events at the Armed Forces Championship must declare which style he will wrestle at CISM. This declaration will be made prior to the conclusion of the Armed forces Championship. The silver medalist, in the style that the gold medalist does NOT select, will be eligible to advance to CISM. If both the gold and silver medalists are no longer available, the AFSWG shall determine whether to look at the third place finisher or leave the weight class vacant.

#### b. Coaching Selection.

1) The coaching staff for the Armed Forces Team shall be the overall winning Head Coach of the Greco-Roman, Men's Freestyle, and Women's Freestyle Championships (subject to review by the AFSWG).

2) Should the same coach win two of the championships, the coach will declare which style they will coach during CISM, with the silver medal coach named as the coach for the vacated style.

3) Should the same coach win three of the championships, the coach will declare which style they will coach during CISM, with the silver medal coach named as the coach for the vacated style(s). Should the silver medal coach be the same in the other styles, then the gold medal coach of all three styles shall select the last remaining coaching position among the assistant coaching pool of the Armed Forces Championship.

4) All positions subject to review by the AFSWG. Additional assistant coaches shall be chosen dependent on the official CISM championship invitation and authorized mission composition.

### 18. FORMS AND ROSTERS.

a. All final rosters and code of conduct forms shall be submitted in accordance with the deadlines established in the LOI for each respective sport and shall be submitted electronically to the Armed Forces Sports representative. Failure to provide rosters will result in the Service disqualified from participating in the Armed Forces Championship.

b. All athletes and coaches shall complete and sign the Armed Forces Sports Higher Advancement Form (appendix C) electronically for consideration of selection to the Armed Forces Team. All Higher Advancement Forms must be submitted by the Officer in Charge of the respective Service at or before the organizational meeting at the Armed Forces Championship. Teams advancing to higher-level competitions shall not exceed the number of allocations specified for each sport per appendix (B). Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

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c. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix D) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship, higher level competition, and CISM events. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the start of the Organizational Meeting, or electronically prior to the Organizational Meeting. If a training camp to higher level competition is conducted without the conduct of an Armed Forces Championship, then Team Captains shall have all participants sign the Code of Conduct immediately upon arrival and prior to any official activity. If an Armed Forces Championship or training camp is not conducted prior to, the Team Captain shall collect the Code of Conduct forms electronically prior to the delegation's departure to higher level competition. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

d. Team Captains, Coaches and Chiefs of Mission shall sign their respective LOI (appendix G/I).

e. Athletes advancing to higher level competition must sign the anti-doping declaration form (appendix L), if applicable.

f. All eligible participants advancing to higher-level competition must complete country/theater clearance trainings per the Foreign Clearance Guide, with Service representative submitting the completed spreadsheet to AFSCS prior to the start of the organization meeting.

g. All forms are available on the Armed Forces Sports Website at:  
[www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)

19. ALCOHOL POLICY. There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, higher level competition and CISM competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event. However, more restrictive installation policies regarding alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team and shall be subject to further administrative actions by the AFSWG.

20. TOBACCO POLICY. All competitors and staff shall refrain from the use of tobacco related products, to include cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless forms at the competition site. Use of these products shall comply with local installation policies and shall only occur in designated areas.

### 21. ICEBREAKER SOCIAL.

a. Icebreaker social shall be conducted at all Armed Forces Championships. Food/beverages are optional depending on the availability of funding/authorizations. If the event is conducted outside of a military installation, then the ice-breaker social shall be optional.

b. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service

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representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

c. The Icebreaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local installation policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

22. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS. If there is a violation of the SOP, code of conduct or specific sport rules, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(f)).

### 23. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

a. Service Branches are highly encouraged to bring their own medical personnel to the competition.

b. The host Service shall have a physician, Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), or physician assistant who are familiar with wrestling and wrestling related injuries present at all matches. A head physician shall be designated at the host site. At weigh-ins, two to three medical professionals to include one physician are required to inspect each competitor for infectious skin problems. The Head Physician shall make the final decision on whether participants can wrestle if they have an infectious skin condition.

c. Due to the risk of injury, the host Service shall secure an ambulance on site.



## ADVANCEMENT FORM FOR HIGHER-LEVEL CONUS COMPETITION

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

Participants must attest to their availability for the advanced competition by completing and turning in this Advancement Form prior to the Armed Forces Championship Organization Meeting. This will allow the Armed Forces Team Selection Panel a complete list of fully available candidates prior to the scheduled Armed Forces Team Selection Meeting. Participants competing in CISM Championships hosted in the United States must have in their possession, proper military uniforms. Failure to submit this form will disqualify participants in advancing to higher level competition.

### PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY STATION \_\_\_\_\_ AIRPORT AND CODE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (2) \_\_\_\_\_

FULL TRAVEL NAME (First, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you authorized and committed to advance to higher-level competition, if selected? Yes / No \_\_\_\_

If you answered "Yes", complete all entries on the form, sign it, and turn it into your respective Service Representative; if you are not available for higher-level competition, simply sign it and return form to your respective Service Representative.

Sizing Requirements: Warm-up Jacket (M) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Pant (M) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Competition Uniform \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt (Unisex) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Polo (M) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Shorts (Unisex) \_\_\_\_ Shorts (F) \_\_\_\_

I currently HAVE/DO NOT HAVE the following items in my possession for CISM competition:

Proper Military Uniform (for CISM events) Yes / No \_\_\_\_ Military ID Card Yes / No \_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT COMMITMENT NOTE: If, after being selected, you opt not to advance with the team for reasons other than a verifiable military or personal emergency, you will become ineligible for Armed Forces higher-level competition the following year.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR COMBAT SPORTS ONLY (Wrestling, Judo & Taekwondo)

**Certified Weight on Final Day of Training Camp** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Competitor must be within 7% (or less) of their respective competition weight. Weight requirements more restrictive than the 7% may be established by the Head Coach.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Medical Official (Print Name and Sign) Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Team Captain (Print Name and Sign) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name	
Rank	
Service	
Duty Station	
Airport	
Phone (W)	
Phone (M)	
Email 1	
Email 2	
Full Travel Name	
Date of Birth	
Commit to Higher Level	
Jacket (M)	
Jacket (W)	
Pant (M)	
Pant (W)	
Comp. Uniform	
T-Shirt (M)	
T-Shirt (W)	
Polo (M)	
Polo (W)	
Shorts (M)	
Shorts (W)	
Mil Uniform	
CAC	
Certified Weight	



## ADVANCEMENT FORM FOR HIGHER-LEVEL - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

The Foreign Clearance Guide will dictate the requirements of VISA's, passports, and/or other required documents such as NATO travel orders. Armed Forces participants must report to the Armed Forces Championship with required travel documentation and proper military uniform in their possession when a CISM Championship immediately follows an Armed Forces event. Participants must attest to their availability for the advanced competition by completing and turning in this Advancement Form prior to the Armed Forces Championship Organization Meeting. This will allow the Armed Forces Team Selection Panel a complete list of fully available candidates prior to the scheduled Armed Forces Team Selection Meeting. Failure to submit this form will disqualify participants from advancing to higher level competition.

### PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY STATION \_\_\_\_\_ AIRPORT AND CODE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (2) \_\_\_\_\_

FULL TRAVEL NAME (First, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you authorized and committed to advance to higher-level competition, if selected? Yes / No \_\_\_\_

If you answered "Yes", complete all entries on the form, sign it, and turn it into your respective Service Representative; if you are not available for higher-level competition, simply sign it and return form to your respective Service Representative.

The following information is needed for VISA purposes:

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes / No \_\_\_\_ If you answered "No", what country? \_\_\_\_\_

Sizing Requirements: Warm-up Jacket (M) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Pant (M) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Competition Uniform \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt (M) \_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_ Polo (M) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Shorts (M) \_\_\_\_ Shorts (F) \_\_\_\_

I have in my on-site possession the following items required for this international competition (does not apply if CISM event does not immediately follow Armed Forces Championship or training camp):

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| ✓ Passport (not expiring within 6 months of travel date) | Yes / No ____ |
| ✓ Proper Military Uniform (for CISM events)              | Yes / No ____ |
| ✓ Military ID Card                                       | Yes / No ____ |

IMPORTANT COMMITMENT NOTE: If, after being selected, you opt not to advance with the team for reasons other than a verifiable military or personal emergency, you will become ineligible for Armed Forces higher-level competition the following year.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR COMBAT SPORTS ONLY (Wrestling, Judo & Taekwondo)

**Certified Weight on Final Day of Training Camp** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Competitor must be within 7% (or less) of their respective competition weight. Weight requirements more restrictive than the 7% may be established by the Head Coach.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Medical Official (Print Name and Sign) Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Team Captain (Print Name and Sign) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name	
Rank	
Service	
Duty Station	
Airport	
Phone (W)	
Phone (M)	
Email 1	
Email 2	
Full Travel Name	
Date of Birth	
Commit to Higher Level	
U.S. Citizen	
What Country	
Jacket (M)	
Jacket (W)	
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# Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct

Participation at Armed Forces Championships and membership on a United States Armed Forces Sports team is an honor and privilege - a distinction few achieve. The responsibilities include obligations to do my best for my branch of the Service, the United States Department of War, my country, the international military sports family, and myself.

To this end, I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct, which offers a general guide to my conduct as a member of the Armed Forces Sports program. I recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules nor prescribe every aspect of appropriate behavior.

By signing this Code of Conduct, in its unaltered form, (1) agree to abide by this Code and the instructions of those appointed over me; (2) understand that the Uniform Code of Military Justice shall apply as I am on official Department of War Travel Orders, and (3) acknowledge that the Code applies immediately upon my signing this document for the duration of the Armed Forces Championship, training camp and through higher level competitions and events.

## I Pledge to:

- conduct myself in the most professional manner expected of those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Armed Forces Championship and through all higher levels of competition.
- arrive at the Armed Forces training site on-time, with proper uniforms, current passports, and necessary paperwork for overseas travel.
- act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct.
- maintain military standards of bearing, behavior and grooming throughout the period of my assignment to this program to include, but not limited to, times of travel training camps, and championships.
- maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness which will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities, failure to make or maintain competitive weight in applicable sports by closing date of training camp will result in removal from Armed Forces roster and immediate return to duty station, with any items of issue immediately returned to the team captain.
- avoid criminal behavior.
- refrain from all behaviors/actions that are offensive, abusive, discriminatory and all those behaviors/actions that would violate all Department of War and Service policies/regulations pertaining to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.
- not use any medication, supplement, or product containing ingredients listed within the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) prohibitive substance list. For more information or questions, please see your team medical staff or visit the WADA website at: <http://www.wada-ama.org>
- abide by the WADA code prior to, during and after Armed Forces and CISM competitions.
- refrain from the use of, or the providing of alcohol or drugs in violation of local or national law or military regulations.
- respect the property of others whether personal, public or government.
- respect members of my team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of verbal, physical abuse or hazing.
- follow my team rules, regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings or functions, and any other rules established by the coach, team captain, and/or Chief of Mission.
- wear designated military, team and civilian apparel at official functions such as the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies, press conferences, and other occasions as directed by those appointed over me (do not trade team apparel until authorized by team captain);
- refrain from obligating the U.S. Government for any purpose, financial or otherwise.
- act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the team, the U.S. Department of War, the United States and this championship.
- acknowledge that if I leave for any reason other than a family emergency, call back, or verifiable injury, I face consequences as stated in my affirmation.
- remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the international military sports program.

## Relations with the Media and Event, Team and Program Sponsors

The Armed Forces Sports Program benefits significantly from the support of the general public, corporations and the media. Recognizing that my primary responsibility is my competitive readiness, I nevertheless understand that it is in my personal interest, as well as that of my sport and the U.S. Military, to cooperate with the media and with event, team, and program sponsors. When requested by the Mission Chief of the Team, or their designee, I will participate in media and sponsor-related activities.





# Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct

## United States Military Athlete Code of Conduct Affirmation:

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct and guide to media relations. I agree to the rules and guidelines stated in these documents as a condition of my participation at Armed Forces Championship as well as being named and remaining a member of the U.S. Armed Forces Team. I understand that I am on official Department of War travel orders, subjected to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that non-compliance of the expected standards of conduct by anyone representing my Service branch and the Armed Forces during all Armed Forces events including the championship, higher-level trial camps or competitions will result in corrective action as determined by the Armed Forces Sports Council/Working Group or my Chain of Command. Actions by the Armed Forces Sports Council/Working Group may include but are not limited to: written reprimand, removal from official roster for that event, removal from the Armed Forces Sports program for one (1) year or longer, and/or being permanently prohibited from participating in the Armed Forces Sports program. In addition, my command will be notified of the actions taken by the Armed Forces Sports Council/Working Group, and I may be subject to further action by my command to include disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

(For Teams):

Name of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ARMED FORCES SPORTS TRAINING CAMP CHECKLIST

1. Project Officers shall ensure the following items are provided and completed:

a. Billeting is arranged at host installation during training camp. For non-CISM events, project officer is responsible for arranging billeting at the competition site, unless otherwise directed by the Armed Forces Sports Office or the Host Service Athletic Director. If billeting is not provided for free, billeting shall be arranged at the GSA per diem rate.

b. Provide meals and incidental expenses per funding guidance listed in paragraph 9 of the Armed Forces Sports SOP. Rates shall be followed by the following guidance:

1) Meals and Incidentals shall be provided by the hosting Service at the appropriate rate per the JTR (Reference c). When hosting the training camp on installation, the GSA on-base rate shall apply to cover the cost of the dining facilities.

2) If meals are provided to the athletes, only the incidental rate shall be paid. CONUS incidental rate is \$5.00/day. OCONUS incidental rate is \$3.50/day. The OCONUS incidental rate of \$3.50 applies when participants are housed on a U.S. military installation or lodging and messing is provided by the host nation. JTR authorizes the use of the \$3.50/day if the Authorizing/Order-Issuing Official (AO) determines that a reduced rate for incidental expenses is adequate. The reduced incidental expense rate must be stated in the traveler's orders (reference c, para 020304, E on page 2-40). Reduced incidental expense rates do not apply to the days traveled by the participant.

3) If dining facilities are not available for three meals per day, then the GSA proportional rate shall apply. If dining facilities are utilized, arrangements must be made to authorize civilian staff members (coaches, trainers, etc.) to use facilities.

4) Travel to and from competition from the training camp shall use the GSA rate for the temporary duty site per JTR.

5) Sample calculation for the following scenario:

a) The Armed Forces Men's Soccer team (roster of 22 personnel) is training for 10 days at NAS Mayport, FL and will compete at the CISM Championship in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for seven days (including travel to/from). At NAS Mayport, lodging is available at \$35/night per athlete and messing is available and directed at the installation's dining facility. At CISM, the host nation is providing all meals at no cost to the delegations. The following shall be used for determining expenses:

1) Lodging:  $22 \text{ people} \times \$35/\text{night} \times 9 \text{ nights} = \$6,930.00$

2) Meals and Incidentals (M&IE):

a) Training Camp:  $22 \text{ people} \times 10 \text{ days} \times \$22.60/\text{day} \text{ (on-base per diem rate)} = \$4,972.00 \text{ } (\$221.00/\text{person})$

b) CISM (7 days including 2 travel days):

1) Travel day M&IE is 75% of full rate to/from Rio de Janeiro =  $\$114.00 \times 75\% = \$85.50/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} = \$171.00/\text{person}$



## ARMED FORCES SPORTS TRAINING CAMP CHECKLIST

2) TDY/TAD rate is \$3.50/day, the standard OCONUS incidental rate. Meals are provided.  $\$3.50 \times 5 \text{ days} = \$17.50/\text{person}$ .

3) Total calculation: 22 people  $\times$  (\$171.00 travel M&IE + \$17.50 TDY/TAD Incidental rate) = \$4,147.00 (\$188.50/person).

c) Total M&IE for training camp and CISM = \$9,119.00 (\$414.50/person)

6) Per Diem rates can be found at the following link: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Travel-Transportation-Rates/Per-Diem/Per-Diem-Rate-Lookup/>

c. Arrange transportation to include:

1) Local transportation at training camps.

2) Transportation to and from higher-level competition.

3) Travel rates can be found at: <https://mygovtrip.com> or <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/city-pair-program-cpp>

d. Securing scrimmage competitions and training facilities for all team sports.

e. Entry fees to higher level activities.

f. Purchase competitive uniforms (see paragraph 8.d.10).a).9) of Armed Forces SOP).

a) Host Service is responsible for purchase of all competitive uniforms. Uniforms for higher-level competition are purchased annually with athletes retaining all uniforms and issued items upon completion of each competition. Armed Forces Sports will provide you the maximum allowable expense for competitive uniforms as listed in appendix (N) of the SOP.

b) At the request of the proponent Service, AFSCS will issue an authorization letter to the Service Representative and the Host Project Officer 90 days prior to the Armed Forces Championship. The team captain, in coordination with the Service Representative and the Host Project Officer, will distribute the issue items to the team delegation and will return all unused excess items.

c) Armed Forces Teams advancing onto National Championships will use the Armed Forces Sports emblem on their competitive uniform and "USA" on their bags and warm-ups as applicable. Only competitive uniforms listed within the "Funding Limits for Competitive Uniforms" may be purchased. Additional gear such as polo shirts, warm-ups, t-shirts is not authorized and shall not be billed to the Services.

g. Project officer shall ensure Team Captain is issued Code of Conduct Forms (appendix D); Team Captain LOI (appendix G); Team Captain Booklet (appendix H); Chief of Mission LOI (appendix I); Chief of Mission Booklet (appendix J); Military Uniforms Equivalent Chart (appendix K); Anti-Doping Declaration Form (appendix L); Anti-Doping Brief (M); and Armed Forces and CISM Flag/Marching Protocol (appendix O).

2. For further information, please contact the Armed Forces Sports Office at 210-238-9919 [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil); or [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil) 210-380-1679.



**DEPARTMENT OF WAR**  
**U.S. ARMED FORCE SPORTS COUNCIL**  
**2405 GUNSHED ROAD**  
**FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-1223**

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3 December 2025

**MEMORANDUM FOR Armed Forces Team Captains and Coaches**

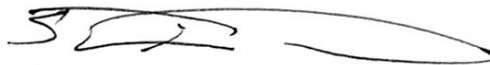
**SUBJECT: Team Captain and Coach Letter of Instruction (LOI)**

1. This LOI outlines the responsibilities of coaches and team captains of Armed Forces Sports teams, summarizing standards of conduct and emphasizing expectations of these leadership positions. Anything less than full compliance may result in removal from the position.
2. The Armed Forces Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dictates procedures for selection of Armed Forces team captains and coaches (Para. 8.d.(6)-(7)).
3. An Armed Forces team is a highly visible military representative to many civilians and other military organizations. All team members represent their Service and the Department of War and are expected to enhance the prestige of the Armed Forces and its traditions. Team leaders are expected to ensure the following:
  - a. To be eligible for advancement to CISM, all Service members must arrive at the Armed Forces training site on-time, with proper military uniforms, current passports, and necessary paperwork for overseas travel. Any athlete, coach or team captain failing to comply will be removed from the official roster and returned to their home duty station.
  - b. Grooming standards for active-duty coaches, trainers, and players are maintained at or above military standards.
  - c. Team members are always on their best behavior and shall comply with the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct.
  - d. Show complete impartiality to all team members regardless of original service. For coaches, the best players and team must be put forward. The opportunity to coach the Armed Forces team must not be abused or used to develop allegiance from players selected from the coach's respective service. There will be no double standards for any team members.
  - e. Always know the whereabouts of all team members and must maintain reasonable curfews. Curfew must be established to ensure a minimum of eight hours of rest. All coaches and players must be billet at the same location provided by the hosting agent unless the entire team relocated due to unsafe or unsanitary conditions.
  - f. Leave or liberty is not authorized for any athlete, coach or team captain participating in an Armed Forces training camp or higher-level competition (CISM, SHAPE or Nationals). Participants may only leave a training camp or higher-level competition for a Red Cross Emergency or an operational duty commitment (action coordinated through the host service project officer and respective service representative). Personnel traveling on NATO orders and ID cards are not authorized to leave the country identified on their orders unless they have a valid passport.

- g. Adding and/or cutting athletes shall comply with the Armed Forces Sports SOP.
  - h. Close monitoring of athletes in applicable sports to ensure competitive weight is maintained.
4. All coaching staff members must be present during all trial/training camps, scrimmages, and competitions. The coaching staff and team captain must travel with the team to all games and functions. The team captain must be at the training camp and the competition if the team is not located on a U.S. Military Installation. If on a U.S. military installation and if all Services agree, the local sports director may assist with administrative needs until the team captain joins the team.
5. The team captain must work with the coach to ensure all athletes have checked out of the billets/hotel, paid any personal obligations incurred during stay, and ensure all vehicles are returned. Athletes are not authorized to remain at a championship once the team has departed (unless the individual has official documentation authorizing leave in the local area), even if their travel order dates take them through the completion of the event. The coach and team captain must be the last to depart a competition.
6. The Armed Forces Sports Office issues clothing for all members of the delegation. It is mandatory for all team members to wear these items in a competition setting or to all official events. Delegation must wear khaki slacks and Armed Forces polo shirts to all informal banquets and functions. If traveling overseas, the team should wear khaki slacks and a polo shirt. Safety is key when traveling and travelers should practice sound OPSEC. The coaches and team captain must enforce this standard.
7. CISM championships require the U.S. team to act as an ambassador while in the host country. The U.S. team must strive to uphold the CISM motto "friendship through sport." All official functions require mandatory attendance by the entire delegation with designated attire. Prescribed military uniforms are required.
8. All delegation members must receive Anti-Terrorism Level 1 and SERE 100.2 Level A training prior to OCONUS travel. These training courses are offered at <http://jkodirect.jten.mil/> . For Anti-Terrorism Level 1, search the course number JS-US007. For SERE 100.2 Level A, search J3TA-US1329. In addition, ISOPREP is now required for most COCOM's. Visit: <https://prmsglobal.prms.af.mil/prmsconv/Profile/Survey/start.aspx> to complete this requirement. ISOPREP is normally valid for one year, but some COCOM's require it every six months. Always best to update when you are planning to travel OCONUS. Those with an established profile may need to contact their security officer to verify that all information is accurate.
9. Any non-compliance of the expected standards of conduct will result in corrective action as determined by the Armed Forces Sports Working Group per the Armed Forces Sports SOP. Actions may include written reprimand, removal from official roster for that event, removal from the Armed Forces Sports program for one (1) year or permanently prohibited from participating in the Armed Forces Sports program. In addition, the participant's command will be notified of any disciplinary action. Please be reminded that all Service members and civilians are on official Department of War orders and their official place of duty is their assignment to the Armed Forces Team. The Uniform Code of Military Justice shall apply to all uniformed personnel. Department of War civilian employees are subjected to their respective Service human resource policies.

Subj: Team Captain and Coach Letter of Instruction (LOI)

10. If any questions arise prior to you going, or once at the CISM Championship you can contact me at (210) 238-9919, or via e-mail at [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil). You can also get more information about the program by logging on at [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov). All required forms can be downloaded from this web site. As outlined in the Team Capt LOI, the team captain must be the last one to depart a CISM or National Championship, while ensuring that team members have been squared away concerning their departures. Thank you for your support of the Armed Forces Sports program.



STEVEN A. DINOTE  
U.S. Chief of Delegation to CISM  
U.S. Armed Forces Sports Secretariat

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Affirmation:

I have read and fully understand my duties and responsibilities as a team captain or team coach as outlined in this Letter of Instruction, AMIM-WRB-F Memorandum for Armed Forces Coaches and Team Captains.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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**ARMED FORCES SPORTS COUNCIL**  
DEPARTMENT OF WAR

AMIM-WRB-F

3 December 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Armed Forces Team Captain

SUBJECT: Team Captain Booklet for Higher Level Competition

1. On behalf of the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), congratulations on being selected as an Armed Forces team captain. Being a team captain can be very rewarding, but there are numerous responsibilities and duties you must fulfill. Please review this information booklet carefully. Most of this information is for Team Captains going to the International Military Sports Championships (known as CISM) but it also has applicable information for Team Captains taking Armed Forces Teams to National competitions within the U.S.
2. The role of the Armed Forces team captain (TC) is to act as the team administrator and action officer. You are responsible for the overall transportation, billeting, safety, and wellbeing of the team. This role is crucial to the success of the team. You are expected to be able to juggle many separate requests and tasks concurrently. Your confidence and ability to handle any obstacle will serve invaluable to ensure that the U.S. Armed Forces Team is successful not only in competition, but in maintaining the highest values of the United States Armed Forces.
3. Some important TC duties include:
  - a. Coordinate travel of team members.
  - b. Ensure team members have all necessary military uniforms.
  - c. Ensure all members of the U.S. Delegation attend all competitions and ceremonies.
  - d. Ensure athletes are informed of dress requirements.
  - e. Ensure the athletes represent the Armed Forces and U.S. in a positive manner.
  - f. Handle all athlete requests and coordinate with the host nation organizing committee for any actions.
  - g. Coordinate payment of travel day per diem/incidentals to team members except for referees.
  - h. Verifies weight standards for combat sports.
  - i. Coordinate any problem with your Chief of Mission (CoM). The Armed Forces Sports Council has authorized each CoM to send an athlete back to his/her units for misconduct or not making weight for a combat sport. All the applicable information is included in the CoM's information booklet. Contact your CoM preferably via phone prior to departure for the CISM championship.
4. One area that is often overlooked is the role of publicist and public affairs. This role tells the entire Department of War and sports community the story of your team. It is imperative that you

Subj: Team Captain Booklet for Higher Level Competition

take the time to submit an event wrap-up within 3 working days after the competition to ensure we get accurate and timely results to national press, websites, and other information sources. With the rise of social media, it is important that you find ways to provide photos and results after each U.S. competition or direct AFS to the appropriate web links covering these events. Some of the key things to include are:

- a. Number of countries competing in the CISM Championship
- b. Overall finish of our team (with times when applicable)
- c. Put names of any individual separately when they have done something noteworthy i.e. win a medal, named to the all-star team, or any other individual honor bestowed. Need complete name, rank, service, and duty station.
- d. An overall synopsis of the results of the championship
- e. Remember – you are the eyes and ears of the Armed Forces Sports Office – no one can tell the story better than you!

5. Please send your report to the Armed Forces Sports Office via e-mail to [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) and [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil). Please attach action pictures (jpeg, tif, etc) as part of your submission with cut lines identifying our athletes by name, rank, service, and duty station. If you do not have a computer, or scanner available, you can mail the pictures to the Armed Forces Sports Office. If someone other than you took the pictures, ensure that you have their permission to release them. Please ensure that these are action shots (high resolution).

6. If any questions arise prior to you going, or once at the CISM Championship you can contact me at (210) 238-9919, or via e-mail at [steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil) or [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil). You can also get more information about the program by visiting on at [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov). All required forms can be all downloaded from this web site. As outlined in the Team Capt LOI, you must be the last one to depart a CISM or National Championship, while ensuring that team members have been squared away concerning their departures. Thank you for your support of the Armed Forces Sports program.



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## **CISM INFORMATION**

### **Brief History of CISM:**

Despite the French name, the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) is based upon an American idea. At the end of World War II, the American Commander in Chief, General Joseph McNarney was searching for a means to bridge the language and cultural barriers and bring together the widely diverse allied forces in Europe into a cohesive and cooperative force. He recalled the highly successful Allied Forces Sports Council (AFSC), which General Joseph Pershing created at the end of World War I, when faced with a similar problem. General McNarney revived the concept, and it was an instant success. Allied Forces from Western and Eastern Europe competed against each other on the playing field in perfect harmony.

In 1947 political storm clouds appeared on the horizon. Russia and other eastern countries withdrew. Then England and America withdrew. Thereafter, the AFSC rapidly disintegrated. Only a handful of nations, who had clearly seen the potential of sport bringing together the Armed Forces of the world, refused to let the idea perish.

The French Armed Forces organized a meeting, February 16-18, 1948, in the city of Nice and invited all countries interested in forming a permanent military sports association to attend. Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands participated. By the end of the meeting, statutes and regulations for a worldwide organization were drawn up and ratified. From those five "founder nations" CISM has grown into an organization of 141 nations today. This makes it the world's biggest military organization and the second biggest sports organization next to the International Olympic Committee.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

The aim of CISM, while setting a good example in each member country, is the encouragement of military sports and the development of friendly relations between the Armed Forces of the various fields related to sport and physical fitness.

#### ***CISM:***

- Establishes permanent relations between Armed Forces for the exchange of ideas and encourage research in various fields related to sport and fitness.
- Entrusts the member nations with the organization of the numerous sport championships and meeting organized under its auspices.
- Encourages and supports all measures designed to establish and reinforce friendly relations between military participants and promote activities designed to increase understanding, mutual respect, and friendship between nations.

### **CISM Motto:**

This quote from the famous French writer, Jean Giraudox, once himself a famous military athlete, has been adopted by CISM as its official motto:

*SPORT means peace*

*SPORT is the opposite of war*

*SPORT is the cure for war*

*SPORT is international*

*SPORT brings nations closer*

In summary, CISM is endeavoring to substitute the playing field for the battlefield. In the 1990's CISM shortened the CISM motto to "Friendship Through Sport."

### **CISM Sports Calendar:**

Like the Olympic Games, CISM holds a Military World Games competition every four years (the year prior to the summer Olympics). The first games were held in 1995 in Rome, Italy; the 2<sup>nd</sup> games in Zagreb, Croatia (1999); the 3<sup>rd</sup> games in Catania, Italy (2003); the 4<sup>th</sup> games in Hyderabad, India (2007); the 5<sup>th</sup> games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2011); the 6<sup>th</sup> Games in Mungyeong, South Korea (2015); and the 7<sup>th</sup> Military World Games held in Wuhan, China. CISM also conducts World Military Championships in 26 different sports annually. The U.S. usually participates in the following CISM Championships, and hosts 1 World Championships each year:

### **Sports Participated by the U.S. at CISM:**

#### **Military Sports**

Parachuting  
Shooting  
Orienteering  
Modern Pentathlon  
Archery\*

#### **Individual Sports**

Cycling  
Marathon  
Cross Country  
Track and Field\*  
Triathlon  
Golf  
Swimming/Lifesaving\*  
Skiing (Biathlon/Cross Country)

#### **Combat Sport**

Taekwondo  
Wrestling  
Judo

#### **Team Sports**

Basketball (M & W)  
Volleyball (M & W)  
Soccer (M & W)  
Sailing

\* Includes Para-Sports

**Official Language:**

CISM official business is conducted in English and French, the two official languages, to include presentations, publications, and meetings. Arabic and Spanish are also used at meetings if the need arises.

**Flags and Music:**

CISM has its own flag, march and anthem. The flag is white with a blue border. The CISM logo is prominently centered on the flag. Mrs. Carla Foniutti of Italy composed the anthem and the march by Lt. Commander L.S. Lawton (U.S. Navy). The march is played at all championships when the CISM flag is carried on the field. The anthem is played while the flags of participating nations are raised and lowered and all other ceremonies. It is CISM protocol for all to stand at attention during the playing of the CISM anthem and other foreign anthems. Personnel shall only salute the U.S. Flag.

**CISM Headquarters:**

The Secretary General is located at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Secretary General is Navy Captain Roberto Recchia (Italy) conducts the day-to-day activities with his staff.

**CISM Leadership:**

The member countries have elected their leadership from among qualified military officers and government civilians throughout the world. The United States CISM Chief of Delegation is Mr. Steven Dinote, who is also the Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat.

The current CISM President is Colonel Nilton Rolim from Brazil.

**CISM Sports Committee (CSC):**

Each CISM sport has an established CSC. The CSC is responsible for all technical aspects of the specific sport including rules of play, competition safety, course (competition) layout, etc. At each competition the CSC President and respective committee will ensure fair and proper competition.

## TEAM CAPTAIN INFORMATION

1. Appointment of Team Captains: For higher-level competitions (CISM, SHAPE Men's Basketball or Nationals), a team captain is appointed. This person is an officer or civilian equivalent. The team captain remains in the Armed Forces training camp with the Armed Forces team, or travels with the team if the training camp is not located on a U.S. military installation. If the Armed Forces training camp is held on installation, the local sports director may assist with administrative needs until the team captain joins the team. Each team captain, coaches and athletes sign the appropriate forms for higher-level competition. They agree to strictly adhere to all the rules outlined.

2. Code of conduct and Higher Level Availability Forms: All applicable forms for athletes, coaches and team captains that must be signed can be downloaded from our web site. It is your responsibility to download all the forms at [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov). All the forms need to be signed prior to going to the Armed Forces training camp, or if no training camp, prior to going to the CISM Championship. It is the responsibility of the team captain to keep these forms for everyone that is on the Armed Forces Team through the respective higher-level competition. If for some reason the web site is down please contact the Armed Forces Sports at 210-238-9919 or [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) or [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil)

3. Ensure everyone on the team receives and completes a United States military sports athlete code of conduct form. The team captain keeps all completed forms in a folder until the end of the championship. Along with the Chief of Mission (if available) conduct a briefing highlighting the major points of the code of conduct to the team members, so that all are aware of their individual responsibility to the team, the Armed Forces Sports program, the Department of War and to the United States of America.

4. CISM Representative:

a. A CISM Board of Director member or a member of the CISM Staff is appointed to represent CISM officially at each of the events scheduled on the calendar. If, at the last moment, the Official CISM Representative (OCR) appointed to represent CISM in an event is unable to attend the event, the highest ranking Chief of Mission or in his absence, a delegate present of the nations invited will take over the representation. Be prepared to inform the Chief of Mission of this responsibility in the event they are asked to represent CISM. Ensure they are experienced in CISM.

b. If there are any problems at the Championship you and the CoM must try to resolve the issue with the liaison assigned to your team. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, then go to the Head of the Organizing Committee, and then finally if still not resolved, communicate with the OCR. If this procedure is not followed, further action cannot be taken against host country by CISM. If a problem does not get resolved by the CISM rep, document your action and send me an e-mail after you get back.

5. Responsible Authorities. The following authorities are responsible for the direction of a CISM competition:

- a. Official CISM Representative.
- b. Competition Organizing Committee.
- c. Technical jury.
- d. Jury of Appeal.

e. Their functions are described in detail in the technical regulations governing each competition. However, for the jury of appeal, if three (3) CISM delegates from different countries are absent, the CISM delegates present complete it.

6. Regulations Governing Competition. Unless special authorization is granted by the General Assembly, all competitions are governed by the Special Regulations established by CISM.

7. Opening Ceremony. Any military ceremony prescribed by the protocol of the host country will be adhered to. The CISM flag is solemnly hoisted near the flags of the participating countries. The CISM anthem is played when the CISM flag is hoisted. While the teams file by, the CISM march is being played. Depending on the protocol of the host country, opening of the competition is declared by either a high military or civilian official of the country or by the official CISM representative.

8. Closing Ceremony/Awards. According to the circumstances, the closing of a competition may either be accompanied by a military ceremony similar to the opening ceremony or may be coupled with the distribution of awards during the closing dinner.

a. CISM gold, silver, and bronze medals are presented to the athletes. If a Team trophy is won by the U.S., then you make the decision with the COM on where it will be displayed back home and inform the AFSCS. You may also elect to send the trophy to the Armed Forces Sports Office. If U.S. team wins a rotating team trophy (e.g. Modern Pent) please have country contact the AFS office. Do not agree to any shipping, since we have had problems in this area.

9. Uniform. Appropriate Military uniform (winter or summer) as dictated by host country in their invitation, is always worn at opening ceremonies and normally at the closing banquet. Since Closing Ceremonies are done right after the competition, warm-ups are usually worn; otherwise, it will be the military uniform. The military uniform must be worn at any official event. Civilian clothes (issued polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts) may be worn for cultural initiatives sponsored by the host nation. See appendix (K) of the Armed Forces Sports SOP for Service equivalent uniforms.

#### 10. Delegation Security.

a. The host country is responsible for the safety of all delegations in attendance. All delegation members must receive Anti-Terrorism Level 1 and SERE 100.2 Level A training prior to OCONUS travel. These training courses are offered at <http://jkodirect.jten.mil/>. For Anti-Terrorism Level 1, search the course number JS-US007. For SERE 100.2 Level A, search J3TA-US1329. In addition, ISOPREP is now required for most COCOM's. Visit: <https://prmsglobal.prms.af.mil/prmsconv/Profile/Survey/start.aspx> to complete this requirement. ISOPREP is normally valid for one year, but some COCOM's require it every six months. Always best to update when you are planning to travel OCONUS. Those with an established profile may need to contact their security officer to verify that all information is accurate.

b. Specific country information can be found at [www.travel.state.gov/travel](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel). Click on the Consular Information Sheets to get all the info about the country where the championship is being hosted.

c. AFS office will take care of travel clearances to the host country and provide a copy with any approvals to the TC. AFS will take care of Country Clearances and take care of VISA needs if it is required for entry to a particular country. The host nation is responsible for all

security measures. However, you are required to ensure you have the appropriate point of contact information for the U.S. Embassy in the host nation. The AFS will provide this information to the team captain. AFS will also provide links for mandatory training requirements for country and theater clearances.

11. Travel Uniform of Delegation. Due to operational security and safe travel practices, civilian attire is required for travel. Dress must be consistent, and all team members must adhere. Civilian attire in these circumstances shall still be professional in image, such as khaki pants, polo shirt, dress shirt, etc... Jeans are not authorized.

12. Program. Upon arrival, the delegations normally receive the following information material: a guide containing all necessary information for the duration of their stay, local currency info and conversion places (ATMs are normally accessible), time and place of church services. Also, meal schedules, operating hours of the Information desk, available means of transportation and schedule, and so on. Also, an envelope containing the technical program, contest schedules, composition of juries, time and place for training, and so on.

13. Housing/Food.

a. The delegations will be housed under the best conditions possible, whereby the capability of the country and the rank of the guests will be considered. Normally Chiefs of Missions and Referees are housed separately from the Team Captain and athletes.

b. The food provided normally meets standards, but at times lacks variety depending on host nation.

c. All countries will do their best job possible to provide adequate lodging and food but sometimes this does not measure up to American standards. Try to make the best of the situation for the short duration of your visit to this country.

14. Medical

a. Any medical issues should be worked through your Team Trainer who will coordinate with host organizing committee POC.

b. Milder medical cases are treated in the dispensary.

c. Severe cases are treated in a hospital equipped for complete examinations.

d. A massage and general conditioning room for the athletes is normally offered.

e. Host countries will not provide treatment for anyone for an existing medical condition, but they are responsible for providing daily sick call.

15. Local Travel. The host delegation makes available all necessary transportation for delegation's travel during the championship. However, it is not obligatory to assume responsibility for private travel.

16. Arrival/Departure. Any delegation that participates in a championship must strictly adhere to the arrival and departure dates. An exception may be made due to an act of God, or where an understanding with the host delegation has been reached and, if necessary, with the Host



Organizing Committee. As a rule, the arrival time is fixed 24 to 48 hours prior to the beginning of the contests, and the departure time is 24 to 48 hours following the conclusion of the championship. If there are radical changes made by the host country, be sure to notify the Armed Forces Secretariat.

17. Anti-doping Information Form: Each athlete must be briefed regarding banned substances (Appendices K and L) and sign the Anti-doping Declaration Form (Appendix K) attesting to the understanding of the policies. The forms are available on the AFS website. As the team captain, you must be aware of these substances and ensure each athlete is properly briefed on these prohibited substances and signs the form. There is random drug testing done at CISM Championships. If in doubt, the athlete should not take the substance (or stop taking it) and contact the Armed Forces Sports Office. The web site at [www.usantidoping.org](http://www.usantidoping.org) also provides the latest information. In 2011, a U.S. athlete tested positive for a stimulant found in an energy drink that was legally purchased over the counter at a national retail outlet.

18. Mementos: Mementos are an important part of any CISM competition. They provide an icebreaker to build "Friendship through Sport". Mementos include (CISM Only):

- a. Lapel pins (each person will receive approx. 20 pins)
- b. Team captain mementos to exchange with other Team Captains and support staff of host nation)
- c. Memento for host country (to be presented by COM at formal event scheduled by host nation)
- d. Chief of Mission (COM) mementos (to be exchanged with other COMs)
- e. If you are with a team sport or combat sport that has a pre-event exchange with opponent/s you will be provided appropriate number of items for exchange
- f. NOTE: Please ensure that mementos are packed with carryon baggage.
- g. Please inform team members not to give out everything in the first or second day. These mementos are to be used for exchanging throughout the competition. Same holds true of the COM mementos and team captains' mementos (various items). The CoM's are to exchange them with other CoM's as reciprocation and not simply give them away. Team Captains can reciprocate with other team captains or use them thanks to certain members of the organizing committee who deserve the honor. Please tell all Athletes not to trade their Warm-ups until the completion of the Closing Ceremonies. Warm-Ups are also worn for all medal ceremonies.

19. Flags and National Anthem CD: Each delegation receives 1-2 flags depending on the sport and a CD with the United States national anthem, only if the host country requests us to bring them in the invitation. Flag is used for the opening and medal ceremony. Please provide the flag and anthem to your host nation liaison upon arrival, but make sure that you get them back. Please get these items back as you will have the responsibility to return them to AFSCS within 10 – 15 days after you return to the U.S. Ensure that under no circumstances does the American Flag touch the ground or dip to another nation's flag or official.

20. Officials: The Armed Forces Sports Secretariat works with each sport's Chief, National Governing Bodies to nominate an U.S. official for respective CISM championships. They also

receive a stipend for their services (prorated among the services). The Armed Forces Sports Office pays the stipend, makes all travel arrangements and cuts their orders for travel. We will usually try to connect them with the team's arrival to make it more convenient for the host country. All information on the officials will be provided to the team captain and he/she should meet/greet the officials and include them in all team activities based on their schedules at the championship.

21. Dress Code For CISM:

a. It is recommended that all U.S. delegation members wear Khaki pants with the CISM Polo Shirt, or warm up unless informed of a different dress code. Each delegation member is responsible for bringing their own khaki pants.

b. The appropriate military uniforms (summer or winter) will be worn at Opening Ceremonies and the Formal Banquet. Type of uniform is dictated by the host country in their invite. The warmup is normally worn at closing/medal ceremonies. However, sometimes it is the military uniform. Civilians on the team should take appropriate business attire (i.e men sport jacket and tie, women dress/skirt or pant suit). This would be worn when military wear their uniforms. Khaki pants or Khaki shorts (depending on the weather conditions) and the Armed Forces Polo Shirt will be worn for Cultural Day, or any other designated function.

c. Military Service members will adhere to service specific regulations in regard to earrings, grooming standards and attire.

d. The USA issued gear is considered the duty uniform.

22. Passports: The DoD Foreign Clearance Guide shall determine whether passports are required or if military participants are authorized to enter with their military ID card and orders. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure each athlete has a current passport (Most countries will not accept a passport that is going to expire within 90 days of travel). Lack of a passport will render an individual ineligible for higher-level competition. Athletes must come to Armed Forces competitions with their passport for any sport that leads to CISM or SHAPE. Each service is responsible for ensuring that their respective athletes have valid up to date passports. If Visas are required, then AFSCS will provide information to the proponent Service in order to obtain visas for the team.

23. Toiletries: To avoid unnecessary expenses, make sure all delegation members bring a bath towel (or two), bar of soap, and a padlock as well as personal toiletries, over the counter medications, and adequate supply of prescription medications.

24. Uniforms Purchase & Apparel Issue:

a. The team captain will receive a letter from the Armed Force Sports authorizing purchase of competitive uniforms for the team. The Team Capt will provide sizing information on the team (with exception of referees) to AFSCS NLT 12 Working Days prior to the higher level competition. Along with the issue items, the team captain will receive a shipping document of all issue items that he/she needs to sign and return to Armed Forces Supply at Ft Indiantown Gap, PA. Exchange of items due to sizing problems can be worked with POC at Fort Indiantown Gap. Do not wait until the last minute to do this. It is the Responsibility of the Team Capt to ensure that all excess items are returned to the Gap prior to leaving for the CISM

Championship. You do not have the authority to issue excess items to staff or keep anything without prior approval from AFSCS.

b. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure all team members have their competitive uniforms and equipment (excluding firearms, bikes, etc) in their carry-on bag. Lost luggage should not hinder an athlete from participating in a running race, e.g. their shoes, shorts and singlet should be with them as carry-on. It is always good to pack at least two days' worth of change of clothing and undergarments in carryon luggage.

25. Incidental Expenses and Lodging: Delegation members attending CISM receive \$3.50 per day, the OCONUS incidental rate, as lodging, meals, and transportation are provided. The delegation will not move out of lodging provided by host country; instead, the U.S. Chief of Mission will work problems with host nation's organizing committee and official representative from CISM. Payment for travel days is authorized the rates of the TDY/TAD site in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR). Training Camp rates will be \$22.10 per day if training camp is on a military installation with a dining facility. If training camp is not at a military facility, then GSA rates shall apply. Host Service for Armed Forces Championship would be responsible for paying all applicable rates and coordinate pro-rata with other Services.

**Enclosures:**

**Planning Checklist (Encl 1):**

Enclosure (1) is a checklist of duties assigned to the team captain. Please use this as a guide to ensure the team is prepared for overseas travel. If you have any questions on the checklist, please contact the Armed Forces Secretariat at 210-238-9919.

**After Action Report (Encl 2):**

The team captain is responsible for completing and submitting an after action reports following a championship. A report should be completed within NLT 30 days after the championship.

ENCLOSURE 1 – PLANNING CHECKLIST

UNITED STATES CISM SUGGESTED CHECKLIST

All items may not be applicable to your mission. If there are any items that are not clear, please contact the AFS Office

**1. Planning Factors - (prior to departure)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ TDY/TAD Orders (proper endorsements from all services).  
\*Include the statement "Excess Baggage Authorized."
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immunization Records (Only if required for host nation).
- \_\_\_\_\_ AFSCS fax or e-mail for disseminating results.
- \_\_\_\_\_ CISM Mementos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ U.S Flag and Anthem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the host nation invitation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordination of travel info with all team members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participant notification of Anti-Doping Regulations and signature on form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Level I Anti-Terrorism briefing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate military uniforms and khaki slacks (all of the delegation).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplies for team trainer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Passport requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Compile a list of departure times from host nation to be turned into liaison at championship.

**2. Meeting With Team Prior to Departure:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pass out CISM mementos and athletic apparel to athletes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brief on conduct and appearance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wearing of proper attire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of all applicable higher-level forms (Team Capt retains all forms for the duration of the championship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safeguard of orders, valuables and issue items (these things are stolen if individuals do not keep a close eye on them).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensures that each member of the delegation has Padlock or combination lock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring towels, soap, and basic toiletries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety briefing on Host Country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that Flag Bearer for opening ceremonies is selected by the team.

**3. Arrival at Destination**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Call AFSCS to confirm team arrival 210-238-9919 or e-mail [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) and [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Familiarize yourself with lodging, dining hall, training facilities, etc.

**4. During the Championship**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical check on status of team on a daily basis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend daily Team Capt meetings and relay info to delegation as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that team is at proper locations and dressed as mandated by host nation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain contact with COM and referees.

**5. Preparation for Departure from Host Nation**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that everyone has flight itineraries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collect Flag and anthem from host nation POC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All are aware of billet clearing procedures and departure times and pick up points provided by host nation.

**6. Return to CONUS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Final recap with action pics to AFSCS within 3 working days after championship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete After-action report to AFSCS within 30 days and can coordinate with COM if joint AAR.

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***Enclosure 2 – After Action Report***

**CISM/National Championship After Action Report**

Event Name:

Date:

Host Site:

Team Captain:

Phone:

- Attach roster of Armed Forces Team (full name, rank, service, duty station)
- Schedule of events
- Scores of all competitions
- Final team and/or individual standings
- Event Summary (Bullets) – Covering such areas as:
  - Total Attendance
  - VIPs attending
  - Problems Encountered
  - Suggestions or recommendations

It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that the after action reports is completed in a thorough fashion and forwarded to the AFSCS within 30 days.

**Forward after action report to AFSCS:**

[steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) and [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil)



**ARMED FORCES SPORTS COUNCIL**  
DEPARTMENT OF WAR

AMIM-WRB-F

3 December 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Armed Forces Team Chiefs of Mission

SUBJECT: Chief of Mission Letter of Instruction (LOI)

1. This LOI outlines the responsibilities of the Chief of Mission of Armed Forces Sports teams, summarizing standards of conduct and emphasizing expectations of this important leadership position. Anything less than full compliance may shed a negative light on the United States Delegation and possible removal from the position.

2. The Armed Forces Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dictates procedures for the selection of Chiefs of Mission (CoM) (Para. 8.d.8)).

3. An Armed Forces team is a highly visible military representative to many civilian and other military organizations. All team members represent their Service and the Department of War and are expected to enhance the prestige of the armed forces and its traditions. Team leaders are expected to ensure the following:

a. To be eligible for advancement to CISM, all team members must arrive at the Armed Forces training site on-time, with proper uniforms, current passports, and necessary paperwork for overseas travel. Any athlete, coach or team captain failing to comply will be removed from the official roster and returned to their home duty station.

b. Grooming standards for active-duty coaches, trainers, and players are maintained at or above military standards.

c. Team members are always on their best behavior and shall comply with the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct.

d. Show complete impartiality to all team members regardless of original service.

e. Team Captains and Coaches shall always know the whereabouts of all team members and must maintain reasonable curfews. CoM's shall establish a curfew to ensure a minimum of eight hours of rest. All coaches and players must be billeted at the same location provided by the hosting agent unless the entire team relocated due to unsafe or unsanitary conditions.

f. Granting of leave or liberty to any athlete, coach or team captain participating in an Armed Forces training camp or higher-level competition (CISM, SHAPE or Nationals) is not authorized. Participants may only leave a training camp or higher-level competition for a Certified Red Cross Emergency or a Certified Operational Duty Commitment (action coordinated through the host service project officer and respective service representative).

g. Close monitoring of athletes in applicable sports to ensure competitive weight is maintained.

h. Are present throughout the entire championship, accept the lodging provided by the host site, and attend all official functions as prescribed in the event agenda.

i. The CoM shall ensure that the entire delegation is aware of all the aforementioned rules and regulations pertaining to the host site and CISM.

4. The CoM shall coordinate with the team captain and coach to ensure all athletes have checked out of the billets/hotel, paid any personal obligations incurred during stay, and ensure all vehicles are returned. No athletes should ever be allowed to remain at a championship once the team has departed (unless the individual has official documentation authorizing leave in the local area), even if their travel order dates take them through the completion of the event. The CoM, coach and team captain must be the last to depart a competition.

5. The Armed Forces Sports Office issues clothing for all members of the delegation. It is mandatory for all team members to wear these items in a competition setting or to all official events. Competitive basketball uniforms must be returned to the team captain. Delegation must wear khaki slacks and Armed Forces polo shirts to all informal banquets and functions. If traveling overseas, the team should wear khaki slacks and the designated polo when initially arriving. The coaches and team captain must enforce this standard.

6. CISM championships require the U.S. team to act as an ambassador while in the host country. The U.S. team must strive to uphold the CISM motto "friendship through sport." All official functions require mandatory attendance by entire delegation with all in designated attire. Prescribed military uniforms are required.

7. All delegation members must receive Anti-Terrorism Level 1 and SERE 100.2 Level A training prior to OCONUS travel. These training courses are offered at <http://jkodirect.jten.mil/>. For Anti-Terrorism Level 1, search the course number JS-US007. For SERE 100.2 Level A, search J3TA-US1329. In addition, ISOPREP is now required for most COCOM's. Visit: <https://prmsglobal.prms.af.mil/prmsconv/Profile/Survey/start.aspx> to complete this requirement. ISOPREP is normally valid for one year, but some COCOM's require it every six months. Always best to update when you are planning to travel OCONUS. Those with an established profile may need to contact their security officer to verify that all information is accurate.

8. Any non-compliance of the expected standards of conduct will result in corrective action as determined by the Armed Forces Sports Working Group. Actions may include written reprimand, removal from official roster for that event, removal from the Armed Forces Sports program for one (1) year or permanently prohibited from participating in the Armed Forces Sports program. In addition, the participant's command will be notified of any disciplinary action. As CoM, you are expected to review any infractions that occur on site and make the determination whether it is in the best interest of the delegation to send the athlete, coach, or Team Captain back to their duty station. Forms for such action can be found in the CoM Booklet. Keep in mind, all participants are on official duty and subjected to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

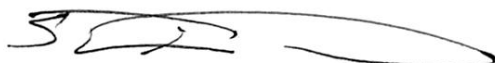
9. CoM's may bring their spouses only if authorized in the Host Invitation. Travel for spouses is at the expense of the CoM and not the government. If you elect to bring your spouse, you are still expected to travel with the delegation regardless of whether your spouse can be accommodated on the same flight. More information can be found within the CoM Booklet.



Subj: Chief of Mission Letter of Instruction (LOI)

10. CoM's are the face of the United States Armed Forces and leave a lasting impression with other nations. As a leader, you are the example for your delegation and other nations to follow. Serve honorably and make us proud.

11. If any questions arise prior to you going, or once at the CISM Championship you can contact me at (210) 238-9919, or via e-mail at [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) or [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil). You can also get more information about the program by logging on at [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov). All required forms can be downloaded from this web site. As outlined in the Team Capt LOI, the team captain must be the last one to depart a CISM or National Championship, while ensuring that team members have been squared away concerning their departures. Thank you for your support of the Armed Forces Sports program.



STEVEN A. DINOTE  
U.S. CISM Chief of Delegation  
U.S. Armed Forces Sports Secretariat

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**Affirmation**

I have read and fully understand my duties and responsibilities as the Chief of Mission as outlined in this Letter of Instruction.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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**ARMED FORCES SPORTS COUNCIL**  
DEPARTMENT OF WAR

AMIM-WRB-F

3 December 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Chief of Mission

SUBJECT: Chief of Mission Booklet for Higher Level Competition

1. On behalf of the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), congratulations on your selection as Chief of Mission (CoM). This booklet further enhances your efforts in leading the United States Delegation. The role of the U.S. Delegation Chief of Mission is to represent the United States and U.S. Armed Forces Team to the rest of the countries at the championship. This prestigious role is very important and can have a lasting impression on many foreign military officers and dignitaries. As the CoM, you must stay for the entire championship, and accept the lodging provided you by the host country. No deviations can be made from this, unless checking with the undersigned. It is advisable to address the team to know what you expect of them as CoM (discipline, any curfews, etc.).

2. As a representative of the U.S. Armed Forces and the United States, you are required to wear appropriate military uniforms (summer or winter) as dictated in the host invitation. Uniforms are normally worn at opening ceremonies and the closing banquet. Follow host country protocol for all official qualifications that you and team are required to attend.

3. As the CoM, you are allowed to bring your spouse to the championship only if authorized in the host invitation. You are responsible for paying for your spouse's travel expenses. No other members of the delegation are authorized to bring a spouse or guest. If authorized and your spouse attends, (he/she) is considered part of the official delegation and will be extended all the courtesies afforded you. You may have to pay for lodging out of pocket for spousal expenses depending on the host country. The host country will take care of food, lodging and local transportation for all official delegation members during the championship. Please be aware that you must travel with the delegation, so if you elect to bring your spouse, you are not authorized to travel separately in the event your spouse is unable to book the same flight. If differently, you can coordinate with the host site to arrange a separate pick-up time for your spouse. We must reiterate that you must remain at the championship throughout its entirety with the delegation. Early departures are not authorized.

4. All countries will do their best to provide adequate lodging and food but sometimes this does not measure up to American standards. Brief the team to make the best of the situation for the short duration of their visit to this country. Communicate with the other CoMs to determine if the problems are universal. If so, try to work out the issues with host nation as a group and approach the Official CISM Representative.

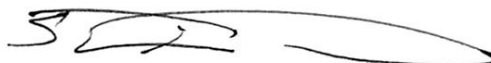
5. The appointed team captain (TC) is your action officer. That person manages all aspects of the team including travel, ensures all athletes attend required events and competitions, and coordinates with the host country point of contact in case of problems. If the team captain is unable to resolve an issue, he/she may come to you for assistance. The team captain is typically a seasoned sports professional, who has attended numerous CISM events, so please rely and consult with this person when you need to. The two of you will be an invaluable team. Please contact the TC prior to departure and preferably via phone if you are not at the same base.

6. The CoM is responsible for the conduct of delegation members. Some important areas to monitor are to ensure all members of the U.S. delegation attend all scheduled events during the championship and all members are dressed appropriately. You also have the authority (with input from the team captain and coaches) to set guidelines for team curfews and alcohol consumption. Most countries have a legal drinking age of 18. If an athlete or coach is deemed to have a disciplinary problem or is not fit for competition (i.e. does not make weight), the athlete or coach is to be sent home immediately and will be barred from participation in the Armed Forces Sports program for one year. Further guidance on this matter is found in Sec 8 of the CoM Information below.

7. A few areas of note: 1) TC has mementos for you. Memento exchange is spelled out in detail in this booklet. 2) It is common for dignitaries from other countries to ask you to host CISM Championships in the U.S. As the CoM, you do not have the authority to authorize CISM events in the United States, as there is a significant expense to hosting a world championship, and prior commitments for other sports might have already been made by the U.S. Please tell the requesting official to contact the U.S. Chief of Delegation to CISM, Mr. Steven Dinote, at 210-238-9919 or [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil). Be sure to include the request as part of your after-action report.

8. It is very important that you or the TC call or e-mail me once the Delegation gets to the host country to ensure that everyone has arrived. The host country will allow you to make official calls. Also, daily e-mail updates would be very beneficial if it can be done, since we post this on our web site. Most host countries will have an internet area set up.

9. If any questions arise prior to you going, or once at the CISM Championships you can contact me at (210) 238-9919 or via e-mail at [steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil) or [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil). Information on our program can be obtained by visiting [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov) We appreciate your time and effort and wish the best for your delegation.



STEVEN A. DINOTE  
U.S. Chief of Delegation to CISM  
U.S. Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat

## **CISM INFORMATION**

### **Brief History of CISM:**

Despite the French name, the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) is based upon an American idea. At the end of World War II, the American Commander in Chief, General Joseph McNarney was searching for a means to bridge the language and cultural barriers and bring together the widely diverse allied forces in Europe into a cohesive and cooperative force. He recalled the highly successful Allied Forces Sports Council (AFSC), which General Joseph Pershing created at the end of World War I, when faced with a similar problem. General McNarney revived the concept, and it was an instant success. Allied Forces from Western and Eastern Europe competed against each other on the playing field in perfect harmony.

In 1947 political storm clouds appeared on the horizon. Russia and other eastern countries withdrew. Then England and America withdrew. Thereafter, the AFSC rapidly disintegrated. Only a handful of nations, who had clearly seen the potential of sport bringing together the Armed Forces of the world, refused to let the idea perish.

The French Armed Forces organized a meeting, February 16-18, 1948, in the city of Nice and invited all countries interested in forming a permanent military sports association to attend. Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands participated. By the end of the meeting, statutes and regulations for a worldwide organization were drawn up and ratified. From those five “founder nations” CISM has grown into an organization of 141 nations today. This makes it the world’s biggest military organization and the second biggest sports organization next to the International Olympic Committee.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

The aim of CISM, while setting a good example in each member country, is the encouragement of military sports and the development of friendly relations between the Armed Forces of the various fields related to sport and physical fitness.

#### ***CISM:***

- Establishes permanent relations between Armed Forces for the exchange of ideas and encourage research in various fields related to sport and fitness.
- Entrusts the member nations with the organization of the numerous sport championships and meeting organized under its auspices.
- Encourages and supports all measures designed to establish and reinforce friendly relations between military participants and promote activities designed to increase understanding, mutual respect, and friendship between nations.

**CISM Motto:**

This quote from the famous French writer, Jean Giraudoux, once himself a famous military athlete, has been adopted by CISM as its official motto:

*SPORT means peace*  
*SPORT is the opposite of war*

*SPORT is the cure for war*  
*SPORT is international*  
*SPORT brings nations closer*

In summary, CISM is endeavoring to substitute the playing field for the battlefield. In the 1990's CISM shortened the CISM motto to "Friendship Through Sport."

**CISM Sports Calendar:**

Like the Olympic Games, CISM holds a Military World Games competition every four years (the year prior to the summer Olympics). The first games were held in 1995 in Rome, Italy; the 2<sup>nd</sup> games in Zagreb, Croatia (1999); the 3<sup>rd</sup> games in Catania, Italy (2003); the 4<sup>th</sup> games in Hyderabad, India (2007); the 5<sup>th</sup> games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2011); the 6<sup>th</sup> Games in Mungyeong, South Korea (2015); and the 7<sup>th</sup> Military World Games held in Wuhan, China. CISM also conducts World Military Championships in 26 different sports annually. The U.S. usually participates in the following CISM Championships, and hosts 1 World Championships each year:

**Sports Participated by the U.S. at CISM:**

**Military Sports**

Parachuting  
Shooting  
Orienteering  
Modern Pentathlon  
Archery\*

**Individual Sports**

Cycling  
Marathon  
Cross Country  
Track and Field\*  
Triathlon  
Golf  
Swimming/Lifesaving\*  
Skiing (Biathlon/Cross Country)

**Combat Sport**

Taekwondo  
Wrestling  
Judo

**Team Sports**

Basketball (M & W)  
Volleyball (M & W)  
Soccer (M & W)  
Sailing

\* Includes Para-Sports

**Official Language:**

CISM official business is conducted in English and French, the two official languages, to include presentations, publications, and meetings. Arabic and Spanish are also used at meetings if the need arises.

**Flags and Music:**

CISM has its own flag, march and anthem. The flag is white with a blue border. The CISM logo is prominently centered on the flag. Mrs. Carla Foniutti of Italy composed the anthem and the march by Lt. Commander L.S. Lawton (U.S. Navy). The march is played at all championships when the CISM flag is carried on the field. The anthem is played while the flags of participating nations are raised and lowered and all other ceremonies. It is CISM protocol for all to stand at attention during the playing of the CISM anthem and other foreign anthems. Personnel shall only salute the U.S. Flag.

**CISM Headquarters:**

The Secretary General is located at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Secretary General is Navy Captain Roberto Recchia (Italy) conducts the day-to-day activities with his staff.

**CISM Leadership:**

The member countries have elected their leadership from among qualified military officers and government civilians throughout the world. The United States CISM Chief of Delegation is Mr. Steven Dinote, who is also the Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat.

The current CISM President is Colonel Nilton Rolim from Brazil.

**CISM Sports Committee (CSC):**

Each CISM sport has an established CSC. The CSC is responsible for all technical aspects of the specific sport including rules of play, competition safety, course (competition) layout, etc. At each competition the CSC President and respective committee will ensure fair and proper competition.

## CHIEF OF MISSION INFORMATION

1. Introduction: Many of the officers selected to be CoM of the US Armed Forces teams competing in CISM competitions are new to the CISM organization. Consequently, there are many questions about items such as conditions of their stay in the host country, correct protocol, opening ceremonies, etc. Enclosed are pertinent portions CISM Administrative Regulations, to assist CoM in the efficient execution of their duties.

2. CISM Representative:

a. A CISM Board of Director member or a member of the CISM Staff is appointed to represent CISM officially at each of the events scheduled on the calendar. If, at the last moment, the Official CISM Representative (OCR) appointed to represent CISM in an event is unable to attend the event, the highest ranking CoM or in his absence, a delegate present of the nations invited will take over the representation. Be prepared to inform the CoM of this responsibility in the event they are asked to represent CISM. Ensure they are experienced in CISM.

b. If there are any problems at the Championship you and the CoM must try to work it out with the liaison assigned to your team. This person will speak English and will try to resolve the problem. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, then go to the Head of the Organizing Committee, and then finally if still not resolved, you have the authority to get the OCR involved. If this procedure is not followed, further action cannot be taken against host country by CISM. If a problem does not get resolved by the OCR, document your action and send an e-mail to the U.S. Chief of Delegation.

3. Responsible Authorities. The following authorities are responsible for the direction of a CISM competition:

- a. Official CISM Representative.
- b. Competition Organizing Committee.
- c. Technical jury.
- d. Jury of Appeal.

e. Their functions are described in detail in the technical regulations governing each competition. However, for the jury of appeal, if three (3) CISM delegates from different countries are absent, the CISM delegates present complete it.

4. Regulations Governing Competition. Unless special authorization is granted by the General Assembly, all competitions are governed by the Special Regulations established by CISM.

5. Umpire/Referee. No umpire or referee may officiate in a CISM competition unless he is carried on the register of the International Sports Association concerned, except as permitted in the Special Regulation of the sport in question. The referee or umpire should be neutral whenever possible. The U.S sends certified internationally sanctioned referees to most CISM Championships and is lauded as some of the best.

6. Opening Ceremony. Any military ceremony prescribed by the protocol of the host country will be adhered to. The CISM flag is solemnly hoisted near the flags of the participating countries. The CISM anthem is played when the CISM flag is hoisted. While the teams file by, the CISM march is being played. Depending on the protocol of the host country, opening of the competition is declared by either a high military or civilian official of the country or by the official CISM representative.

7. Closing Ceremony/Awards. According to the circumstances, the closing of a competition may either be accompanied by a military ceremony similar to the opening ceremony or may be coupled with the distribution of awards during the closing dinner.

a. CISM gold, silver, and bronze medals are presented to the athletes. If a Team trophy is won by the U.S., then you make the decision with the CoM on where it will be displayed back home and inform the AFS office. You may also elect to send the trophy to the Armed Forces Sports Office. If U.S. team wins a rotating team trophy (e.g. Modern Pent) please have country contact the AFS office. Do not agree to any shipping, since we have had problems in this area.

8. Protocol/Discipline.

a. The CoM is responsible for team discipline. During the contests, all athletes present at the sport venue are considered as equal by the referees and committees and are equal among themselves. No one may use their rank to impose their opinion in a sporting matter. The Armed Forces Sports Council approved the memos in Encl (1) of this booklet, where you as the CoM have the authority to send any U.S. participant back to their respective units. The first memo is for "Misconduct" and the second memo is for a "Combat Sport" (boxing, wrestling, taekwondo and judo) where the athlete does not meet competitive weight prior to competition.

b. Please make it a point to address the team prior to leaving for the CISM Championship, as far as what you expect out of them, as well as to be prepared for anti U.S. sentiments depending on the country where the CISM Championship is being hosted. Their behavior and conduct always should be beyond reproach since they are representing DoD, the U.S Armed Forces and their Service. Any violation that embarrasses or reflects negatively upon the United States should result in the CoM sending the individuals back to their Units as soon as possible. Please follow input and recommendations provided by Team Captains and/or call the U.S. Chief of Delegation for further input or guidance, if needed.

c. Please ensure that you and the team follow all host country and CISM protocol in the functions and abide the motto of "Friendship through Sport". It is highly advisable to attend the daily meetings.

9. Uniform. Appropriate Military uniform (winter or summer) as dictated by host country in their invitation, is always worn at opening ceremonies and normally at the closing banquet. Since Closing Ceremonies are done right after the competition, warm-ups are usually worn; otherwise, it will be the military uniform. The military uniform must be worn at any official event. Civilian clothes (issued polo shirt with khaki pants or shorts) may be worn for cultural initiatives sponsored by the host nation. See appendix (J) of the Armed Forces Sports SOP for Service equivalent uniforms.



#### 10. Delegation Security.

a. The host country is responsible for the safety of all delegations in attendance. All delegation members must receive Anti-Terrorism Level 1 and SERE 100.2 Level A training prior to OCONUS travel. These training courses are offered at <http://jkodirect.jten.mil/>. For Anti-Terrorism Level 1, search the course number JS-US007. For SERE 100.2 Level A, search J3TA-US1329. In addition, ISOPREP is now required for most COCOM's. Visit: <https://prmsglobal.prms.af.mil/prmsconv/Profile/Survey/start.aspx> to complete this requirement. ISOPREP is normally valid for one year, but some COCOM's require it every six months. Always best to update when you are planning to travel OCONUS. Those with an established profile may need to contact their security officer to verify that all information is accurate.

b. Specific country information can be found at [www.travel.state.gov/travel](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel). Click on the Consular Information Sheets to get all the info about the country where the championship is being hosted.

c. AFS office will take care of travel clearances to the host country and provide a copy with any approvals to the TC. AFS will take care of Country Clearances and take care of VISA needs if it is required for entry to a particular country. The host nation is responsible for all security measures. However, you are required to ensure you have the appropriate point of contact information for the U.S. Embassy in the host nation. The AFS will provide this information to the team captain. AFS will also provide links for mandatory training requirements for country and theater clearances.

11. Travel Uniform of Delegation. Due to operational security and safe travel practices, civilian attire is required for travel. Dress must be consistent, and all team members must adhere. Civilian attire in these circumstances shall still be professional in image, such as khaki pants, polo shirt, dress shirt, etc... Jeans are not authorized.

12. Mementos. Your TC has been issued Mementos. You will present the large memento at the appropriate ceremony (scheduled by the host country) to the Head of the host Organizing Committee. Present the issued mementos to your counterparts at the Chief of Mission Luncheon or other appropriate gathering. Exchanges are normally a one-on-one reciprocation with other countries' CoMs, and not a mass handout. Any extra mementos can be given out at the end to the key members of the Organizing Committee who you or the TC feel, went out of their way to assist the U.S. delegation. The TC has other smaller items such as pins, key chains and other items. The delegation members, including you, have been issued extra clothing items to use for exchanging. Clothing items are the most popular items to exchange, along with the pins. Just make sure that athletes do not exchange their warm-up until the closing ceremony has concluded. Warm-ups are worn at all medal ceremonies, and sometimes for closing ceremonies.

13. Program. Upon arrival, the delegations normally receive the following information material: a guide containing all necessary information for the duration of their stay, local currency info and conversion places (ATMs are normally accessible), time and place of church services. Also, meal schedules, operating hours of the Information desk, available means of transportation and schedule, and so on. Also, an envelope containing the technical program, contest schedules, composition of juries, time and place for training, and so on.

14. Housing/Food.

a. The delegations will be housed under the best conditions possible, whereby the capability of the country and the rank of the guests will be considered. Normally CoMs and Referees are housed separately from the Team Captain and athletes.

b. The food provided normally meets standards, but at times lacks variety depending on host nation.

c. All countries will do their best job possible to provide adequate lodging and food but sometimes this does not measure up to American standards. Try to make the best of the situation for the short duration of your visit to this country.

15. Medical

a. Any medical issues should be worked through your Team Trainer who will coordinate with host organizing committee POC.

b. Milder medical cases are treated in the dispensary.

c. Severe cases are treated in a hospital equipped for complete examinations.

d. A massage and general conditioning room for the athletes is normally offered.

e. Host countries will not provide treatment for anyone for an existing medical condition, but they are responsible for providing daily sick call.

16. Local Travel. The host delegation makes available all necessary transportation for delegation's travel during the championship. However, it is not obligatory to assume responsibility for private travel.

17. Arrival/Departure. Any delegation that participates in a championship must strictly adhere to the arrival and departure dates. An exception may be made due to an act of God, or where an understanding with the host delegation has been reached and, if necessary, with the Host Organizing Committee. As a rule, the arrival time is fixed 24 to 48 hours prior to the beginning of the contests and the departure time is 24 to 48 hours following the conclusion of the championship. If there are radical changes made by the host country, be sure to notify the Armed Forces Secretariat.

18. Anti-doping Testing. CISM does arbitrary test athletes for prohibitive substances similar to the Olympics. They follow the same strict guidelines as the International Olympic Committee, through the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Your TC has further information regarding the testing procedures. Ensure all athletes are aware that anything consumed, to include simple herbal teas and energy drinks, may include ingredients listed on the WADA Prohibitive Substance List. In 2011, a U.S. athlete tested positive for a stimulant found in an energy drink that was legally purchased over the counter at a national retail outlet.

19. Additional Information:

a. Contingency Check. Proponent Services should have contingency funds made available to the team captain either through cash or government purchase card. AFSCS no longer provides contingency checks to team captains due to accountability and fiscal security concerns.

b. Expenses. Each member of an Armed Forces team participating in a CISM Championship overseas receives \$3.50 per day for incidental expenses, and the appropriate JTR destination rate on travel days. The host country provides lodging, food, and transportation.

c. After Action Reports.

1) It is requirement for a CoM to compose an after action report NLT 30 days after a CISM Championship and send it to the Armed Forces Sports Secretariat. This can be combined as one report with the TC or separate reports can be submitted. The report should outline your experience, any problems encountered, and a synopsis of the championship. They can be sent via e-mail to the Armed Forces Sports Secretariat with all the pertinent information. The Armed Forces Sports Secretariat will ensure that it will be disseminated to all interested parties, to include the U.S. Chief of Delegation, and highlight items in the report that warrant his attention.

2) It is very important that the TC send the Armed Forces Sports Secretariat the full details of the championship (a story), and any action photos with cut lines identifying our athletes (by name, rank and service) that can forwarded to Public Affairs and service sports officers within 2 or 3 working days after getting back home.

**Enclosures:**

**Armed Forces Sports Council Memos (Encl 1)**

**Duties Checklist (Encl 2):**

The checklist is a tool the team captain uses to ensure all important duties are completed. A copy is furnished for your information.

**After Action Report (Encl 3):**

The team captain is responsible for completing and submitting an after action reports following a championship. A report should be completed within NLT 30 days after the championship.

**Enclosure 1 - Memos**

**MEMORANDUM FOR**-----  
(Participant's Commander)

**SUBJECT: Misconduct of Participant at International Military Sports Championship.**

1. During the ----- CISM-----in -----,  
(year) (name of championship) (location of championship)  
(participant's name, rank and service) engaged in inappropriate activities (details outlined in the attached page.

2. After carefully reviewing the facts with the Coaches and Team Captain, I determined that a breach of duty to uphold good order and discipline occurred. As a result of this breach, the decision was made to remove (him/her) from further participation in this championship.

-----departed on ----- to return to duty station.  
(participant's name) (Date)

3. In accordance with the Armed Forces Sports Council rules, -----  
(participant's name)  
will be barred from participating in the Armed Forces Sports program for one year. Individual service may impose a more harsh punishment.

4. It is disappointing that -----failed to conduct (himself/herself) in an  
(participant's name)  
appropriate manner. In addition to letting down the team, and all the individuals who worked hard in support of this athlete's attendance at the championship, it also caused an unnecessary expenditure of funds, and reflected poorly upon the Armed Forces and the United States.

5. For more information on this incident please contact the undersigned at -----  
----- .  
(phone and e-mail)

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Chief of Mission Name, Rank & Service  
(Print, Sign and Date)

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Signed Acknowledgement of receipt of memo from Participant (Print, Sign and Date)

**Email a copy of the memo to U.S. Chief of Delegation at [steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil).**

**Enclosure 1 - Memos**

**MEMORANDUM FOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Athlete's Commander)

**SUBJECT: Early Return of Athlete from International Military Sports Championship.**

1. During the \_\_\_\_\_ CISM \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_,  
(year) (name of championship) (location of championship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(athlete's name, rank and service) did not meet competitive weight in a combat sport (boxing, wrestling, taekwondo, judo) prior to competition. It was verified by the Team Trainer that failing to make weight was **not** due to any medical reasons.

2. After carefully reviewing the facts with the Coaches, Team Captain, and Team Trainer the athlete is to return to duty station, and barred from participating in the Armed Forces Sports program for one year, in accordance with Armed Forces Sports Council rules. Individual service may impose a more harsh punishment.

\_\_\_\_\_ departed on \_\_\_\_\_ to return to duty station.  
(athlete's name) (Date)

3. It is disappointing that \_\_\_\_\_ failed to meet the competitive weight  
(athlete's name)  
standard, that (he/she) knew of well in advance. In addition to letting down the team, and all the individuals who worked hard in support of this athlete's attendance at the championship, it also caused an unnecessary expenditure of funds, and reflected poorly upon the Armed Forces and the United States.

4. For more information on this incident please contact the undersigned at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(phone and e-mail)

Chief of Mission Name, Rank & Service  
(Print, Sign and Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Acknowledgement of receipt of memo from Participant (Print, Sign and Date)

**Email a copy of the memo to U.S. Chief of Delegation at [steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil).**

ENCLOSURE 2 – PLANNING CHECKLIST

UNITED STATES CISM SUGGESTED CHECKLIST

All items may not be applicable to your mission. If there are any items that are not clear, please contact the AFS Office

**1. Planning Factors - (prior to departure)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ TDY/TAD Orders (proper endorsements from all services).  
\*Include the statement "Excess Baggage Authorized"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immunization Records (Only if required for host nation).
- \_\_\_\_\_ AFSCS fax or e-mail for disseminating results.
- \_\_\_\_\_ CISM Mementos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ U.S Flag and Anthem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the host nation invitation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordination of travel info with all team members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participant notification of Anti-Doping Regulations and signature on form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Level I Anti-Terrorism briefing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate military uniforms and khaki slacks (all of the delegation).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplies for team trainer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Passport requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Compile a list of departure times from host nation to be turned into liaison at championship

**2. Meeting With Team Prior to Departure:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pass out CISM mementos and athletic apparel to athletes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brief on conduct and appearance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wearing of proper attire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of all applicable higher level forms (Team Capt retains all forms for the duration of the championship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safeguard of orders, valuables and issue items (these things are stolen if individuals don't keep a close eye on them).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensures that each member of the delegation has Padlock or combination lock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring towels, soap, and basic toiletries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety briefing on Host Country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that Flag Bearer for opening ceremonies is selected by the team.

**3. Arrival at Destination**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Call U.S. Chief of Delegation to confirm team arrival 210-238-9919 or e-mail [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Familiarize yourself with lodging, dining hall, training facilities, etc.

**4. During the Championship**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical check on status of team on a daily basis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend daily TC meetings and relay info to delegation as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that team is at proper locations and dressed as mandated by host nation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain contact with TC and referees.

**5. Preparation for Departure from Host Nation**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that everyone has flight itineraries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collect Flag and anthem from host nation POC
- \_\_\_\_\_ All are aware of billet clearing procedures and departure times and pick up points provided by host nation

**6 . Return to CONUS**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Final recap with action pics to AFSCS within 3 working days after championship**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete After action report to U.S. Chief of Delegation within 30 days and can coordinate with TC if joint AAR.

ENCLOSURE 3 – AFTER ACTION REPORT

**CISM/National Championship  
After Action Report**

Event Name:

Date:

Host Site:

Team Captain:

Phone:

- Attach roster of Armed Forces Team (full name, rank, service, duty station)
- Schedule of events
- Scores of all competitions
- Final team and/or individual standings
- Event Summary (Bullets) – Covering such areas as:
  - Total Attendance
  - VIPs attending
  - Problems Encountered
  - Suggestions or recommendations

It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that the after action reports is completed in a thorough fashion and forwarded to the AFSCS within 30 days.

**Forward after action report to U.S. Chief of Delegation:**

[steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) and [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil)





## **SERVICE UNIFORMS FOR CISM COMPETITION**

<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>SUMMER</u></b>	<b><u>WINTER</u></b>
Army	Army Service Class B w/ Short Sleeves	Army Service Uniform (Class A)
Marine Corps	Service C: Green Trouser w/short sleeve	Service A: Green Trousers with long sleeve blouse (tan), tie/tab coat, ribbons & shooting badges
Navy	Officers and CPO's Summer Whites w/short sleeves, E1-6, Crackerjacks	Service Dress Blues
Air Force	Service Uniform "Blues" w/short sleeves (ribbons and functional badges optional)	Service Dress
Space Force	Service Uniform w/short sleeves (ribbons and functional badges optional)	Service Dress
Coast Guard	Tropical Blue w/short sleeves	Service Dress Blue

### **NOTES:**

- (1) Female personnel may wear skirt or pants
- (2) Summer or Winter wear may change subject to the Official CISM Invitation
- (3) Type of Hat/Cover as directed by senior military Service member or Service sports office.
- (4) Marine Corps participants shall wear the Garrison Cover for all events.
- (5) Space Force uniforms are not fully finalized. Until further notice, this guide will reference Space Force uniforms to reflect current Air Force patterns.



## ATHLETE ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION AND DECLARATION FORM

1. Doping controls will be conducted at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Military World Championships in accordance with WADA (World Anti-Doping Association) International Standards. Doping is defined as the use of prohibited substances or prohibited methods designed to enhance sporting performance and can be intentional or unintentional. All medalists and several random participants in each sport will be testing during the MWG. This is the same testing that is conducted at the Olympic Games and other international championships. Many of our national and world class athletes are already familiar with WADA and the list of prohibited substances and methods. Details can be found at the following websites: WADA, [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) or the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), [www.usantidoping.org](http://www.usantidoping.org). USADA provides anti-doping information, education and assistance to all athletes and generously supports U.S. Armed Forces Sports.

2. A positive doping test, even if accidental, comes with serious consequences. A positive test will result in a sanction, to include possible automatic disqualification from the competition, a return of medals won (including team sport medals), a ban from CISM competition for at least 2 years, probable suspension from the athlete's International Sport Federation, and even fines. Each athlete is responsible for what is put into his or her body and is responsible for ensuring that he or she is not taking any prohibited substances.

### 3. What are Prohibited Substances?

a. Prohibited substances are those considered to have performed enhancing capacity. These are listed in their entirety on the WADA 2022 Prohibited List, on the USADA and WADA websites. It is best to check for the most recent versions as they may change during the year.

b. Classes of prohibited substances include anabolic steroids; diuretics; IV fluids; hormones (other than birth control); and beta-2 agonists for asthma (except albuterol and salmeterol as above). Substances prohibited only in-competition include corticosteroids taken orally, rectally or by injection; stimulants (such as those used for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder); narcotics (strong pain relievers like Percocet); marijuana and alcohol; and beta-blockers.

c. Prohibited substances may be used for legitimate medical purposes only after obtaining a Therapeutic Use Exemption through USADA (see below for more details).

### 4. How do I determine if my prescription or over the counter medications are prohibited?

a. Go to the Global Drug Reference Online (DRO) <http://www.globaldro.com>. This interactive search tool tells athletes if their medications are prohibited or permitted. It is anonymous; simply select your sport and list your medication. You will get an immediate response along with a reference number documenting the encounter. Write this number down and keep it for future reference.

b. Note: supplements/herbals/energy drinks are not included in the DRO as these are "take at your own risk" substances. See below for more information on supplements.

c. Call the USADA Drug Reference Line during business hours at 800-233-0393 or 719-785-2020. You can also send an e-mail to [drugreference@usantidoping.org](mailto:drugreference@usantidoping.org).

d. For further assistance, you can contact the Armed Forces Sports Secretariat at [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil) or 210-238-9919.

## 5. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

a. A TUE is a waiver which gives an athlete permission to use a prohibited medication in order to treat a legitimate medical condition. It must be obtained prior to competition and can take 1-2 months to obtain. A TUE is good for a specified period (max 4 years) and must be brought to competitions and presented at the time of drug testing. All military athletes taking a prohibited substance must have an approved TUE prior to the CISM Event. Contact the Drug Reference Online or the AFSCS office if you are uncertain if you need a TUE.

b. All US athletes are encouraged to submit their application directly to USADA, even though in some instances the international federation is the granting body for the TUE. USADA has special arrangements with the international federations such that we receive all TUE applications. USADA will interact with the national and international sporting bodies on behalf of the athlete. Download forms and instructions from USADA, [www.usada.org/substances/tue/](http://www.usada.org/substances/tue/).

c. Athletes may apply for a CISM TUE through the Armed Forces Sports Council Secretariat Office, using the CISM TUE Application Form. The Armed Forces Sports – Sports Medicine Advisory Team may assist in providing the necessary assistance to ensure that the application is completed appropriately.

1) This form is available on the Armed Forces Sports website. Applications must be submitted 30-days prior to the CISM Championship. This process is easier for athletes than applying through USADA. However, for athletes that compete internationally outside of CISM, the CISM TUE is only applicable for CISM competitions. Therefore, applying through USADA is preferred.

2) If athletes are administered a medication that is on the prohibitive list for medical purposes within the 30-day period leading up to the CISM Championship, the athlete must immediately contact the U.S. Chief of Delegation to start the TUE application.

d. CISM TUE applications may be applied for retroactively when there is insufficient time or opportunity to submit the application. In such cases, it is necessary to inform the Doping Control Agent that you have been taking the prescribed medication (substance) and that you either have submitted or plan to submit a retroactive CISM TUE application.

e. All CISM TUE applications are submitted to the CISM TUE Commission for approval. Once approved, the U.S. Chief of Delegation shall inform the athlete, team captain, coach and the medical team that the athlete has an approved TUE and is authorized to participate in competition.

6. What substances are permitted? Many standard prescriptions and over the counter medications are permitted. This includes anti-inflammatory medications (such as Aspirin, Motrin, Tylenol, Naprosyn), antihistamines (such as Benadryl, Allegra, Zyrtec, Claritin), birth control pills, and antibiotics. Acid reflux and ulcer medications (such as Prevacid, Zantac, etc.), muscle relaxants (such as Flexeril), and most anti-depressant medications (such as Paxil and Zoloft) are also permitted. For asthma, inhaled albuterol and salmeterol and inhaled corticosteroids are permitted, but albuterol has urine concentration limits. Phenylephrine, phenylpropanolamine, and pseudoephedrine (decongestants found in many cold preparations) are now permitted—but pseudoephedrine also has urine concentration limits. Topical corticosteroids, including nasal allergy preparations (Nasonex or Flonase), eye or ear drops, or creams, are permitted. See the Global Drug Reference Online (DRO) to check your medication, as the medication may not be permitted in certain concentrations or in different sports.

## 7. What about Supplements, Amino Acids, Herbals, Energy Drinks, and Vitamins?

a. If you take these products, it is **AT YOUR OWN RISK** of a positive test and a doping violation. Many of these products contain prohibited substances. These products are **NOT** regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, so there is no guarantee that the list of ingredients on the label is accurate, or that their claims of performance are substantiated. Many of these products have dangerous side effects, which are compounded if taken at more than the recommended dosage or in combination with other similar products.

b. Even if there do not appear to be any prohibited substances listed on the label, the product may contain additional ingredients or contaminants that may be prohibited and result in a positive test. There is currently no guarantee that any supplement, including vitamins, amino acids or herbal preparations, is free from prohibited substances. Please see [www.usada.org/substances/supplement-411/](http://www.usada.org/substances/supplement-411/) for additional supplement information.

c. Understand that even if you legally purchase a product at a recognized national store used for working out and are not necessarily designed for competitions subject to WADA. Many products openly state that their product will result in a failed doping test if consumed. In addition, the product warnings are buried in their literature and often missed. It is your responsibility to know what ingredients are ingested in your own body. This also applies to energy drinks. When in doubt, consult your team medical staff or the Armed Forces Sports Office.

d. To make certain you understand the notes above, at the 2011 World Military Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a U.S. Athlete tested positive for a stimulant on the WADA Prohibitive Substance List. The athlete ingested an energy drink purchased at a national outlet store. The athlete failed to read the ingredients or alert the medical staff because the athlete assumed that the drink was safe because it was purchased over the counter and the athlete did not consider energy drinks a supplement. Keep in mind that any product consumed that is designed to provide any advantage, whether it is additional energy, muscle recovery, or any other affect, is considered a supplement and must be reported to the medical team before the CISM Championship.

### References:

1. 2025 WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Methods  
<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list-documents>
2. WADA: [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)
3. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA): [www.usantidoping.org/](http://www.usantidoping.org/)
4. Global Drug Reference Online: [www.globaldro.com](http://www.globaldro.com)
6. TUE instructions and form: [www.usada.org/substances/tue/](http://www.usada.org/substances/tue/)



**Affirmation:**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above the Athlete Anti-Doping Education and Declaration Form. I understand that I will be subjected to doping controls at the CISM Championship, and that any medications/supplements I may be taking I do so at my own risk. If I require the use of prohibited substances to treat medical conditions, I understand the requirement to obtain an approved TUE in advance of the competition. I must bring any TUE with me to the CISM Championship and will be required to present it at the time of testing. If I fail to alert the medical staff of any products consumed and fail a doping test, I will be subject to sanctions from international competition, action by the Armed Forces Sports Council/Working Group, and action by my command through the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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# Anti-Doping

Information for Athletes, Coaches  
and Team Captains



# Background

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- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established in 1999 and its code was developed to harmonize anti-doping rules and sanctions on a worldwide basis.
- The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) began operations in 2000 following the recommendation by the United States Olympic Committee's (USOC) Select Task Force on Externalization that an independent agency be created to uphold the Olympic ideal of true sport on behalf of the nation's Olympic and Paralympic movement.
- Armed Forces Athletes are subject to anti-doping testing per the WADA code when competing at Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Championships.



# Definition of Doping:

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- **Doping, as defined by the Code, is the occurrence of one or more of the following anti-doping rule violations:**
  - Presence of a *Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample*.
  - *Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method*.
  - Refusing or failing without compelling justification to submit to *Sample collection* after notification as authorized in applicable anti-doping rules, or otherwise evading *Sample collection*.
  - Violation of applicable requirements regarding *Athlete availability for Out-of-Competition Testing including failure to file required whereabouts information* and missed tests which are declared based on rules which comply with the *International Standard for Testing*. Any combination of three missed tests and/or filing failures within an eighteen-month period as determined by Anti-Doping Organizations with jurisdiction over the *Athlete shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation*.





# Definition of Doping – cont'd

- *Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control.*
- *Possession of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.*
- *Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.*
- *Administration or Attempted administration to any Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Method or Prohibited Substance, or administration or Attempted administration to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Method or any Prohibited Substance that is prohibited Out-of-Competition, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation or any Attempted anti-doping rule violation.*



# Responsibility

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- ***Due to the principle of strict liability, an athlete is personally responsible for any prohibited substance found in his/her system, regardless of how the substance got there.***
  - ***Not being aware that a product contained a prohibitive substance is no excuse. Athletes must understand that all products consumed may contain prohibitive substances. Athletes must research the products they consume or ask their medical professional for assistance.***
- ***All athletes are required to complete the CISM Athlete Consent Form, authorizing CISM to conduct anti-doping screening. Failure to complete the form will result in disqualification of competition and considered a violation of the Athlete Code of Conduct.***



# Case Study

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- At the 2011 CISM Military World Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a member of the USA team sport delegation tested positive for a prohibitive substance. The athlete consumed a popular energy drink, which was purchased from a retail nutritional store on the installation. The product contained the ingredient Methylhexanamine, which was added to the WADA prohibitive substance list in 2010.
- The athlete read and signed the anti-doping declaration forms provided to him by the medical staff prior to departing to the CISM Military World Games. In addition, he did not disclose any supplements he was taking. The athlete claimed that he was not aware that energy drinks or multi-vitamins were considered supplements. Moreover, he was not aware that the product contained any banned substances.



# Case Study – cont'd

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- Had the athlete indicated that he was taking the product to the medical staff or visited the product's website, he would have known that the product did not comply with the WADA code. The product's website clearly states that if an athlete is competing at an event and subject to WADA or NCAA anti-doping testing, they will fail. In addition, the Medical staff would have immediately known that Methylhexanamine was on the prohibitive substance list.
- Methylhexanamine, also known as dimethylamylamine (DMAA), is a dietary supplement and simple aliphatic amine used as a nasal decongestant. It is a stimulant and often used with caffeine to gain energy. Please visit <http://hprc-online.org/> for a complete list of products that contain DMAA as well as learn more about the supplements you are taking.



# Case Study – cont'd

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- The athlete's failure to research the product was no excuse per the WADA code. All athletes are responsible for every product they consume, regardless if they were aware or not of the product's ingredients. Many supplements are not monitored by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and are not required to fully list the complete ingredients. When in doubt, ask your medical professional.
- The athlete assumed that products sold at retail stores would not contain ingredients that were banned on the WADA prohibitive substance list. This assumption led to a positive doping violation.
- Keep in mind, supplements purchased at retail stores are completely legal and pose no threat to one's health when used as directed. However, many of the products contained ingredients on the WADA prohibitive substance list. Most responsible products have warnings on the label or their website describing whether or not the product complies with NCAA or WADA anti-doping rules.



# Case Study – Results

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- The result of the athlete's error in judgment and lack of knowledge:
  - The athlete fully admitted to consuming the product to the CISM Discipline Commission, acknowledging that his lack of awareness was no excuse and he assumed all responsibility and the ruling determined by the Discipline Commission. In addition, the athlete has been actively educating other athletes of the incident.
  - The letter submitted by the athlete and his full cooperation and acceptance of responsibility of the incident sent a positive message to the Discipline Commission. Therefore, the CISM Discipline Commission issued the following sanction:
    - 1-year ban from CISM competition per the WADA Code. The WADA Code also prohibits any athlete from training and competing with his club or other sport. In other words, the athlete was banned for one-year in competing with the U.S. Armed Forces team of any sport as well as competing at the Armed Forces Championship of any sport.



# Prohibitive Substances

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- ***How does a substance or method get placed on the Prohibited List?***
  - Typically, a substance or method is considered for the WADA Prohibited List if the substance or method meets any two of the following three criteria:
    - It has the potential to enhance or enhances sport performance
    - It represents an actual or potential health risk to the athlete
    - It violates the spirit of sport
  - None of the three criteria alone is sufficient to add a substance or method to the List.
- ***NOTE: This Prohibited List is updated annually and is subject to change.***
  - *For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.usada.org/prohibited-list](http://www.usada.org/prohibited-list).*



# Stimulants

- *The primary medical use of these compounds is to treat conditions such as Attention Deficit Disorders, asthma, narcolepsy, and obesity.*
- **What are some potential side effects and health risks of stimulants?**
- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Weight loss
- Dependence and addiction
- Dehydration
- Tremors
- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Increased risk of stroke, heart attack, and cardiac arrhythmia
- **What about over-the-counter products containing stimulants?**
- Prohibited stimulants are often present in over-the-counter products such as nasal sprays, diet aids, and headache/cold remedies. The prohibited substance pseudoephedrine is commonly found in cold and flu medications. Athletes should ensure they do not take medications with pseudoephedrine during or immediately prior to competition. Dietary supplements, which can be purchased over-the-counter can contain prohibited stimulants like methylhexanamine and oxilofrine also known as methylsynephrine). *Be sure to to check Global Drug Reference Online [www.GlobalDRO.com](http://www.GlobalDRO.com), the Wallet Card, or call Athlete Express (719) 785-2000 or Toll-Free (866) 601-2632 or email [athleteexpress@usada.org](mailto:athleteexpress@usada.org) for more information.*





# What to do if you are on medication?

- Immediately notify Armed Forces Sports, who will direct you to our Sports Medicine Advisory Team to assist in researching your medications.
- Armed Forces Sports will assist in preparing the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) form, which needs to be completed at a minimum of 30-days prior to the CISM championship. Exceptions may be granted if a medication was administered for medical purposes within this 30-day window prior to competition.
- Your medical professional can assist you. There are many cases where athletes are prescribed medications that contained prohibitive substances. You can only obtain the TUE if you fully disclose all products you are consuming. **Supplements will never meet the requirements!!**



# Resources

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- USADA
  - <http://www.usada.org/resources>
  - <http://hprc-online.org>
- WADA
  - <http://www.wada-ama.org/>
- Armed Forces Sports Office
  - [www.armedforcessports.defense.gov](http://www.armedforcessports.defense.gov)
  - 210-238-9919
  - [steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil](mailto:steven.a.dinote.naf@army.mil); [theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil](mailto:theresa.l.smith102.naf@army.mil)





**FUNDING LIMITS**  
**FOR PROJECT OFFICERS PURCHASING COMPETITIVE UNIFORMS**  
**FOR CISM AND NATIONALS**  
*(Revised 10 Nov 22)*

<b><i>SPORT (Roster limit for competitors)</i></b>	<b><i>DOLLAR LIMIT NTE</i></b>	<b><i>APPAREL (Should always purchase 2-3 extra for sizing)</i></b>	<b><i>SUGGESTED SOURCES</i></b>
CROSS COUNTRY (6 Men/ 6 women)	\$200 per athlete	Following World Athletics Regulations - One Singlet and Short set.	Nike Adidas Major team vendor
CYCLING (ROAD) (8 Men/ 4 women 2 time trial)	\$680 per athlete	Following UCI Regulations – one Cycling Suit (top and shorts) (Individually sized based upon team composition)	TBD
GOLF (6 men/ 3 women)	\$6,800/Total	Golf Shirts, Windshirts, Golf Bags, Pants	Adidas/Nike/Ping/etc...  Local Pro  (Participants furnish own pants)
JUDO (Maximum) 9 men/9 women	\$450/per athlete	Following IJF Regulations, two Judo gis. Individually sized based upon team composition	
MARATHON (4 Men/ 4 women)	\$200 per athlete	Following World Athletics Regulations - One Singlet and Short set.	Nike Adidas Major team vendor
MEN'S BASKETBALL (12)	\$8,000/total	Following FIBA Regulations - Jersey and Trunks set in 2 colors (Home and Away), and 1 Shooting Shirt  Practice Jersey and trunks (reversible)	Major team vendor  Adidas  Nike
MEN'S SOCCER (21)	\$8,000/total	Following FIFA Regulations - Jersey and short set in 2 colors (maybe one long sleeve if cold weather), soccer socks to match uniforms, keeper uniforms.	Adidas Nike Under Armor Local Vendor

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (12)	\$4,000	Following FIVB Regulations - Jersey and Short set in two colors	Nike Adidas Under Armor Major team vendor
MEN'S SOFTBALL (17)	\$10,000	Following USA Softball Regulations - Jersey and pants sets in 2 colors, practice jersey, matching cap/visor	Adidas Major team vendor
SAILING (Team size dependent upon craft used)	\$500/ person	Following World Sailing Regulations – Shirt/short set and personal floatation device. Individually sized based upon team composition.	Major team vendor
SWIMMING (Maximum) 12 M/6 W Swim 4M/2 W Diving 2M/2 W Lifesave	NTE \$500 swimmer	Following FINA Regulations - Appropriate Swimming gear. Individually sized based upon team composition	Speedo  TYR
TAEKWONDO (8 men 8 women)	\$300/ person	Following World Taekwondo Regulations – Two Dobok (Unisex), competitive style, white with Black v-neck.	Century Kwon
TRIATHLON (6 men/ 6 women/ 5 masters)	\$600/ person	Following World Triathlon Regulations – one tri top and short set (Unisex) (one or two piece.	Major team vendor
TRACK & FIELD (Maximum 20 total)	NTE \$200 per athlete	Following World Athletics Regulations - Singlets/Running Shorts. Individually sized based upon team composition.	Nike Adidas Major Team vendor
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (12)	\$8,000/total	Following FIBA Regulations - Jersey and Trunks set in 2 colors (Home and Away), and 1 Shooting Shirt  Practice Jersey and trunks (reversible)	Major team vendor  Adidas  Nike
WOMEN'S SOCCER (18)	\$8,000/total	Following FIFA Regulations - Jersey and short set in 2 colors (maybe one long sleeve if cold weather), soccer socks to match uniforms, keeper uniforms.	Adidas Nike Under Armor Local Vendor

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (12)	\$4,000	Following FIVB Regulations - Jersey and Short set in two colors	Nike Adidas Under Armor Major team vendor
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (17)	\$10,000	Following USA Softball Regulations - Jersey and pants sets in 2 colors, practice jersey, matching cap/visor	Adidas Major team vendor
WRESTLING (10/10/10)	\$170/per athlete	Following UWW Regulations - Two set of singlets – one Red and one Blue. Individually sized based upon team composition.	USA Wrestling

NOTE: COLD WEATHER GEAR AND SPORTS NOT LISTED WILL BE PURCHASED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS WITH APPROVAL BY WG MEMBERS.



## Armed Forces and CISM Flag and Marching Protocol

### Armed Forces Championships:

Service Branch Flag protocol when presenting colors from all six branches:



During Armed Forces Championships, Service teams shall march in the following order: Army, Marine Corps, Navy (with Coast Guard when combined team), Air Force (with Space Force when combined team), Space Force (when competing as Space Force-only) and Coast Guard (when competing as Coast Guard-only). The host Service shall always march in last despite the order listed above.

### CISM Championships:

During CISM Championships, U.S. Armed Forces team members shall march by their respective Service branch in the following order from first to last: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.



## Proponent Service Responsibilities (CISM Only Sports)

Serving as a proponent Service for CISM Sports indicates that Service is responsible for the planning, development, promotion, and logistical support of the sport they are assigned to.

For example, the host Service is responsible for the following actions leading up to a CISM Championship:

1. Verifies the dates/location of the sport both in the short and long term. CISM forecasts their calendar 2-3 years out. Verification with Armed Forces Sports can set short and long term goals.
2. Create an action plan to select coaches and staff (team captain, medical, etc...). Includes coordination with other Services to make a selection announcement if personnel has not already been identified. Proponent Service is responsible for selecting the Chief of Mission, Team Captain, and medical personnel. If the proponent Service is unable to secure these positions, then the proponent Service will coordinate with the Armed Forces Sports Office and/or the other Service branches. All final rosters are contingent on the official invitational file from the host nation.
3. Set goals for the coaching staff and empower them to coordinate with the national governing body to promote the U.S. Armed Forces team to seek qualified military personnel competing in the respective sport.
4. Build a schedule to open the application process for coaches/athletes/staff with the other Services. Establish deadlines for completed applications, submission of APACS country/theater clearance requirements, and submission of the preliminary and final agreements.
5. Build a budget for the purchase of competitive uniforms, flights, per diem, training camps, and other necessary logistics/supplies pertinent to the respective sport. Ensure the budget is relayed to the other Services, as all expenses are charged to the Services based on their respective athletes/staff members.
6. Manage the logistics for the sending the U.S. Armed Forces Team to the CISM Championship. Includes booking airfare, providing per diem, purchasing supplies/equipment, and arranging lodging for training camps and/or staging areas prior to departure to the CISM Championship.
7. Coordinate with Armed Forces Sports Office to submit APACS country/theater clearance spreadsheet and ensure all team members have completed the required trainings and have the appropriate documentation (passport/visa).
8. Coordinate with Armed Forces Sports Office to complete the preliminary and final agreements to the host nation to ensure that the U.S. Delegation is represented at the CISM Championship.
9. Report the results of the U.S. Delegation throughout the competition and provide pictures/details necessary for social media and website publications highlighting the U.S. Team.
10. Continue to promote the respective sport throughout the year ensuring long term sustainability and success. As the proponent Service, it is vital to take ownership of the program.



## Proponent Service Responsibilities (Higher Level Sports After Armed Forces Championships)

The Proponent Service for U.S. Armed Forces Teams advancing to higher-level competition such as the U.S. National Championships, CISM, and the SHAPE International Basketball Tournament assumes the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Verifies the dates/location of the higher-level competition, travel requirements, entry requirements, and roster size with the Armed Forces Sports Office.
2. Proponent Service is responsible for selecting the Chief of Mission, Team Captain, and medical personnel. If the proponent Service is unable to secure these positions, then the proponent Service will coordinate with the Armed Forces Sports Office and/or the other Service branches. All final rosters are contingent on the official invitational file from the tournament director and/or host nation.
3. Establish deadlines and coordinate with Armed Forces Sports Office for the submission of APACS country/theater clearance requirements and traveling overseas, and submission of the preliminary and final agreements when competing in CISM Championships.
4. Build a budget for the purchase of competitive uniforms, flights, per diem, training camps, entry fees, and other necessary logistics/supplies pertinent to the respective sport. Ensure the budget is relayed to the other Services, as all expenses are charged to the Services based on their respective athletes/staff members.
5. Manage the logistics for the sending the U.S. Armed Forces Team to the higher-level competition. Includes booking airfare to the championship and return to duty station, providing per diem, purchasing supplies/equipment, and arranging the training camps and/or staging areas prior to departure to the event.
6. Report the results of the U.S. Armed Forces team throughout the competition and provide pictures/details necessary for social media and website publications highlighting the U.S. Team.
7. Ensure all expenses are properly accounted for and billed to the Services in the prescribed time per the SOP.



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