Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT: Participation in International Sports Competitions

References: (a) 10 USC 716
(b) 37 USC 256a
(c) DoD Directive 1330.4, subject as above, September 4, 1954 (hereby cancelled)

I. REISSUANCE

This directive prescribes Department of Defense policy regarding the participation of Armed Forces personnel in International sports competitions. This policy has particular reference to participation in THE CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU SPORT MILITAIRE (CISM), Pan American and Olympic Games. Reference (c) is hereby cancelled.

II. POLICY

A. Reference (a) authorized the Secretary of Defense to permit members of the Armed Forces to train for, attend, and participate in the Pan American Games and Olympic Games, and any other International competition in amateur sports, if the Secretary of State determines that the interest of the United States will be served by participation in that competition. The support of the CISM organization and participation has the approval of the Secretary of State.

B. The primary training responsibility of the Department of Defense is the training of personnel for the Armed Forces. In view of the significance attached to full and adequate representation in International sports competitions, the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, consistent with this primary training responsibility, will provide opportunity for Armed Forces personnel who volunteer to train for and compete in authorized International sports competitions.
III. PROCEDURES

A. The Interservice Sports Council, established by Joint Agreement dated November 21, 1947, will serve as the liaison, coordinating and advisory agency for the Armed Forces in International sports competitions with specific responsibility for the annual program, recruiting and budgeting of participation in the CISM. The proceedings of the Interservice Sports Council will be subject to review by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

B. If selected to represent the United States in nonmilitary International competition, Armed Forces personnel will be equipped, transported, and subsisted by the sponsoring agency (United States Olympic Committees, etc.) in the same manner as are civilian members of the team.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. Assignments. Armed Forces personnel who are selected to participate may be placed on duty at such places and for such periods of time as are necessary:

1. To train for and participate in the CISM, the Pan American Games, Olympic Games and other authorized International sports competitions.

2. For planning, observing, or coordinating matters pertaining to authorized International sports competitions.

B. Training. Suitable specialized training will be provided separately or jointly by the services for those members of the Armed Forces qualified to compete in authorized International sports competitions.

C. Allowances. Reference (b) applies.

D. Apportionment of Funds. The Interservice Sports Council shall govern apportionment between the military services of the money authorized to be expended by reference (a), based upon anticipated extent of participation by the various services. The CISM funding will be a separate action by the council on an annual basis.

V. IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective immediately. Implementing regulations of the military departments will be forwarded to reach the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) not later than 60 days from the effective date of this directive.

Deputy Secretary of Defense