



**International Military Sports Council
United States of America Delegation**



INVITATION FILE

14th CISM World Military Golf Championship

2023



***1-8 October , Naval Base San Diego
San Diego, California USA***

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“Friendship through Sport”



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Subject: 14th CISM WORLD MILITARY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: 1-8 October 2023

On behalf of the U.S. Armed Forces Sports Council and the U.S. Department of Defense, it is with great pleasure that the United States of America is hereby inviting your Nation to participate in the 14th CISM World Military Golf Championship which will be held at Naval Base San Diego located in San Diego, California, USA, from 1-8 October 2023.

This invitation includes all necessary administrative details, schedules and deadlines.

It is our sincere wish that your delegation will be able to participate in this exciting event.

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Dinote', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Steven DINOTE
United States Chief of Delegation to CISM

ENCLOSED:

- Distribution List;
- Program;
- General Information;
- Annex 1 - Preliminary Agreement;
- Annex 2a - Final Entry – Composition of the Mission;
- Annex 2b – Final Entry – Commitment by the Chief of Mission;
- Annex 3 – Final Entry – Travel data.



1. DISTRIBUTION LIST

- a. CISM Governing Bodies
 - President of CISM
 - Official CISM Representative
 - The concerned Continental Vice-President
 - CISM Secretary General
 - The concerned Chief(s) of Liaison Office(s)
 - President and Members of CISM Sport Committee
 - Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors

- b. To the Chiefs of Delegation of CISM Member Nations:

2. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE.

- a. Only CISM active member nations have the right to participate in the 14th CISM World Military Golf Championship.

- b. Inactive member nations intending to take part in the event, must pay their annual membership fee before the final entry deadline established by the Organizing Committee of the world military championship. If the membership fee is not paid, the inactive delegation will not be authorized to take part in the event.

3. GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

DATE	ACTIVITY
Oct 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of Missions
Oct 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Round • Preliminary Meeting; Team Captains' Meeting • Opening Ceremony
Oct 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition – First Round • Team Captains' Meeting
Oct 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition – Second Round • Team Captains' Meeting
Oct 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition – Third Round • Team Captains' Meeting
Oct 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition – Final Round • Medals Ceremony • Closing Ceremony and Banquet
Oct 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Day
Oct 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure of Missions

Access to the tournament course prior to 2 Oct will not be allowed.



4. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION:

a. Each nation may enter one team into the competition. The maximum size of the mission is:

Representative/Participants	
Chief of Mission	1
Team Manager/Captain	1
Women Golfers	3
Men Golfers	6
Para-Golfer *	1
Total	12

b. The 14th CISM Golf Championship will introduce Para-Golf as an exhibition competition. Due to logistical limitations to provide adequate accommodations, the tournament is limited to a maximum of six (6) total Para-Golfers. Priority will be given to nations by order in which their preliminary and final agreements have been received. In the event less than six Para-Golfers have been identified, nations will be authorized to bring additional Para-Golfers.

c. All missions may compete in the individual Men and Women’s competitions. Missions may include two (2) male professional players and one (1) female professional player within the composition. No additional member may be included in the mission without special authorization from the organizing nation. Further details are found in the CISM Regulations article 7.22.

d. CISM Golf Sports Committee members will not count against their nation’s composition of the mission.

e. Only active duty military personnel are authorized to compete in the competitions (CISM Regulations, Art. 7.23, item A).

5. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition format (CISM Golf Regulation 2020) will be used based upon the number of participating teams. Regulations can be found at <http://www.milsport.one/sports/golf>.

b. The championship will consist of individual and team competitions over seventy-two (72) holes of medal (stroke) play.

c. Men and Women will compete in separate categories and each will include an amateur and professional competition. Medals will be awarded in the professional events on condition that there are a minimum of eight (8) male professional players and four (4) female professional players respectively.

d. Within the Men’s Individual competition, differentiation will be made for the awarding of additional medals to players over 40 (Seniors) on condition that a minimum of four (4) seniors are participating within this category. To compete in the senior category, Men must be forty (40) years old on the day that the first round of



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the competition (not practice round) takes place. The overall champion may come from either the Open or Senior category. If seniors declared the overall champion, the next best senior score will win the senior competition.

e. A minimum of two rounds completed would be required to constitute an official championship.

6. ACCESS TO THE LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION.

a. The competition will take place aboard Naval Base San Diego, within the City of San Diego, California, USA.

b. The cost of travel to and from the host country will be the responsibility of the participating missions.

c. Teams shall arrive at the San Diego International Airport (SAN). Airport information can be found at <https://www.san.org>. Delegations will be welcomed at the San Diego International Airport by the host site coordinators and will be transported to Naval Base San Diego and the designated accommodations.

7. CONDITIONS OF STAY

a. Board and lodging will be provided for all participants, as well as local transport for all CISM related events.

b. Participants will be required to pay extra expenses such as telephone calls, travel to non-event related locations, and additional food and beverages.

c. Nations arriving before 1 October 2023 and departing after 8 October 2023 will be responsible for all expenses incurred during the period outside the official competition dates. CISM Officials such as the Official CISM Representative (OCR), Football Sports Committee and other authorized representatives are authorized to arrive on 30 September 2023.

d. In accordance with the Statues and traditions of CISM, any political or and religious action during the competition, in particular the dissemination of propaganda documents, pictures, clothing, brochures, reviews etc., is strictly forbidden. Any contravention will result in immediate exclusion and deportation of such nation.

e. Additional persons will not be accepted without official written permission of the Organizers. Nations failing to comply may result in additional personnel not gaining access to Naval Base San Diego regardless of their choice of accommodations.

f. Medical support for the duration of the event will be provided by the host. The Organizers will cover costs for basic first aid and emergency treatment only. In cases of additional advanced treatment, hospitalization and or routine medical care, participating nations will be responsible for the payment thereof.



8. REGULATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

a. Rules. The CISM Golf Regulations (Edition 2020) and under the auspices of USGA rules; the CISM Regulations-December 2021; CISM Anti- Doping Regulations, Edition 2017, as well as local rules as discussed in the Preliminary Meeting will apply throughout.

b. Eligibility. All athletes must be military personnel on full active duty in the Armed Forces of their respective nations (art. 7.23 of the CISM Regulations). Participation of inactive member nations is not authorized (art.7.26 of the CISM Regulations). All of the participants are asked to present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:

- a valid military identity card for those who are authorized to present their military identity cards abroad;
- a form of verification (in English and/or French) of military status;
- Passport; and
- COVID vaccine verification card. (Copy of vaccine verification may be requested in advance of travel to the U.S.)

9. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

a. Vaccination Requirement. All participants must be vaccinated in order to participate in the CISM Golf Championship. This requirement applies to players and staff.

b. Testing Protocol. At the time of this invitation, participants are not required to present negative COVID-19 test results. This requirement may change depending on local conditions prior to the championship. For nations requiring negative tests prior to traveling to their home nation, the U.S. Delegation shall arrange COVID-19 testing based on the participating nation's minimum guidelines.

10. ANTI-DOPING

a. Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the CISM Regulations – Chapter IX, CISM Anti-Doping Rules, the CISM Football Regulations, FIVB Regulations, and all WADA rules, mainly the World Anti-Doping Code, and the International Standard for Testing.

b. The number and type of tests, as well the athletes to be tested shall be determined by the CISM Anti-Doping Commission. These procedures will follow the concerned CISM Test Distribution Plain (TDP).

c. In case an athlete has a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), the Chief of Delegation should send this TUE to the CISM GS until 30 days before the Opening Ceremony. This TUE will be submitted to the TUE Commission to analysis and further approval. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Application Form can be found on CISM website <https://www.milsport.one/ethics-and-integrity/anti-doping>.





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d. All athletes have to fill out the Athlete Consent Form by themselves (template in <https://www.milспорт.one/ethics-and-integrity/anti-doping>) and the Team Manager has to deliver it to CISM Football Committee during the Preliminary Inquiry.

e. The accredited WADA organization conducting the anti-doping tests during the championship is the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) www.usada.org.

f. USADA shall select one of the following WADA Accredited Laboratories within the United States. They are:

1) UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory
2122 Granville Avenue
Los Angeles
California
90025
United States

Tel: (1.310) 825 2635
Fax: (1.310) 206 9077
BAhrens@mednet.ucla.edu

or;

2) The Sports Medicine Research and Testing Laboratory (SMRTL)
10644 South Jordan Gateway
Salt Lake City
Utah
84095
United States

Tel: (801) 994-9454 / (866) 404-6561
Fax: (801) 994-9455
de@smrtl.org

11. UNIFORMS AND PROTOCOL

a. Service Summer Dress Uniforms are mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies.

b. Failure to wear uniforms of all team members during the opening ceremony may result in disqualification from the championship.

c. Request participating nations check if their respective flag and national anthem is up to date and can be used during the 14th CISM World Military Golf Championship. Visit the CISM EXTRANET at:

<http://members.milспорт.one/officialdocuments/protocol-events-guidelines>



12. CUSTOMS AND VISA PROCEDURES

a. It is highly recommended that each participating nation contacts the United States Embassy in their respective country for specific information regarding to entry procedures and VISA information into the United States of America. Failure to do so may cause refused entry into the United States.

13. WEATHER

The anticipated weather for October in San Diego, California is sunny and pleasant.

Highest daily Temperature	24° C/ 75° F
Normal daily Temperature	22° C/ 71° F
Lowest daily Temperature	18° C/ 64° F

14. CURRENCY

The local currency is the United States Dollar.

15. DEADLINES FOR AGREEMENTS

Please note and comply with the following deadlines:

- a. Preliminary agreement of participation. Annex 1 to be submitted before 15 June 2023.
- b. Final agreement of participation. Annex 2a, 2b to be submitted not later than 1 August 2023. Late submissions may result in denied participation.
- c. Final travel information (Annex 3) to be submitted not later than 1 Sept 2023.
- d. Any nation withdrawing from participation after submitting Annex 3 and fails to notify the Organizing Committee accordingly will be held responsible for all related costs incurred by the Organizers.



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17. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION

a. Any special dietary needs should be conveyed in advance in order to ensure that it is catered for.

b. Water from taps in San Diego is safe for human consumption.