

CISM DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

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I. INTRODUCTION

The International Military Sports Council (CISM) is an international sports organization established in 1948, with its headquarters in Brussels. It is the world's second-largest multi-discipline sports organization, following the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

CISM is committed to fostering friendly relations among the Armed Forces of its member nations, primarily through sports competitions and events. The organization aims to promote physical education and sports activities, provide mutual technical assistance, and support less privileged members in the spirit of friendship and solidarity. Additionally, CISM contributes to the balanced and harmonious development of military personnel and supports the global effort towards universal peace.

To achieve these objectives, CISM organizes the Military World Games and various other sports events at the global, continental, and regional levels. It also conducts seminars and symposiums and implements programs focused on solidarity and technical assistance.

Given the complex international environment in which CISM operates, with members from numerous countries, each with their own unique cultures and traditions, it is essential to standardize the uniforms and attire worn at CISM events. This standardization helps foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and cultural understanding among all participants.

The purpose of the CISM Dress Code Guidelines is to assist participants in selecting appropriate uniforms and attire, ensuring that they are suitable for the level of formality of the events while respecting the cultural and military traditions of the member countries. These guidelines also aim to maintain uniformity and visual discipline across all activities, promoting a cohesive and professional image.

II. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The following entities must undertake to comply and ensure compliance with the CISM Dress Code Guidelines:

a) The International Military Sports Council (CISM), each of its members and its administration and the CISM Delegations and their delegates, at all times and in all circumstances.



b) Organizing Committees for CISM events and their officials, throughout the existence of each such Committee.

c) All participants of CISM events for which they are accredited.

d) Any legal or natural person that directly or indirectly participates in actions and activities developed by CISM.

III. CONDUCT DURING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All participants are required to wear the correct uniform as prescribed in the official invitation for each specific CISM event/activity, demonstrating commitment and respect to the Host Nation, to all the other participating Nations, and to the CISM organization.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the CISM Dress Code Guidelines will begin from the date of approval by the BoD, with their application expanded to all CISM events. The guidelines will be made available to all member countries and published on the CISM website.

V. CONSIDERATIONS

The clothing types shown here are a CISM recommendation for events in which its members and representatives are involved.

In the preparation of the invitation and other documents related to CISM events, the terminology for uniforms and attire to be used must adhere to these Guidelines, in order to facilitate participant identification.

Representatives from each country, when attending CISM events, should strive to align their uniforms and attire as closely as possible with the specifications outlined in the invitation and these Guidelines.

The peculiarities and particularities of the uniforms of each Armed Force of the different CISM member countries must be respected and followed in full.



VI. DRESSING REFERENCE

Uniform Type	Occasions or as described in the invitation	Composition	Composition for civilians
Gala Dress Only exceptional	Used in official formal events involving heads of state or high-profile visitors; gala dinners; formal social events organised during CISM events.	Gala Jacket, trousers/skirt, long-sleeved shirt, horizontal tie, badges and insignia, cap/beret and shoes.	Dark suits or smoking, horizontal tie; shoes; Accessories (Cufflinks, Pocket Square, Overcoat or Suit Jacket). Formal Dress or Suit; Accessories (Jewelry, Formal Clutch, Overcoat or Jacket; Stockings or Tights)
CISM Class A	Used in solemnities, receptions, opening/closing/awards ceremonies; press conferences; meetings and visits of an official nature (with high authorities); gala dinners; CISM Symposium (speakers)	Jacket, trousers/skirt, collared long-sleeved shirt, tie, badges and insignia, cap/beret and shoes.	Tenue de Ville: (Dark) suits with a tie; long dresses; shoes
CISM Class B1	Used in performing daily activities or special tasks; opening/closing/award ceremonies (only in exceptional cases and when clearly indicated in the Invitation File), administrative meetings; CISM Symposium (spectators); CISM internal events.	Long/short sleeve shirt, trousers/skirt, badges and insignia according to national rules, cap/beret and shoes. No tie is required.	(Smart) Casual. No ties needed; cocktail dresses; shoes
CISM Class B2	Used in performing daily activities or special tasks; administrative meetings (when stated by the organiser); troops/teams at opening/closing/awards ceremonies (only in exceptional cases and when military personnel are not entitled to use the above categories of uniforms); CISM internal events.	Camouflage uniforms	(Smart) Casual. No ties needed; cocktail dresses; shoes
Class C	Used in sports events, Competitions, Technical Congress, Flower ceremonies during sports events right after the competitions, as applicable* (sports teams and technical committee)	Sports competition clothing (Jacket, pants, t-shirt and sneakers)	Sports tracksuit with the country's name
	*At WMC in exceptional cases, mostly during the awards ceremony or closing ceremony (where time restriction may affect the regular conduct of the event) and only after approval from OCR.	Sports tracksuit with the country's name	Blazer, pants, t-shirt and sneakers
Smart Casual	Receptions, dinners and events where the use of military uniforms is not required.	Blazer, trousers/skirt, long-sleeved shirt, elegant dresses and shoes. Tie is optional.	
	not required.	Traditional country dress (represents nation's culture and heritage; expresses a national identity)	



Gala Dress









Official ceremonies



Gala Dinner and Formal social events



CISM CLASS A









Solemnities and receptions



CISM Symposium (speakers)



Opening Ceremony / Closing Ceremony



Awards Ceremony



CISM CLASS B1 / B2









Performing daily activities or special tasks; ceremonies



CISM Symposium (spectators)



Administrative meetings



Awards Ceremony



CISM CLASS C



Competitions / Medal Ceremony





Ceremonies



Closing Ceremony



Sport events organized by CISM



Smart Casual







Receptions and dinners



Events



Receptions



Events