



**International Military Sports Council
Portuguese Delegation**



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**International Military Running Challenge 2024
“Trail Marathon”**



21st to 25th March 2024

Mafra - Portugal

CISM

“Friendship through Sport”



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Subject: INTERNATIONAL MILITARY RUNNING CHALLENGE 2024 "Trail Marathon"
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Dear Chiefs of Delegation,

I have the great honour to invite a delegation from your country to participate in the "Running Challenge – Trail Linhas de Torres 2024". This race is a Trail Marathon, between mountains and valleys, travelling mainly along trails designed between nature and small villages. It will take place in Mafra and Torres Vedras, from the 21st to 25th March 2024.

Lisbon, 2nd January 2024

The Chief of the Portuguese Delegation to CISM

José Manuel Pires Contramestre
Colonel

ENCLOSED:

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- Program;
- General Information;
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- Annex 2a - Final Entry – Composition of the Mission;
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Distribution List:

All CISM member nations are warmly invited and strongly encouraged to participate in this World Championship.

1. *President of CISM.*
2. *Official CISM Representative.*
3. *The CISM Vice-President for Europe.*
4. *CISM Secretary General.*
5. *The Chief of the European Liaison Office.*
6. *President and Members of CISM Sport Committee.*
7. *Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors.*
8. *To the Chiefs of Delegation of the CISM Members Countries*



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A. Right to participate in the International Military Running Challenge 2024

At the request of the organizing committee, in order to ensure perfect organization, only twelve (12) CISM active member nations have the right to participate in the sport event “International Military Running Challenge 2024”- Trail Marathon”. In addition to Portugal, the places will then be allocated according to the order of arrival of the applications.

“Preliminary Agreements” from nations will be ranked according to their order of arrival. The selection of the 12 participating nations will be carried out according to the principle of 3 nations per continent. After the deadline for send the “Preliminary Agreements”, if there isn't 3 countries per continent, vacancies will then be allocated according to the order of arrival of the applications, as this example:

Method of inscription of the nations			
“Preliminary Agreements” order of arrival till the deadline: Country A (Africa); Country B (America); Country C (Asia); Country D (Europe); Country E (Africa); Country F (America); Country G (Asia); Country H (Europe); Country I (Africa); Country J (America); Country K (Asia); Country L (Europe) ...			
Africa	America	Asia	Europe
Country A	Country B	Country C	Country D
Country E	Country F	Country G	Country H
Country I	Country J	Country K	Country L
...	...	Country M	...

An inactive nation, intending to take part in the event must pay its annual fee before the deadline established by the Organizing Committee of this event for sending the final entry. If it is not done, the delegation will not be able to take part in the event.

B. General Program of the Event

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday, 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of Participants
Friday, 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Ceremony • Preliminary Meeting • Training
Saturday, 23 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of the Competition • Awards Ceremony
Sunday, 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural day • Close Ceremony and Banquet
Monday, 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departures of Participants



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C. Composition of the Mission

According to the CISM Regulations only military in active duty and in possession of a valid military ID card may participate in the competition.

In addition, the participant must be over 20 years.

The table below gives the maximum composition of the delegation that can it participates in this sport event:

FUNCTION	MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION	
	#	Notes:
Chief of the Mission	1	- Chief of Mission/Chief of Team/Coach/Ad libitum can give assistance or personal support to their team within the defined areas.
Chief of team/ Coach/Ad libitum	1	
Male Athletes	3	
Female Athletes	3	
Total (maximum)	8	

D. Access to the Location of the Competition

Escola das Armas
 Alameda da EPI
 2640-492 MAFRA

The Travel cost to the Lisbon airport (LIS) and respective return will occur the responsibility of the participating country.

The organizing committee will ensure the transportation to and from the place of arrival at the place of stay in Mafra (Military Unit) and transportation during the competition.

Place of arrival and departure:

- Lisbon Airport (LIS), Portugal.

All the participants should use the indicated above arrival/departure point.

E. Conditions of Stay

Delegations and official guests will be accommodated in a Military Unit of the Portuguese Armed Forces.

The Organizer will cover normal board and lodging as well as local transportation, and medical first aid care.

The Organizer will not be responsible for any advanced medical expenses, including hospital stays, surgical procedures, or other medical care beyond first aid. Get a medical insurance is strongly recommended.

The consumers/participants must cover any additional person's expenses.



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F. Regulations of the Championship

The current regulations of the CISM, July 2019 edition and the official regulations of the sporting events set out on the website: <http://www.running-challenge.com/> by the organization, which are also attached as an appendix, will apply throughout the period and competition respectively.

G. Anti-doping

The organization reserves the right to cancel the registration of any athlete who in the past has been associated with the use of illegal substances to practice sports.

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.

CISM Anti-Doping Symbol



H. Uniforms

It is mandatory to wear for the opening and closing ceremonies the institutional military uniform (Class A Uniform and Service Uniform).

On the remaining days the uniform to be worn will be the institutional tracksuit of each nation.

I. Customs and Visa Procedures

For information regarding passport and visas for entry into Portugal, please contact The Portuguese Embassy in your country or the respective Embassy serving your country in Portugal.

J. Weather Conditions

Average temperature in March in Mafra and Torres Vedras - Portugal fall within the range of 10°C – 18°C. The probability for rain is 20%.

K. Registration Forms Deadlines

Preliminary Agreement is attached as Annex 1 and must be returned *NLT 25th January 2024.*

Final Entry is attached as Annex 2a, 2b and 3 and must be returned *NLT 23rd February 2024;*

A valid and operated phone number and email address are required on the final entry form in case the organizing committee needs to contact you.



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L. Correspondence

All official correspondence concerning the competition should be send to Portuguese CISM Delegation:

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M. Additional Required Items

1. National flag (one: 1,60m x 1,12m);
2. National Anthem (file "MP3");
3. Additional data:
Photo of delegation members:
 - taken in military uniform (uncovered);
 - showing the full face, 4x6 cm size photo at high resolution (file "JPEG").