



**International Military Sports Council  
Greek Delegation**



**INVITATION**

**60<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military Cross-Country Championship**



**CISM**

**“Friendship through Sport”**



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25 February to 02 March 2026  
Pigi, Trikala - Greece



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**Subject:** 60<sup>TH</sup> CISM WORLD MILITARY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026  
**Date:** 30/6/2025

*The International Military Sports Council (CISM) has entrusted the organization of the 60<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military Cross Country Championship to the Hellenic Armed Forces.*

*It is my great honor to invite a team representing your country to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military Cross Country Championship, which will take place in Pigi, Pyli, Trikala, Greece, from the 25<sup>th</sup> of February till the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026.*

Captain Spyridon Andriopoulos HN  
Chief of the Greek Delegation to CISM

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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. *All Continental Vice-Presidents***
- 4. *CISM Secretary General.***
- 5. *All Chief(s) of Liaison Office(s).***
- 6. *President and Members of the CISM Sport Committee.***
- 7. *Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors.***
- 8. *To the Chiefs of Delegation of the CISM Member Countries***



## A. Right to participate

Only CISM active member nations have the right to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military Cross-Country Championship.

An inactive nation, intending to take part in the event must pay its annual fee right after the deadline of the Preliminary Agreement of the world military championship 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 Championship

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival of Participants in Athens</li> </ul>
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival in Trikala (Competition Area)</li> <li>Training</li> </ul>
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training</li> <li>Cultural Day</li> </ul>
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training</li> <li>Technical Meeting</li> <li>Opening Ceremony</li> </ul>
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitions</li> <li>Award Ceremony</li> <li>Closing Ceremony</li> <li>Gift Exchange</li> <li>Closing Banquet</li> </ul>
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure of Participants</li> </ul>

## C. Composition of the Mission

- According to the CISM Regulations (Art. 7.23, item A) only military in active duty and in possession of a valid military ID card may participate in the competition;
- The table below gives the composition of the delegation when it participates with complete team or with less athletes:

FUNCTION	PARTICIPATION	
	Complete Mission	Another cases:
Chief of Mission	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With 1 athlete (M or W) consider ONLY 1 person as CoM.</li> <li>With 2 – 6 athletes (M or W) consider ONLY 1 CoM and 1 Coach</li> </ul>
Coach	1	
Ad Libitum/Coach/Physio	1	
Athletes (Men race – 10Km)	4	
Athletes (Women race – 8Km)	4	
Athletes Relay Mix Cross (2Km each)	2M + 2W	
<b>Total</b>	15	

Symbols used: Men's Cross (M); Women's Cross (W);



#### D. Access to the Location of the Competition

1. The location of the competition will be in Pigi of Pyli Municipality in Trikala. Travel expenses to and from Athens airport (ATH) will be the responsibility of the participating country. The organizing committee will arrange transportation to and from the place of arrival at the place of stays in Pigi and transportation during the competition;
2. Place of arrival and departure:  
By air: The point of arrival is Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos".  
By car: The Organizing Committee will provide the point of arrival (place of accommodation) to each participant interested.
3. All the participants should use one of the indicated above arrival/departure point.

#### E. Conditions of Stay

1. During their stay in Athens and Pigi, the Delegations of the participating countries will be guests of the Hellenic Armed Forces from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> of March;
2. The Delegations and Official guests will be lodged in Trikala, near Competition Area;
3. The Organizer will cover normal board and lodging as well as local transportation, and also medical first aid care;
4. 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;
5. Any extra expenses, laundry, telephone etc must be paid by the consumer.
6. Additional people will not be accepted without official written permission of the Organizers.
7. **An administrative fine of 300 EUR** will be imposed on any country that submitted the final entry but failed to participate or canceled late, in accordance with Article 7.23 of the CISM Regulations
8. In line with a recent CISM Board decision, delegations may choose accommodations outside those provided by the host nation, pending approval by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Delegations opting for this will be fully responsible for managing all arrangements, including transportation, logistics and associated costs. **In this case LOC is not able to secure the safety of the mission.**

#### F. Regulations of the Championship

The current CISM Regulations, Edition June 2025, the current World Athletics Rules, the current CISM Sports Regulation, Edition January 2025, as well as rules given below will apply throughout. Rules:

1. Event's Distance:
  - Men's Cross: 10km



- Women's Cross: 8km
- Mix Relay: 4 x 2km
- 2. Running Attire  
According to World Athletics Rules
- 3. Shoes  
Athletes can run barefooted, with one or with a pair of shoes within the limits of the World Athletics regulation.
- 4. Classifications  
For each of the three (3) organized events, it is established a general team classification and an individual classification (except the relay event).
- 5. General individual classification  
A number of points are attributed to each concurrent. The number corresponds to the competitors place in the arrival order.
  - 1 point to the 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2 points to the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 15 points to the 15<sup>th</sup>, etc.
- 6. General team classification  
From the general individual classification, it is established a general team classification for every event using the following procedure:
  - Men's and women's Cross:  
Only the points attributed to the first (3) runners of each team are counted.
  - Relay Mix:  
The team classification will be the arrival order.
- 7. Final results  
The team, which gets the lowest number of points, will be declared winner according to World Athletics Regulation.  
In an equal case: the advantage will be given to the team whose last runner will be the nearest to the winner.

## G. Anti-doping

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

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 Plan (TDP).

### CISM Anti-Doping Symbol





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. Below are the Organizations Accredited by WADA to carry out the tests during the Championship:

- Sample Collection Authority (SCA): Hellenic Anti-Doping Association (HADA) - Indoor Aquatic Center of OAKA – Olympionikis Spiros Louis Avenue, Gate D - Maroussi 151 23 - Tel.: +30 2106832000 – e-mail: [info@eokan.gr](mailto:info@eokan.gr)
- Accredited Laboratory: Barcelona Laboratory - Catalanian Antidoping Laboratory – Fundació Institut Hospital del Mar d'Investigacions Mèdiques (IMIM) ( <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/accredited-laboratories>)

## H. Uniforms

Uniforms are mandatory, National team tracksuit and Class A Uniform for ceremonies.

Mission are requested to bring their country's flag and that the Chief of delegation to check if their respective national anthem, which is available on the CISM Extranet ([http:// http://members.milsport.one/official-documents/protocol-events-guidelines](http://http://members.milsport.one/official-documents/protocol-events-guidelines)), is up to date and can be used in sports competitions. Information about the size of the flag and other requests (in case they arise) will be sent to the participant countries after the Final Entry deadline.

## I. Customs and Visa Procedures

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

## J. Weather Conditions

Averages temperatures, in March, in Pigi, Pyli, Trikala are between 12°C – 8°C and the probability for rain is 30%.

## K. Registration Forms Deadlines

1. Preliminary Agreement, **(Annex 1) 15 November 2025**;
2. Final Entry, **(Annex 2a/b) 15 January 2026**.

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.

## L. Correspondence

All official correspondence concerning the competition should be sent to the Greek Delegation to CISM:

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## ANNEX 1

### PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned before **15th November 2025**:

<b>To:</b> <b><u>Greek Delegation to CISM</u></b> 37 Kifisias Ave, P.C. 153 21 Marousi – Attica - Greece Supreme Sports Council of Hellenic Armed Forces Phone: + 30 210 96 12 696 Mobile (WhatsApp): + 30 6947931632 Email: <a href="mailto:greek.cism.office@gmail.com">greek.cism.office@gmail.com</a>	<b>Copy:</b> <b><u>CISM HQ</u></b>  CBA Nicolas Ferre CISM Sports Director Mobile: +33 6 48 05 31 21 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one">cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one</a>
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NATION:

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PARTICIPATION:

YES

NO

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	Officials	Athletes	Relay Athletes	Total
Men				
Women				
Total				

- Does your delegation need a visa to travel? ☐ YES ☐ NO.  
If the answer is **YES**, start the process immediately.
- Do your athletes need TUE? ☐ YES ☐ NO.  
If the answer is **YES**, you can already start the process.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	





## ANNEX 2a

### FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

To be returned before **15th January 2026**:

<b>To:</b> <b><u>Greek Delegation to CISM</u></b> 37 Kifisias Ave, P.C. 153 21 Marousi – Attica - Greece Supreme Sports Council of Hellenic Armed Forces Phone: + 30 210 96 12 696 Mobile (WhatsApp): + 30 6947931632 Email: <a href="mailto:greek.cism.office@gmail.com">greek.cism.office@gmail.com</a>	<b>Copy:</b> <b><u>CISM HQ</u></b> CBA Nicolas Ferre CISM Sports Director Mobile: +33 6 48 05 31 21 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one">cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one</a>
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NATION :

Nr.	Function	Rank	Name and Surname	Gender
1	Chief of Mission			
2	Coach			
3	Ad Libitum/ Coach/Physio			
				(1) Relay MixTeam: (fill with "X")
5	Men`s Cross (athletes)			Chose two (2) athletes
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11	Women`s Cross (athletes)			Chose two (2) athletes
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17	Relay Mix or (1)	Female athlete		
18				
19		Male Athlete		
20				



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In strict compliance with applicable **CISM Regulations – Chapter VII, Art. 7.23**, I, the undersigned Chief of Delegation, hereby officially confirm that all athletes representing my nation in the CISM event are on active duty in my nation's Armed Forces. I understand that sanctions may be imposed against my nation, my mission, my team, individual athletes, or myself for violation of this provision (**CISM Regulations Chapter I, Art. 1.12**).

- Does your delegation need a visa to travel? ☐ YES ☐ NO.  
If the answer is **YES**, continue the process you already started when sending the Preliminary Agreement.
- Do your athletes need TUE? ☐ YES ☐ NO.  
If the answer is **YES**, start the process immediately.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNEX 2b

### **FINAL ENTRY - COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION**

To be returned before **15th January 2026**:

NATION :

The undersigned, Chief of Mission declare that he has read the **CISM Regulations** and moreover understood the following prescriptions:

#### **Article 1.10. RIGHTS OF MEMBER NATIONS**

- A. Active member nations have the right to:  
Be invited to all CISM Championships.
- B. Inactive member nations have the same rights as active member nations except that:  
They do not participate in any CISM event until they have met their financial obligations.

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

#### **Article 7.23. PARTICIPATION - MILITARY STATUS**

- A. Only military personnel on active duty in Armed Forces may take part in competitions organized by CISM except for Para sport.
- B. No one may be recalled to active duty in the Armed Forces for the purpose of participating in a CISM competition. In the case of an intermittent military service, the athletes regularly recalled may not take part in CISM competitions, under any circumstances, if more than 18 months have elapsed between this recall and the end of their last call to arms except for Para sport.
- C. Veteran soldiers wounded or injured while on active duty may be included as part of a nation's mission and participate in CISM Para sport competition/event.
- D. Exceptions to the above may be authorized by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.



E. All military participants in a CISM event shall be in possession of proper documentation which signifies active military service of the member nation he represents. The documentation can be:

1. a valid military identity card for those athletes who are authorized to present their military identity cards abroad.
2. a form of verification (in English and/or French) of military status accompanied by a passport.
3. For the Veteran para-athletes, the Chief of Delegation concerned must certify in writing that the veteran soldier was wounded or injured on active duty.

F. By signing the final entry, the Chief of Delegation confirms the military status of the participating athletes. If there are last-minute changes in the participation of the athletes, the verification file may be signed by the Chief of Mission, but shall be confirmed by the Chief of Delegation by official letter.

G. If one of these documents is not available, participation is refused.

H. An athlete who has represented one country in CISM competitions (World Military Championship, World Games, World Winter Games, continental and regional championship), in the Olympic Games, or in any competition at world, continental or regional level recognized by the relevant IF, and who has changed his/her nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in CISM competitions representing his/her new country provided that at least two years have passed since the competitor last represented his/her former country.

## **Article 7.32 CHIEF OF MISSION**

### **A. Chief of Mission**

1. Chiefs of Mission shall be familiar with CISM regulations.
2. Missions must not only participate or be present at sports events, they are also required to participate in information conferences on CISM, study days, commemorative and cultural events and ceremonies organized by the host nation.

### **B. Conduct of a mission**

1. The Chief of Mission is responsible for the behavior of his team in sports and general discipline. He shall ensure that members of his mission respect the rules and directives prescribed by CISM and organizers of the championship. The respect of schedules is particularly important as they form the basis for the effective conduct of competitions and ceremonies.
2. The Chief of Mission shall also enforce the rules concerning behavior and dress during the ceremonies. He plays an important role in promoting the CISM spirit among his mission, a spirit represented by friendly attitude towards other missions, courtesy towards organizers and fair-play in competition.



## **Article 8.6. ABSENCE OF A MISSION WITHOUT NOTIFICATION**

If a mission which submits a preliminary agreement and/or final entry is absent without notifying the host nation in time, a sanction will be imposed (CISM Regulations, Art. 1.12).

## **Article 8.17. RULES OF STAY**

### **A. General**

1. The Chiefs of Mission are responsible for the discipline of their mission. The missions fall under the jurisdiction of the organizing nation. During events, all athletes present on the playing fields are equal before the jury, the referees and to themselves. No one may use his rank to impose his views on sports matters.
2. Civilian members of the missions shall conform to the discipline accepted by all other participants.

### **B. Military uniforms**

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Official CISM Representative, all participants shall wear military uniform during official ceremonies such as the opening and closing ceremonies and medal-awarding ceremonies. Individuals without proper uniform will not be allowed to participate in the championship.
2. The presentation of medals takes place, in principle, during the closing ceremony. The presentation of medals may be done in sports uniform, if for organizational reasons it is not possible to wear military uniforms. This is the case e.g. when the presentation immediately follows a championship sports event. Sports uniforms shall respect the corresponding national criteria (training suit, sports shoes, etc.) Displaying the national flag on the podium by the recipient (athlete or team) at a medal awarding ceremony is forbidden. Individuals failing to respect these prescriptions shall not receive their medal(s) during the official ceremonies.

### **C. Forbidden actions**

1. In conformity with the statutes and traditions of CISM, any political or religious propaganda during a CISM event, in particular the dissemination of documents, pictures, brochures, reviews, etc. is strictly forbidden.
2. Any contravention shall result in the exclusion of the mission from further competition and may result in additional sanctions (Regulations Art. 1.12).

## **Article 8.19. ACCOMODATIONS**

A. Accommodations for missions will be the best available, depending on possibilities at the disposal of organizers and based on categories of guests with reference to article 8.19.C. All Chiefs of Mission are officers and shall be treated as such with equal courtesy, regardless of rank. In case a hosting nation allows staying in other accommodations, this must be mentioned in the Invitation File, Missions that choose to stay in hotels at their own expense must inform the Local Organizing Committee



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(LOC) in advance in Preliminary Agreement and Final Entry. The LOC will have no obligation to provide extra logistical, financial, or transportation support for these missions and the missions still have to fulfill all their mandatory tasks.

E. All missions, including those of the host nation, shall be accommodated under the same conditions. However, the host nation can provide the possibility to choose another accommodation at own expenses. When this possibility is mentioned in the Invitation File, Missions can choose not to accept the accommodations provided by the LoC and opt for own accommodations. They must inform the LOC via Preliminary Agreement and Final Entry.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

RANK/NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNEX 3

### FINAL ENTRY – TRAVEL DATA

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NATION :

	PLACE	DATE	FLIGHT Nr	TIME
ARRIVAL				
DEPARTURE				

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Your Contact</b>	<b>Rank/Name</b>	
	<b>Phone</b>	
	<b>E-Mail</b>	