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48th CISM World Military Fencing Championship - 2025, Seville (Spain)

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48TH WORLD MILITARY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

15 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2025/SPAIN

“Friendship through sport”



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Subject: 48TH CISM WORLD MILITARY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Date: 03 DEC 2024

The International Military Sports Council (CISM) has entrusted the organization of the 48th CISM World Military Fencing Championship to the Spanish Armed Forces. The main organizer will be the Spanish Air and Space Force.

It is my great honor to invite a team representing your country to participate in the 48th CISM World Military Fencing championship, which will take place in Seville, Andalucía, Spain, from the 15th to the 21st of September

Final version to be signed here.



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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.

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 CISM Sport Committee Fencing.***
- 7. *Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors.***
- 8. *Chiefs of Delegation of the CISM Member Countries.***

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**A. Right to participate in the 48th CISM World Military Fencing Championship (WMFC).
Sevilla 2025.**

- Only CISM active member nations have the right to participate in the 48th WMFC.
- 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.

B. General Program of the Championship

15 September	Arrival of the missions (all day)
16 September	Technical meeting Training Opening ceremony
17 September	Competition
18 September	Competition
19 September	Competition
20 September	Competition Closing ceremony and decorations Closing Banquet and gift exchange
21 September:	Departure of the missions (all day)

Note:

- (1) The order of the trials per weapon will be jointly established by the President of the Technical Commission/IMSC and the Technical Director of the Championship and announced during the Technical Meeting.*
- (2) The timetable shall be informed through the Technical Meeting and shall be confirmed on the same day prior to each trial.*
- (3) During the Championship, cultural activities could be organized, taking into account that those activities shall not overlap the general timetable of the trials.*
- (4) The detailed program will be delivered to all participants upon arrival.*

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C. Composition of the Mission

The maximum list of each country's participation as follows:

- Chief of mission: 1
- Team Captain : 1 (only if necessary, not mandatory)
- Coach: 3
- Physician: 1
- Competitors male: 12
- Competitors female: 12
- International Referee FIE license: mandatory 1 by weapon when there is a team (3 athletes)

TOTAL: 33 (with a maximum of three referees)

- Only military personnel in active duty may participate in the competitions (CISM Regulations, Art. 7.23, item A.). Original military ID card is requested; copies, written declarations or certificates will be not accepted.
- Additional visitors will not be accepted without official written permission of the organizing committee. In any case, the costs for board and lodging are at their own expenses.

D. Access to the Location of the Competition

- The travel cost to the host country and respective return will occur under the responsibility of the participating country.
- The organizer, Spanish Air and Space Force, will ensure the transportation from the place of arrival in the host country to the place of stay and the transport during the competitions as well.
- Airport of Seville (IATA "SVQ" abbreviation) **is the point of arrival and departure by plane.**
- Sevilla's train station (Seville Santa Justa - High Speed Train) **is the point of arrival by train.**





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E. Conditions of Stay

- Board and lodging will be at the expenses of the organizers.
- Participants who ask for services not covered by the Organizers, such as telephone calls, drinks, laundry etc., must pay the respective extra expenses.
- There is no inconvenience if a delegation chooses accommodation other than that provided by the host country. This circumstance must be reflected in the Preliminary Agreement and in the Final Entry. Delegations choosing alternative accommodations will be fully responsible for managing all related arrangements, including transportation, logistics, and any additional costs incurred.
- During their stay in Sevilla, the missions will be guests of the Spanish Armed Forces from the 15th to the 21th of September 2025. Participants must cover any costs before and/or after the dates of the championship in accordance with paragraph “B. General Program of the championship” above.
- Additional people will not be accepted without official written permission of the Organizers.
- The Organizer will provide the medical assistance. Medical emergencies (first aid) will be the responsibility of the Spanish Armed Forces. The Spanish Armed Forces will provide medical support for all scheduled competitions. The Spanish Armed Forces will not be responsible for any advanced medical expenses, to include hospital stays, surgical procedures, and/or other medical care beyond first aid.
- All participants must travel with their own inherent medical coverage. Special medical treatment is under the responsibility of the participating nations.

F. Regulations of the Championship.

- The competition will be conducted under the provision of FIE Regulation and CISM Fencing Regulations (edition 2017).
- In case of controversy, CISM Regulations will prevail.

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).

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- 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): “Comisión Española para la Lucha Antidopaje en el Deporte (CELAD)”

(<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/code-signatories>)

Accredited Laboratory: Madrid Anti-Doping Laboratory of “Instituto de Salud Carlos III”. Pintor El Greco, s/n 28040 Madrid (Spain).

(<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/science-medical/laboratories/accredited-laboratories>)

H. Uniforms

- Military uniform is mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as for official invitations. The Chief of Mission is required to wear Class A (summer uniform with short sleeves or a similar style). Battle uniform is not allowed.
- Sport outfits or casual civilian outfit (chief of mission) is required for the cultural activities.
- Sportswear will be the usual attire for all the activities at the competition site.
- Kindly request the participants’ flag and that the Chief of delegation to check if their respective national anthem, available on the CISM web: <http://members.milспорт.one/officialdocuments/protocol-events-guidelines> is up to date and can be used in sports competitions.

I. Customs and Visa Procedures.

- We deeply recommend the participants to contact the Spanish Embassy in their own country.
- In order to avoid problems with deadlines for granting Visas adopted by different countries and embassies, we recommend that participants contact the Embassy of Spain soon after sending the Preliminary Agreement.

J. Weather Conditions


In September in Seville, the weather is quite dry and warm; it does not rain often (24mm of rain in 1 day). The maximum temperature ranges between 30 - 33°C; the minimum temperature between 15 - 20°C and the average temperature is 27°C.

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K. Registration Forms Deadlines

- **Preliminary Agreement** (Annex1), not later than **01 June 2025**.
- **Final Entry**: composition of the mission (Annex2a) and commitment by the Chief of Mission (Annex2b), not later than **01 August 2025**.
- **Travel Data** (Annex3), not later than **01 September 2025**.

L. Correspondence

	Central Board of Physical Education and Sports of the Air and Space Force De la Princesa Street 87 28008 Madrid (Spain)	Tel.: +34 91 503 2174 Email: jcefydea@mde.es
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M. Rights for images

- Every competitor expressly foregoes the right for any images during the event, just as they renounce any right of appeal to the organizers and their partners for the use of their image.
- Only the organization can transfer this right for images to any media, via an accreditation or relevant license.
- All communication about the event or the use of images from the event must respect the name of the event and have official approval from the organization.



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ANNEX-1

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned via email before **01 JUNE 2025**

NATION:

To: Central Board of Physical Education and Sports of the Air and Space Force De la Princesa Street 87 28008 Madrid (Spain)	Email: jcefydea@mde.es
Delegation to CISM: Lt Col Victor Antolín Chief of Spanish Delegation to CISM	E-mail: cismspain@oc.mde.es
CISM Headquarters: CISM HQ Lt Col Jan Van den Dool CISM Sports Director	E-mail: cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	OFFICIALS	ATHLETE	CSC MEMBERS	REFEREE	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.
- Does your delegation plan to use accommodation other than that provided by the host country? YES ☐ NO ☐

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

(Chief of Delegation)

YOUR CONTACT:

Rank / Name	
Phone	
E-mail	



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ANNEX-2a

FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

To be returned before **01 AUGUST 2025**

NATION:

To: Central Board of Physical Education and Sports of the Air and Space Force De la Princesa Street 87 28008 Madrid (Spain)	Email: icefydea@mde.es
Delegation to CISM: Lt Col Victor Antolín Chief of Spanish Delegation to CISM	E-mail: cismspain@oc.mde.es
CISM Headquarters: CISM HQ Lt Col Jan Van den Dool CISM Sports Director	E-mail: cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one

#	Function	Rank	Name and Surname	Weapon	Note
1.	Chief of Mission				
2.	Team Captain				
3.	CSC Fencing Member				
4.	Coach				
5.	Coach				
6.	Coach				
7.	Physio				
8.	International referee FIE license				
9.	International referee FIE license				
10.	International referee FIE license				
11.	Male athlete				
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23.	Female athlete				
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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.
- Does your delegation plan to use accommodation other than that provided by the host country? YES ☐ NO ☐

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____



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ANNEX-2b

FINAL ENTRY - COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION

To be returned before **01 AUGUST 2025**

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.



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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



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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

E. All missions, including those of the host nation, shall be accommodated under the same conditions. If the conditions are in accordance with the CISM norms and standards, the missions are expected to accept the accommodation provided by the organizing nation.

G. (...) Any mission that does not accept the accommodations provided by the organizing nation and judged as adequate by the Official CISM Representative will not be allowed to participate in the championship.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

RANK/NAME: _____



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ANNEX 3

FINAL ENTRY – TRAVEL DATA

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	PLACE	DATE	FLIGHT Nr TRAIN Nr	TIME
ARRIVAL				
DEPARTURE				

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	