



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



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***11<sup>th</sup> World Military Women's Football Championship 2018***



***20 June to 5 July 2018, Fort Bliss, Texas USA***

**CISM**

**“Friendship through Sport”**



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Subject: 11<sup>th</sup> WORLD MILITARY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Date: 15 November 2017

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 11th World Military Women's Football Championship 2018 which will be held at Fort Bliss, Texas, USA, from 20 June to 5 July 2018.

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

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**1. DISTRIBUTION LIST**

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*

**To the Chiefs of Delegation of the following CISM Members Countries:**

01	Afghanistan	35	D.R. of Congo	69	Kyrgyzstan	103	Qatar, State
02	South Africa	36	D.P.R. Korea	70	Kuwait, State	104	Central African R.
03	Albania, R.	37	Ivory Coast, R.	71	Lesotho	105	Dominican R.
04	Algeria, R.P.D.	38	Croatia, R.	72	Latvia	106	Czech R.
05	Germany, F.R.	39	Denmark, Kingdom	73	Lebanon, R.	107	Romania
06	Angola, R.	40	Djibouti, R.	74	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	108	Russia, F.
07	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom	41	Egypt, Arabic R.	75	Lithuania, R.	109	Rwanda, R.
08	Argentina, R.	42	United Arab Emirates	76	Luxembourg, G.D.	110	Senegal, R.
09	Armenia	43	Ecuador	77	Macedonia, R.	111	Serbia
10	Austria, R.	44	Eritrea	78	Madagascar, R.	112	Sierra Leone, R.
11	Azerbaijan	45	Spain, Kingdom	79	Malawi	113	Slovakia, R.
12	Bahrain, Kingdom	46	Estonia, R.	80	Mali, R.	114	Slovenia, R.
13	Bangladesh	47	Finland, R.	81	Malta	115	Sudan, R.
14	Barbados	48	France, R.	82	Morocco, Kingdom	116	Sri Lanka, R.
15	Belarus	49	Gabon, R.	83	Mauritania, Islamic R.	117	Sweden, Kingdom
16	Belgium, Kingdom	50	Gambia, R.	84	Monaco, Principality	118	Switzerland, C.
17	Benin, R.	51	Georgia, R.	85	Mongolia, State	119	Suriname, R.
18	Bolivia, R.	52	Ghana, R.	86	Montenegro	120	Swaziland, Kingdom
19	Bosnia Herzegovina	53	Greece, R.	87	Myanmar	121	Syrian Arab R.
20	Botswana, R.	54	Guatemala, R.	88	Namibia	122	Tanzania, United R.
21	Brazil, F.R.	55	Guinea, R.	89	Niger, R.	123	Chad, R.
22	Bulgaria, R.	56	Guinea-Bissau, R.	90	Nigeria, F.R.	124	Thailand, Kingdom
23	Burkina Faso	57	Equatorial Guinea, R.	91	Norway, Kingdom	125	Togo, R.
24	Burundi, R.	58	Hungary, R.	92	Oman, Sultanate	126	Trinidad & Tobago
25	Cameroon, R.	59	India, R.	93	Uganda, R.	127	Tunisia, R.
26	Canada	60	Indonesia	94	Uzbekistan	128	Turkey, R.
27	Cape Verde, R.	61	Iran, Islamic R.	95	Palestine	129	Ukraine
28	Chile, R.	62	Iraq	96	Pakistan, Islamic R.	130	Uruguay, Eastern R.
29	China, P.R.	63	Ireland, R.	97	Paraguay, R.	131	Venezuela, B.R.
30	Cyprus, R.	64	Italy, R.	98	Netherlands, Kingdom	132	Vietnam, R.
31	Colombia, R.	65	Jamaica	99	Peru, R.	133	Yemen, R.
32	Comoros	66	Jordan, H. Kingdom	100	Philippines	134	Zambia, R.
33	Congo, R.	67	Kazakhstan, R.	101	Poland, R.	135	Zimbabwe, R.
34	Korea, R.	68	Kenya	102	Portugal, R.		



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## 2. GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrival of Delegations</li></ul>
June 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary and Technical Meetings</li><li>• Training</li><li>• Opening Ceremony</li></ul>
June 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start of the Competitions Matches 1-2 (Pool A)</li></ul>
June 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Match 3-4 (Pool B)</li></ul>
June 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 5-6 (Pool A)</li></ul>
June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 7-8 (Pool B)</li></ul>
June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 9-10 (Pool A)</li></ul>
June 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 11-12 (Pool B)</li></ul>
June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 13-14 (Pool A)</li></ul>
June 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 15-16 (Pool B)</li></ul>
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 17-18 (Pool A)</li></ul>
July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matches 19-20 (Pool B)</li></ul>
July 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rest &amp; Training</li></ul>
July 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold &amp; Bronze Medal Matches</li><li>• Closing Ceremony</li><li>• Awards Ceremony</li></ul>
July 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultural Day</li></ul>
July 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delegations Depart</li></ul>



### 3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

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

<b>Representative/Participants</b>	
Chief of Mission	1
Team Manager (Team Captain)	1
Coach	1
Assistant Coach	1
Doctor, Athletic Trainer or Referee <sup>1</sup>	2
Referee <sup>1</sup>	1
Assistant Referee <sup>1</sup>	1
Players	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

<sup>1</sup> Preferably FIFA; alternative highest national level.

No additional member(s) may be included in the mission without prior approval of the Organizing Committee.

CISM Football Sports Committee members are authorized to participate and will not count against their nation’s composition of the mission.

Only military personnel in active duty may participate in the competitions (CISM Regulations, Art. 7.21, item A).

### 4. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition format (CISM Football Regulation 2017) will be used based upon the number of participating teams. Regulations can be found at <http://www.milsport.one/sports/football>

b. For participation at the World Military Women’s Football Championship 2018, the CISM Football Committee has determined the following drawing of lots for 10 teams, for pools A or B and positions inside the groups, with A1 and B1 fixed:

Group A		Group B	
A1	USA (Host Country)	B1	France (Defending Champion)
A2	Africa	B2	Africa
A3	Americas	B3	Americas
A4	Asia	B4	Asia
A5	Europe	B5	Europe

Due to the length of the championship, there will be no half-finals. After the Preliminary Round, Bronze Medal and Gold Medal matches will commence: Second Place teams of Groups A and B will compete for Bronze. First Place teams of Groups A and B will compete for Gold.

### 5. ACCESS TO THE LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition will take place at Fort Bliss, located in the metropolitan city of El Paso, Texas, USA.

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



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c. Teams shall arrive at the El Paso International Airport (ELP). Airport information can be found at [www.elpasointernationalairport.com](http://www.elpasointernationalairport.com). Delegations will be welcomed at the El Paso International Airport by the host site coordinators and be transported to Fort Bliss, the site of the competition and accommodations.

## 6. 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 X June 2018 and departing after X June 2018 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 X June 2018.

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.

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

## 7. REGULATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

a. Rules. The CISM Football Regulations, Edition 2017, in conjunction with the latest edition of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Laws of the Game, the CISM Regulations-2011, CISM Anti- Doping Regulations, 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. 7.21 of the CISM Regulations). Participation of inactive member nations is not authorized (art.7.24 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; and
- Passport.



**8. 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 [www.milспорт.one/programs/anti-doping](http://www.milспорт.one/programs/anti-doping).

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

**9. UNIFORMS**

Service Summer Dress Uniforms are mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies. Failure to wear uniforms of all team members during the opening ceremony may result in disqualification from the championship.

**10. 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.

b. All delegations are required to submit a Request for Foreign Visit (RFV) form through their respective nation's embassy within the United States.

**11. WEATHER**

The anticipated weather for June at Fort Bliss, Texas is sunny and warm.

Highest daily temperature	34° C/ 93° F
Normal daily temperature	29° C/ 85° F
Lowest daily temperature	21° C/ 70° F

**12. CURRENCY**

The local currency is the United States Dollar.



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### 13. DEADLINES FOR AGREEMENTS

Please note and comply with the following deadlines:

- a. Preliminary agreement of participation. Annex 1 to be submitted before 23 March 2018.
- b. Final agreement of participation. Annex 2a-c to be submitted not later than 18 May 2018. Late submissions may result in denied participation.
- c. Any nation withdrawing from participation after submitting Annex B and fails to notify the Organizing Committee accordingly will be held responsible for all related costs incurred by the Organizers.

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

Any correspondence can be forwarded to the following address

- a. U.S. CISM Chief of Delegation:

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[cismusa@gmail.com](mailto:cismusa@gmail.com)

Organizer Website: [www.armedforcessports.com](http://www.armedforcessports.com)

- b. Project Officer:

Eric Hildreth

Mailing Address:  
Chief, Community Recreation Division  
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Fort Bliss, TX USA 79916  
Ph: +1-915-568-7533  
Cell: +1-915-443-6307  
Fax: +1-915-568-1921  
[Eric.r.hildreth.naf@mail.mil](mailto:Eric.r.hildreth.naf@mail.mil)

**15. ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION.** Chiefs of Missions are kindly requested to bring along the following items:

- a. One CD with National anthem and one national flag (1.5m x 2.5m)
- b. Any special dietary needs should be conveyed in advance in order to ensure that it is catered for.
- c. Water from taps in El Paso is safe for human consumption.





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ANNEX-1

**PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT**

To be returned by: 23 March 2018

To: Armed Forces Sports  
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[www.armedforcessports.com](http://www.armedforcessports.com)

Copy to: CISM Secretary General  
 Rue Jacques Jordaens 26  
 B-1000 Brussels  
 BELGIUM

NATION :

Will Participate  Will NOT Participate

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	Officials	Athletes	CSC members	Referees	Total
Men					
Women					
Total					<input style="border: 2px solid black;" type="text"/>

MEANS OF TRANSPORT : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



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ANNEX 2a

**FINAL ENTRY**

To be returned by: 18 May 2018

To: Armed Forces Sports  
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[cismusa@gmail.com](mailto:cismusa@gmail.com)  
[www.armedforcessports.com](http://www.armedforcessports.com)

Copy to: CISM Secretary General  
 Rue Jacques Jordaens 26  
 B-1000 Brussels  
 BELGIUM

NATION :

	<i>PLACE/ AIRPORT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>FLIGHT Nr TRAIN Nr BUS Nr</i>	<i>TIME</i>
<i>ARRIVAL</i>				
<i>DEPARTURE</i>				

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

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

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



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ANNEX 2b

**FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION**

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[www.armedforcessports.com](http://www.armedforcessports.com)

Copy to: CISM Secretary General  
 Rue Jacques Jordaens 26  
 B-1000 Brussels  
 BELGIUM

NATION :

#	Function	Rank	Surname	Given Name	Visa Number	Passport Number	Date of Birth
1.	Chief of Mission						
2.	Team Captain						
3.	Coach						
4.	Assistant Coach						
5.	Medical Doctor						
6.	Doctor						
7.	Referee						
8.	Assist. Referee						
9.	Players (21)						
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24.	Players (21)						
25.							
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28.							
29.							
30.	CSC Member*						

\* CSC Members must be listed in the CISM Directory or verified by the PCSC.

In strict compliance with applicable **CISM Regulations – Chapter VII, Art. 7.22**, 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**).

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

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

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



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**FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION**

NATION :

ADDITIONAL PLAYER INFORMATION

#	Rank	Surname	Given Name	Jersey Number
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**FINAL ENTRY - COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION**

To be returned by: 18 May 2018

NATION :

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

**Article 7.21. PARTICIPATION - MILITARY STATUS**

A. Only military personnel on active duty in Armed Forces may take part in competitions organized by CISM.

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.

C. Exceptions to the above may be authorized by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

D. 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.

E. **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.

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

**Article 7.30. CHIEF OF MISSION**

A. Chief of Mission

1. Chiefs of Mission shall be familiar with CISM regulations.
2. Chiefs of Mission 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.



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### 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. Instances of indiscipline or poor sportsmanship will be handled by Championship officials and may result in the disqualification of individual athletes or teams.

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. The mission, who does not wear military uniforms during the opening ceremony of a Championship, will not be authorised to take part in the Championship. The Official CISM Representative will communicate this decision.

### **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 (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.



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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. 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.

**Additional Provision.**

Chiefs of Mission are required to stay at the host site for the duration of the competition. Early departures where the delegation is left without their Chief of Mission may result in their team's forfeiture of all games and dismissal from the Championship. Chiefs of Mission must coordinate with the Official CISM Representative if they are required to leave early due to emergency circumstances.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

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