



**International Military Sports Council
(Zimbabwe Delegation to CISM)**

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15TH CISM World Military Golf Championship



16 June – 23 June 2024, Victoria Falls Zimbabwe

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Date: 16th JUNE – 23rd JUNE 2024.

Dear CISM friends,

As the Chief of the Zimbabwean Delegation to CISM and on behalf of the Commander Defence Forces, I have the honour to invite you to the 15 CISM World Military Golf Championship which will be held in Victoria Falls Zimbabwe, from 16th June to 23rd June 2024.

Looking forward to seeing you in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe in June of 2024.

Yours Sincerely.

Colonel Muelus Shumba
Chief of the Zimbabwean Delegation to CISM



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Distribution List

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

- 1. *President of CISM.***
- 2. *Official CISM Representative.***
- 3. *The concerned Continental Vice-President.***
- 4. *CISM Secretary General.***
- 5. *The concerned Chief(s) of Liaison Office(s).***
- 6. *President and Members of CISM Sport Committee.***
- 7. *Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors.***

To the Chiefs of Delegation of the CISM Member Countries



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2. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

- a. Active CISM member nations have the right to participate in the 15th CISM World Military Golf Championship.

- b. Inactive member nations intending to take part in the event, must pay their annual membership fee before the final entry deadline established by the Organizing Committee of the World Military Championship. If the membership fee is not been paid, the inactive delegation will not be authorised to take part in the event.

3. GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE	ACTIVITY
Jun 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival at Victoria Falls Intl Airport and Registration
Jun 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice Round/Team Captains Match (9 holes)• Preliminary Meeting ; Team Captains Meeting• Opening Ceremony
Jun 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition – First Round
Jun 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition – Second Round
Jun 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition – Third Round
Jun 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition – Final Round• Medals Ceremony• Closing Ceremony.
Jun 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Day
Jun 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure of Missions

Practice rounds at Elephant Hills Golf Course prior to 17 Jun will not be allowed.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

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



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Representative/Participants

Chief of Mission	1
Team Manager/Captain	1
Women Golfers	3
Men Golfers	6
Total	11

b. All missions may compete in the individual Men and Women’s competitions. Missions may include two (2) male professional players and one (1) female professional player within the composition. No additional member may be included in the mission without special authorization from the Organising Nation. Further details are found in the CISM Regulations article 7.22.

c. CISM Golf Sports Committee members will not count against their nation’s composition of the mission.

d. Only active duty military personnel are authorised to compete in the competitions (CISM Regulations, Art. 7.23, item A).

5. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition format (CISM Golf Regulation 2020) will be used based upon the number of participating teams. Regulations can be found at <http://www.milспорт.one/sports/golf>.

b. The championship will consist of individual and team competition over seventy-two (72) holes of medal (stroke) play.

c. Men and Women will compete in separate categories and each will include an amateur and professional competition. Medals will be awarded in the professional events on condition that there are a minimum of eight (8) male professional players and four (4) female professional players respectively.

d. Within the Men’s and Women’s Individual competition, differentiation will be made for the awarding of additional medals to players over 40 (Seniors) on condition

that a minimum of four (4) seniors are participating within each category. To compete in the senior category, men or women must be forty (40) years old on the day that the first round of the competition (not practice round) takes place. The overall champion may come either from the Open or Senior category. If seniors declared the overall champion, the next best senior score will win the senior competition.



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- e. A minimum of two rounds completed would be required to constitute an official championship.

6. ACCESS TO THE LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION

- a. The competition will take place at Elephant Hills Golf Course, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- b. The cost of travel to and from the host country will be the responsibility of the participating missions.
- c. Teams shall arrive at the Victoria Falls International Airport. Delegations will be welcomed at the Victoria Falls International Airport by the host site coordinators and will be transported to designated accommodations.

7. CONDITIONS OF STAY

- a. Boarding and lodging will be provided for all participants and officials, 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 16 June 2024 and departing after 23 June 2024 will be responsible for all expenses incurred during the period outside the official competition dates. CISM Officials such as the Official CISM Representative (OCR) and other authorised representatives are authorised to arrive on 15 June 2024.
- d. In accordance with the Statutes 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 Organisers. Nations failing to comply may result in additional personnel not gaining access to the provided lodging regardless of their choice of accommodations.
- f. Medical support for the duration of the event will be provided by the host. The Organisers will cover costs for basic first aid and emergency treatment only. In cases of additional advanced treatment, hospitalisation and or routine medical care, participating nations will be responsible for the payment thereof.



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8. REGULATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

a. Rules. The CISM Golf Regulations (Edition 2020) and under the auspices of USGA rules; the CISM Regulations-December 2021; CISM Anti- Doping Regulations, Edition 2017, 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. 7.23 of the CISM Regulations). Participation of inactive member nations is not authorised (art.7.26 of the CISM Regulations). All of the participants are asked to present the following documents during the registration and Preliminary Inquiry :

- a valid military identity card for those who are authorised to present their military identity cards abroad;
- a form of verification (in English and/or French) of military status;
- Passport; and
- COVID vaccine verification card. (Copy of vaccine verification may be requested in advance of travel to Zimbabwe.)

9. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

a. Vaccination Requirement. All participants must be vaccinated in order to participate in the CISM Golf Championship. This requirement applies to players and staff.

b. Testing Protocol. At the time of this invitation, participants are not required to present negative COVID-19 test results. This requirement may change depending on local conditions prior to the championship. For nations requiring negative tests prior to traveling to their home nation, the Zimbabwean Delegation shall arrange COVID-19 testing based on the participating nation's minimum guidelines.

10. 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).



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c. In case an athlete has a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), the Chief of Delegation should send this TUE to the CISM HQ 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 <https://www.milsport.one/ethics-and-integrity/anti-doping>.

11. UNIFORMS AND PROTOCOL

- a. Service Uniforms are mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies.
- b. Failure to wear uniforms of all team members during the opening ceremony may result in disqualification from the championship.
- c. Request participating nations to bring their respective flag and national anthem on CD which can be used during the 15 CISM World Military Golf Championship.

12. CUSTOMS AND VISA PROCEDURES

It is highly recommended that each participating nations contacts their respective embassies for specific information regarding to entry procedures and VISA information into Zimbabwe.

13. WEATHER

The weather in mid-June and end June in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe can be summarised as mild and very dry. Day time maximum temperatures average around 26^oC (79^oF), whilst at night 8^oC (45^oF) ia normal. We have about 10 hours of sunshine and an average wind speed of 4mph.

14. CURRENCY

Both the local currency (Zimbabwe Dollar), ZWL and the United States Dollar (USD) are legal tender.

15. DEADLINES FOR AGREEMENTS

Please note and comply with the following deadlines:

- a. Preliminary agreement of participation, Annex 1 to be submitted before 31 January 2024. The expectation is the host country will only accept the first 17 countries (number of players dependent).



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- b. Final agreement of participation, Annex 2a, 2b to be submitted not later than 31 March 2024. Late submissions may result in denied participation.
- c. Final travel information (Annex 3) to be submitted not later than 16 May 2024.
- d. Any nation withdrawing from participation after submitting Annex 3 and fails to notify the Organising Committee accordingly will be held responsible for all related costs incurred by the Organisers.

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ANNEXES

Annex 1 – Preliminary Agreement (to be sent back before 31 January 2024).

Annex 2a, 2b – Final Agreement (to be sent back before 31 March 2024).

Annex 3 – Final Entry/Travel Data (to be sent back before 16 May 2024).