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35<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military MTB Cycling Championship - 2026, Jaén (Spain)

# INVITATION



## **35<sup>TH</sup> WORLD MILITARY MTB CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**30 SEPTEMBER – 04 OCTOBER 2026  
QUESADA, JAÉN. SPAIN**

**“Friendship through sport”**



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**Spanish Military Sports Council**

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**To:** See Distribution List.

**Subject:** 35<sup>TH</sup> CISM WORLD MILITARY MTB CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

**Date:** 08 APR 2026

The International Military Sports Council (CISM) has entrusted the organization of the 35<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military MTB Cycling Championship to the Spanish Armed Forces. The main organizer will be the Spanish Military Sports Council.

It is our great honor to invite a team representing your country to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military MTB Cycling Championship, which will take place in Jaén, Spain, from the 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

The championship will be organized under the authority of the Spanish Military Sports Council, in close cooperation with national and local authorities, and in accordance with CISM Regulations and the applicable international sport federation rules.

The Spanish Military Sports Council looks forward to welcoming all delegations to Jaén and to sharing, through sport, the values of friendship, solidarity and mutual respect promoted by CISM.

Lt. General Pedro García Cifo.



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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 Chiefs of Liaison Offices.*
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 Member Countries*



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**A. Right to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> CISM World MTB Cycling Championship (WMMBC) – Jaén 2026.**

Only CISM active member nations have the right to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> WMMBC.

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**

Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Arrival of the missions (all day)
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Technical meeting Training Course Inspection Opening ceremony
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Competition Cross-Country Marathon (XCM) Cultural activity (optional) Gift Exchange
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	MTB Team Competition and Paracycling competition (TBD) Medal Awarding and Closing ceremony Official Dinner and party
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Departure of the missions (all day)

Note:

- (1) The timetable shall be informed through the Technical Meeting
- (2) During the Championship, cultural activities could be organized, taking into account that those activities shall not overlap the general timetable of the trials.
- (3) The detailed program will be delivered to all participants upon arrival.

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**Discipline and race format**

**Individual competition:**  
 Date: 2nd October 26  
**XCM (55-60 km / 2.000m elevation)**  
 Technical sectors through the race  
 Men: 2:30 to 2:45 h race time  
 Women: 2:15 to 2:30 h race time

**Team competition and/or para-competition:**  
 Date: 3rd October 26  
 Format TBC  
 Extra value – fun – friendship to the championship

**C. Composition of the Mission**

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.

The table below shows the maximum number of participants per delegation:

FUNCTION	Maximum number of participants
Chief of Mission	1
Team Captain	1
Coach	1
Physician (optional)	1
Male competitors	4
Male paracyclist	1
Female competitors	4
Female paracyclist	1
CSC Cycling member	1
<b>TOTAL (maximum)</b>	<b>14 + 1 CSC Cycling member</b>



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### 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 Committee, under the authority of the Spanish Armed Forces, will ensure the official transportation from the designated arrival points to the accommodation sites and provide all necessary local transportation between accommodation, training areas, and competition venues during the championship period.

- Málaga Airport, approximately 250 Km from Quesada (Jaén), **is the point of arrival and departure by plane.**
- Jaén Railway Station (with direct train connections to major Spanish cities such as Madrid and Barcelona) **is the point of arrival by train.**
- Quesada (Jaén) is the point of arrival **by car** as well as the place where participants will stay from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October. Quesada is 13 km far from the competition area.

Detailed information regarding arrival procedures and transportation schedules will be communicated to the delegations in due time and confirmed during the Technical Meeting.

### 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.

During their stay in Quesada (Jaén), the missions will be guests of the Spanish Armed Forces from the 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026. 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 medical first aid care. 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, including 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.

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Delegations may choose accommodations outside those provide by the Host Nation. Those Delegations opting for this will be fully responsible for managing all arrangements, including transportation, logistics and associated costs.

An administrative fine of 1.000 EUR will be imposed on a country that submitted the final entry but failed to participate or canceled late, in accordance with Article 7.23 of the CISM Regulations.

### F. Regulations of the Championship.

- The competition will be conducted under the provision of the UCI Regulation and CISM Regulations for Cycling (edition 2026).
- 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).

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





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Below you can find the Organizations Accredited by WADA to carry out the tests during the Championship:

Sample Collection Authority (SCA): **CELAD**  
Spanish Commission Against Doping in Sport  
CL Sinesio Delgado 4. 28029. Madrid  
Phone: +34 918 222 000  
(<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/code-signatories>)

Accredited Laboratory: **Instituto de Salud Carlos III**  
(<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/official-documents/protocol-events-guidelines>

### I. Customs and Visa Procedures.

We deeply recommend the participants to contact the Spanish diplomatic missions in their respective countries.

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.



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**J. Weather Conditions**

In October, Jaen usually experiences mild autumn conditions, with average temperatures in the range of 12-20°C and the possibility of light rain.

Appropriate clothing for variable weather is recommended.

**K. Registration Forms Deadlines**

**Preliminary Agreement** (Annex1), not later than **1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**.

**Final Entry:** composition of the mission (Annex2a) and commitment by the Chief of Mission (Annex2b), not later than **31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

**Travel Data** (Annex3), not later than **10<sup>th</sup> September 2026**.

**L. Correspondence**



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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 **1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**.

**NATION:**

<p><b>To:</b>  <b>Spanish Delegation to CISM:</b>          Lt Col Víctor Antolín          Lt Col Francisco Hidalgo          Spanish Military Sports Council (MoD)          109, Paseo de la Castellana. 28071 Madrid (Spain)          Phone: +34 917 743 081/ + 34 606 064 124          E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismspain@oc.mde.es">cismspain@oc.mde.es</a></p>	<p><b>Copy to:</b>  <b>CISM Headquarters:</b>          Lt Col Nicolas Ferre          CISM Sports Director          Mobile: +33 6 48 05 31 21          E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one">cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one</a></p>
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**TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:**

	OFFICIALS	ATHLETE	CSC MEMBERS	TOTAL
<b>MEN</b>				
<b>WOMEN</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

- 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.

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 **31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.**

<b>NATION:</b>	
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<p><b>To:</b>  <b>Spanish Delegation to CISM:</b>          Lt Col Víctor Antolín          Lt Col Francisco Hidalgo          Spanish Military Sports Council (MoD)          109, Paseo de la Castellana. 28071 Madrid (Spain)          Phone: +34 917 743 081/ + 34 606 064 124          E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismspain@oc.mde.es">cismspain@oc.mde.es</a></p>	<p><b>Copy to:</b>  <b>CISM Headquarters:</b>          Lt Col Nicolas Ferre          CISM Sports Director          Mobile: +33 6 48 05 31 21          E-mail: <a href="mailto:cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one">cismsportsdepartment@milsport.one</a></p>
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#	Function	Rank	Name and Surname	MTB	Note
1.	Chief of Mission				
2.	CSC Member				
3.	Team Captain				
4.	Coach				
5.	Physician				
6.	Male athlete				
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.	Female athlete				
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.	Male Para-athlete				
15.	Female Para-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.

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 **31<sup>st</sup> July 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. 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.



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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



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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**

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**

To be returned before **10<sup>th</sup> September 2026.**

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	PLACE	DATE	FLIGHT Nr TRAIN Nr	TIME
ARRIVAL				
DEPARTURE				

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

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

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

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

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