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MILITARY SERVICES PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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Purpose: In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5124.02, this issuance:

- Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for the management and participation of Service members in Military Service sports competitions and in civilian national and international amateur sports competitions.
- Establishes:
 - The Senior Military Sports Advisor (SMSA),
 - The Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC), which will manage the Armed Forces Sports Program.
 - The AFSC Secretariat.
 - The AFSC Working Group.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY.

This issuance:

- a. Applies to OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a Service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoD Components”).
- b. Does not apply to Service member participation in sporting activities for community outreach in accordance with Volume 1 of DoD Instruction 5410.19.
- c. Does not apply to Service member participation in professional sporting activities in accordance with DoD Instruction 1322.22 and Directive-type Memorandum 19-011.

1.2. POLICY.

- a. The Military Services will be appropriately represented at the International Military Sports Council, also known and referred to in this issuance as the *Conseil International du Sport Militaire* (CISM), activities and in civilian national and international amateur sports competitions.
- b. Pursuant to Section 717 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Service members may train for, attend, and participate in amateur competitions including the Pan American Games, the Parapan American Games, the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, and qualifying events and preparatory competitions for those games. Service members may also train for, attend, and participate in other international amateur sports competitions, including qualifying events and preparations for those competitions, if the Secretary of State determines participation in those competitions will serve the interests of the United States.
- c. Only sporting events conducted or sanctioned by the AFSC may use the Armed Forces Sports logo and call the event an Armed Forces event (e.g., Armed Forces Basketball Championship). DoD and OSD Components are not authorized to use the phrase “Armed Forces” for any event that is related to sports or physical competition without the expressed written consent from the AFSC. The Armed Forces Sports logo and wordmark are registered trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Other non-DoD and OSD events should request written consent of the AFSC before titling or describing a sporting event as an Armed Forces event and use a non-endorsement disclaimer.
- d. When selected to represent the United States in non-military national or international amateur sports competitions as part of a team that includes civilians, Service members, to the maximum extent feasible, will be equipped, transported, and subsisted by the sponsoring agency

(e.g., U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee or national governing body (NGB)) responsible for the particular amateur sport in the same manner as the civilian members of the team.

e. All Service members participating in national or international sports competitions are subject to the rules in DoD 5500.07-R, including, but not limited to, any awards received.

f. Use of Military Service insignia on all AFSC products and promotional events will be in accordance with DoD Instruction 5535.12.

g. Any proposed AFSC products bearing Military Service insignia will receive prior approval from the respective Military Service trademark licensing offices found at <https://www.defense.gov/Resources/Branding-and-Trademarks/>.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS (ASD(M&RA)).

Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the ASD(M&RA) provides guidance for and oversees the participation of Service members in Armed Forces, national, and international amateur sports competitions.

2.2. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY (USD(P)).

Pursuant to Section 717 of Title 10, U.S.C., the USD(P) consults with the Department of State (DOS) as to whether the interests of the United States will be served through participation by Service members in any international athletic sports competition other than those mentioned in Paragraph 1.2.b.

2.3. ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS (ATSD(PA)).

The ATSD(PA):

- a. Helps the AFSC facilitate a free flow of news and information to the news media, the general public, and the DoD concerning the participation of Service members in Armed Forces Sports competitions and in civilian national and international amateur sports competitions.
- b. Coordinates with the AFSC when non-DoD organizations are planning sporting events that may include the phrase “Armed Forces” in their title.

2.4. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard:

- a. Develop sports programs that provide the opportunity for qualified Service members to voluntarily prepare for and compete in authorized national and international amateur sports competitions based on specific needs and mission requirements.
- b. Designate their respective Service morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) directors, or another representative, as a member of the AFSC.
- c. Through the AFSC and the USD(P), request DOS determination on participation in international sports competitions not already approved by DOS and on necessary travel clearances.

d. Consistent with military missions, may independently provide opportunities for qualified Service members to prepare for and compete in authorized national and international amateur sports competitions either on a voluntary basis or through organized programs such as a Military Service-based world class athlete program. Expenses incurred for such purposes may not exceed the limitation established in Section 717 of Title 10, U.S.C.

2.5. SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

In addition to the responsibilities in Paragraph 2.4., the Secretary of the Army:

a. Provides administrative and logistical support to the AFSC Secretariat. This includes programming through the Program Objective Memorandum request process for the staffing of the AFSC Secretariat office, budgeting, funding, personnel and security administration, facilities, supplies, and other administrative provisions and services required in support of the operation and administration of the Armed Forces Sports Program.

b. Requires civilian and military personnel assigned to the AFSC Secretariat office to comply with applicable personnel regulations.

c. Exercises no independent program supervision in the execution of the operation and administration of the Armed Forces Sports Program, outside of their role as a member of the AFSC.

SECTION 3: PROCEDURES

3.1. SMSA.

The SMSA will:

a. Be the Chief of Personnel for a Military Service, or their designated general officer, flag officer, or senior executive service representative assigned to a 4-year term (ending at the completion of each Summer Olympiad) on a rotating basis in the following order:

(1) Marine Corps.

(2) Army.

(3) Air Force.

(4) Navy.

b. Make recommendations on requests from the AFSC to the USD(P) for participation in international sports competitions and other international travel matters relating to the sports competitions requiring action from OSD.

c. Approve the selection of the U.S. Armed Forces Chief of Delegation to CISM.

d. Refer all matters requiring OSD review and approval to the ASD(M&RA).

e. Submit comments to the ASD(M&RA) and the ATSD(PA) on legislative matters affecting military sports activities that are of interest to the ATSD(PA) and the respective Military Services.

f. Review AFSC minutes to ensure compliance with DoD policies before submission to the ASD(M&RA).

3.2. AFSC.

The AFSC will:

a. Consist of the MWR directors of each of the Military Services or their designated representatives. The Chair of the AFSC will rotate every 2 years on October 1 between the Military Service MWR directors or their designated representatives in the following order:

(1) Navy.

(2) Air Force.

(3) Marine Corps.

(4) Army.

b. Recommend for approval by the ASD(M&RA) the quadrennial apportionment among the Military Services for funding Service member participation in civilian national and international amateur sports competitions pursuant to Section 717 of Title 10, U.S.C., and advise the ASD(M&RA) of the apportionment and any changes to it.

c. Initiate requests through the SMSA to the USD(P) for DOS determinations as to whether participation in international sports competitions not specifically listed in Paragraph 1.2.b. is in the interests of the United States.

d. Maintain frequent contact with the ATSD(PA) concerning Service member participation in the Armed Forces Sports Program and provide appropriate information to that office for traditional and social media release.

e. Advise and act upon, as appropriate, matters pertaining to sports events involving multiple Military Services.

f. Recommend for approval by the ASD(M&RA) the annual Armed Forces Sports championship events schedule and monitor all Military Service efforts in support of national and international sports activities. The host Service plans and conducts assigned Armed Forces Sports championship events.

g. Coordinate and maintain liaison with the appropriate sports organizations, federations, and NGBs on matters of mutual interest to the Military Departments and nominate Military Service representatives to those organizations, federations, and NGBs in accordance with DoD 5500.07-R. Representatives may not participate in the day-to-day operations of the entity. Appointed Military Service representatives will:

(1) Serve as DoD liaisons or representatives to the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, NGBs, and other civilian national and international sports organizations that the AFSC routinely engages. In cases where not all of the Military Services are represented or when representation is limited by the civilian national or international sports organization, the AFSC will select a representative from among those recommended by the Military Services. This provision does not preclude individual Military Service membership in civilian national or international sports organizations in support of the Services' respective programs; however, prior AFSC approval is required.

(2) Serve as the Military Services Chief of Delegation to CISM. The length of the appointment will be at the AFSC's discretion.

(3) Serve on CISM committees and commissions, or in other CISM positions.

h. Meet quarterly or when requested by the Chair.

i. Recommend for approval by the ASD(M&RA) funding support for Armed Forces Sports events by:

(1) Specifying the maximum funding each Military Service can provide to support participation in international sports activities pursuant to Section 717 of Title 10, U.S.C. The AFSC may allocate part of such funding for joint specialized training and participation in international competitions.

(2) Developing nonappropriated fund requirements for supplementary support to be considered by the Military Services.

j. Establish annual standard operating procedures that outline the operation and execution of the Armed Forces Sports Program.

k. Develop and implement performance measures for the Armed Forces Sports Program as part of development of the annual standard operating procedures. Performance measures will, at a minimum:

(1) Demonstrate linkage to the program's mission, goals, or objectives.

(2) Have a measurable target.

(3) Include a baseline that can be used to demonstrate program performance.

l. Review and track performance metrics annually and update program priorities and operating guidance as needed.

3.3. OFFICE OF THE AFSC SECRETARIAT.

The Office of the AFSC Secretariat will:

a. Report directly to and receive direction from the AFSC in the discharge of AFSC responsibilities, primarily as staff administrator and coordinator.

b. Serve as the executive office for the AFSC.

c. Serve as the U.S. liaison to CISM.

d. Process travel clearances through the Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System to obtain country, theater, and special area clearances for Service members participating in CISM events.

e. Coordinate with DOS, other governmental agencies, and civilian national sports organizations regarding sports tours and clinics in foreign countries that involve Service member participation.

f. Serve as the point of contact for the DoD Components on matters pertaining to the Armed Forces Sports Program.

g. Refer AFSC matters requiring OSD review and approval to the ASD(M&RA) through the SMSA.

- h. Submit comments on legislative matters affecting military sports activities that are of interest to the DoD to the ASD(M&RA) through the SMSA.
- i. Publicize Service member participation in sports programs, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, by providing informational material to the ATSD(PA) and the respective Military Services.
- j. Provide agenda, meeting minutes, reports, and other administrative support as required.
- k. Transmit AFSC meeting minutes to the SMSA for review to ensure compliance with DoD policy before submission to the ASD(M&RA).

3.4. AFSC WORKING GROUP.

- a. Each Military Service will designate a representative to the AFSC Working Group.
- b. The AFSC Working Group will perform duties as directed by the AFSC.
- c. The Chair of the AFSC Working Group will be from the same Military Service as the Chair of AFSC and will serve the same 2-year term of office as the AFSC Chair.

GLOSSARY

G.1. ACRONYMS.

ACRONYM	MEANING
AFSC	Armed Forces Sports Council
ASD(M&RA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs
ATSD(PA)	Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
CISM	<i>Conseil International du Sport Militaire</i>
DOS	Department of State
MWR	morale, welfare, and recreation
NGB	national governing body
SMSA	Senior Military Sports Advisor
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(P)	Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

G.2. DEFINITIONS.

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance.

TERM	DEFINITION
AFSC	The governing body of the Armed Forces Sports Program.
AFSC Secretariat	The administrative support body of the AFSC provided by the Army.
AFSC Working Group	The staffing body of the AFSC, which is composed of MWR representatives from each Military Service.
Armed Forces Sports championships	AFSC-sanctioned, national-level athletic competitions involving three or more Military Service branches.
Armed Forces Sports Program	A high-performance sports program that provides an avenue for Service members to participate in national and international competitions officially recognized by the AFSC. It does not include Service academies, installation (extramural or intramural),

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	command, or Military Service competition or preparation, training, or qualifying for these competitions.
CISM	An international military sports organization composed of approximately 140 member nations, including the United States. The organization's mission is to develop friendly relations among military athletes of member countries by encouraging participation in physical activities and sports events.
CISM Chief of Delegation	The single representative from each member country who expresses a national position on all CISM matters and votes at the general assembly on behalf of the AFSC. The Chief of Delegation serves at the discretion of the AFSC.
international amateur sports competition	Any civilian amateur sports competition between any athlete or athletes representing the United States, either individually or as part of a team, and any athlete or athletes representing any foreign country.
Military Services	Used collectively to denote the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.
NGB	An amateur sports organization that is recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (e.g., USA Wrestling) and authorized to govern a particular sport. NGBs are responsible for training, competition, and development for their sports, as well as nominating athletes to the U.S. Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American, and Parapan American teams.
SMSA	The Chief of Personnel of a Military Service (or their designated general officer or flag officer) who is responsible for the management and operation of the Armed Forces Sports Program and reports on such matters to the ASD(M&RA).
U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee	A federally chartered nonprofit corporation that serves as both the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States that approves the U.S. trials sites and procedures for the Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American, and Parapan American Games team selections.

REFERENCES

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