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INTRODUCTION

This publication is designed to provide the aim, objectives, rules, structures and activities that should be considered and included by the Host Organization during the annual CISM BEACH VOLLEYBALL championships.

The aim of CISM is to establish permanent relationships in the fields of sport and education between the Armed Forces of the World. The motto of CISM is "Friendship through Sport".



1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1. EVENT

The Beach Volleyball Championship will, in principle, be organized each year under the patronage of the Council of International Military Sports (CISM).

1.2. TITLE

The title for a championship tournament will be: (numbered) World Military Beach Volleyball Championship. The numbered designation will be increased by one from that of the last hosted championship held in a preceding year.

1.3. HOST

The host country for a championship will be confirmed during the General Assembly of the preceding year. When there are multiple countries willing to sponsor the championship, the General Assembly will assign the host responsibility in cooperation with the President of the CISM Volleyball Committee.

1.4. DATE

The date for a championship is set during the General Assembly by the hosting nation. It is usually not scheduled during the same period as the Olympic Games, civilian Continental or World Championships.

1.5. RULES

The current Official Beach Volleyball Rules published by the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB Edition 2021 - 2024), as modified or augmented by CISM regulations, will be used for the administration of matches and appropriate aspects of the organization of the championship. Official forms used must be based on FIVB forms.

1.6. PARTICIPANTS

Competitors (Players) must be military personnel serving on active duty with the National Armed Forces of their country. It is prohibited to recall players to active duty for the specific and obvious intent of participating in the championship. Exceptions, in special cases, may be granted in advance by the General Assembly for personnel with intermittent military service in accordance with article 7.23 Participation – Military Status, Chapter VII of the CISM Regulations.

1.7. AWARDS

The sponsoring country is required to present, as a minimum, the following awards:

- A medal or prize to each competitor, Team Manager/Captain, coach and trainer on each of the first three teams in the championship standing.
- A participation certificate to the participants of each mission.
- Other awards may be included at the discretion of the host country, General Assembly, or CISM



Volleyball Committee.

- 1.7.1.** The host country may, if desire, present a souvenir cup or medal to other teams and competitors. This is not mandatory.
- 1.7.2.** In keeping with the CISM campaign against violence and to encourage good sportsmanship, a fair play award must be presented to a team for a particular action or attitude towards fair-play demonstrated during the Championship.

2. INVITATION - PARTICIPATION

2.1. INVITATION

Nine (9) months prior to the event, the organizing committee will send a draft of the invitation to the CISM Sport Department.

Six (6) months prior to the event, the organizing committee will send the final and official version of the invitation (electronic version) to the Sport Department signed by the Chief of Delegation or other high authority.

The rules concerning the invitation procedure, invitation file and reply to invitation are provided in the CISM Regulations, Chapter VIII, Article 8.1 to 8.3.

2.2. COMPOSITION OF A MISSION

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

Representative/Participants	Men`s	Women`s
Chief of Mission	1	
Team Manager (Team Captain)	1	
Coach	1	1
Doctor, Trainer or Physiotherapist	1	
Referee ¹	1	1
Players ²	4	4
Total	15 ³	

¹ Referee accompanying a mission must be FIVB qualified (International) as per article 5.9.

² Delegations can register 1 or 2 teams (male, female or both) according to its availability.

³ Maximum number of participants.

CSC members are invited officially, and may be included as extra members of their country's mission, if participating in the competition. They will not be counted as part of their country's mission.

No additional members may be included in the delegation without the specific authorization of the host country.



2.3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The duration of the championship should not normally exceed eight days. The number of days required for a championship will vary depending on the number of teams participating and the number of competition days required to complete the required matches.

2.3.1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Typically, the calendar of events for a competition will be structured as follows:

Day 1:	Arrival of the Missions
Day 2:	Preliminary Inquiry, Preliminary Meeting, Training and Opening Ceremony
Day 3:	1st day of competition
Day 4, 5, etc.:	Total number of days required to conduct the competition plus the Closing Ceremony
Next to last day:	Cultural Day
Last day:	Departure of Missions

Note: Number of days of the competition will depend on the number of entries.

Teams shall not normally be required to play more than two matches per day. In addition, teams should be afforded a training opportunity between each scheduled match, whenever possible.

The hosting country may schedule the opening, closing ceremonies and the cultural day on other days than those designated in the above Calendar of Events. The opening ceremonies should be scheduled on the evening of the second day (Preliminary Meeting day).

3. ORGANIZATION - MANAGEMENT

3.1. The recommended organization includes:

- General Organization
- Technical Organization
- Logistical Organization
- Ceremonial and Protocol Organization

Responsibilities for each organization will conform with those provided in the CISM Regulation.

All of the provisions set out in the Procedures Manual and Guidance for Organizers are valid for the Beach Volleyball Championship and special rules apply for the Technical Jury. See CISM regulations and procedures for greater detail.



3.2 CISM SPORT COMMITTEE (CSC) FOR VOLLEYBALL

In accordance with the CISM organizational structure, the Secretary General shall ensure that a CISM Sport Committee (CSC) for Volleyball is established in accordance with article 2.15 of the CISM Regulations. The Sport Committee is composed of:

- A President;
- A Secretary; and
- Members, whose appointment shall be approved by their respective delegations.

3.2.1 The President of the CISM Sport Committee (PCSC) for Volleyball

The PCSC is accountable to the Secretary General for the sport of Volleyball in accordance with article 2.16 of the CISM Regulations.

3.2.2 CSC Duties

The Volleyball Committee will exercise its duties in accordance with article 7.14 of the CISM Regulations.

The CISM Sport Committee members shall arrive at least two days before the competition.

3.3. TECHNICAL JURY

An International Technical Jury will be selected, from members of participating nations, for each competition. These individuals require detailed knowledge of Beach Volleyball rules and procedures. (Procedures Manual Art. 3.12). At the preliminary meeting, the President of the CISM Volleyball Technical Committee will announce the size of the Technical Jury, based upon the number of teams participating in the competition. The CISM Sport Committee members can also serve on the Technical Jury.

3.3.1. FUNCTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL JURY

The technical jury is responsible for the smooth running of the competition, which may include but not limited to:

- Ensures, in consultation with the Technical Sub-Committee of the host Organizing Committee that the court and facilities conform to the standards required by the Official International Rules;
- Ensures that regulations are properly observed;
- Resolves any technical situation not otherwise covered;
- Resolves any protest submitted in writing by a Chief of Mission;
- Resolves any protest within the referee's jurisdiction; and
- Controls and approves all match results, to include compliance with FIVB rules (Edition 2021 – 2024) and approved exceptions.

The first meeting of the Technical Jury may be held immediately after the technical meeting.



3.4 JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal composition and functions will be in accordance with article 8.13 of the CISM Regulations.

4. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language used in establishing these regulations. In case of conflict in language interpretation(s), the English version will be used to settle any dispute(s).

5. COMPETITION

5.1. HOST NATION

The hosting Nation will:

- Provide additional line judges and referees to meet requirements;
- Provide qualified official "scorers and assistant scores";
- Provide official court personnel (court manager (one per court), ball retrievers (3-6 per court), rakers to level the sand (2-4 per court), score board keepers (2 per court);
- Provide the official uniform for all officials (national referees, line judges, scores) and court personnel (ball retrievers, rakers, etc).
- Provide official game balls that conform to FIVB specifications approved for the Olympic Games and used at the present FIVB World Competitions.

5.0. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition format will be drafted based upon the number of participating teams in accordance with FIVB rules. The President of the CISM Volleyball Committee is allowed to change the sequence of games dependent on the number of courts available, television broadcasting, or other reasons that may impact the competition. In exceptional cases, when the organizing country cannot accept all countries wishing to participate, the President of the CISM Sport Committee for Volleyball will consider the participation ranking list and a "Wild Card" system, if necessary.

5.3. DISCIPLINE

Should a player be ejected from a set for unsportsmanlike conduct or any other flagrant violation which may cause embarrassment to CISM, the player will not be allowed to compete in later matches at the same championship. The Jury of Appeal is the sole judge in this matter.

5.4. SEEDING OF TEAMS

To ensure the quality of a championship in which the first round is comprised of more than one pool, it is necessary to appropriately seed the pools to ensure an equitable distribution of the strongest teams between pools.

The seeding of pools will be determined by the CSC for Volleyball, based upon the FIVB Results Rankings.



The CISM Volleyball Technical Committee also reserves the right to seed the host nation team in the pool that does not include the highest seeded team.

5.5. FORMATION OF POOLS

Using the FIVB Results Rankings, the pools shall be drawn using a serpentine allocation:

- a. First draw: Seeding teams which are ranked at the FIVB Results Rankings ([30 days before the Championship](#));
- b. Second draw: First teams designated by the Chief of Mission;
- c. Third draw: Rest of the teams.

As stated previously, the CISM Volleyball Committee may permit the host nation team to be placed in the pool not seeded with the #1 performance result team. Should an adjustment to the pool be required to permit this, the change between pools will occur with the team in the B pool occupying the equivalent position to the host team.

Whenever a Round Robin system applies, the order of matches to be played will be determined by the CISM Volleyball Committee. The daily match schedule will be established by the CISM Volleyball Committee to grant adequate recovery time to teams and meet facility scheduling requirements. The CISM Volleyball Committee retains the right to request last-minute changes in the order of matches established in the daily timetable and provided such changes can be communicated to the teams involved no less than 24 hours before the first matches in question.

5.6. TRAINING CONDITIONS

The host nation shall provide the teams a facility for practicing prior to the opening of the championship and during the championship according to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations. The Organizing Committee shall prepare a training schedule that must be approved by the CISM Volleyball Committee.

5.7. FORFEIT

5.7.1 Before the start of the Championship

If a participating Nation withdraws its team from the competition after having submitted their Final Entry, but before the start of the competition, the team may be replaced by another nation approved by the President of the CISM Volleyball Committee. If a team withdraws from participation after the competition has begun, the CISM Volleyball Committee has authority to apply a sanction for future competitions. In both cases sanctions applied will be based on the circumstances of the withdrawal.

5.7.2. After First Round

If a team withdraws from the competition after the first round pools are established and was:

- in a pool where the number of teams were equal to or greater than the number of teams in the other pools, play will continue as established. The position in the pool where the team withdrew will be considered as a "bye" position.



- in a pool where the number of teams were less than the number of teams in the other pools, an additional organizing meeting will be held to re-establish the first round pools. The competition will be re-organized with the reduced number of teams.

5.7.3 During the conduct of Pool competition

If a team withdraws during the conduct of pool competition, the results of competition from the team that withdrew will not be considered. All other matches within the pool will be conducted as if the position of the withdrawing team were a "bye".

Matches that can be scheduled earlier without hardship will be re-scheduled.

Example: Schedule for the matches:

Before the forfeit of "A" After the forfeit of "A"

1st day	A - B E - Bye C - D	A - B E - Bye C - D
2nd day	A - C D - Bye B - E	A - Withdraw C & D - Bye B - E
3rd day	A - D B - Bye E - C	E - C B - D
4th day	A - E C - Bye B - D	B - C D - E
5th day	B - C A - Bye D - E	No Games

After the forfeit, the results of Team "A" versus Team "B" played on the first day will be nullified.

5.7.4 After a Round is complete

If a team withdraws after a round is complete and before the start of the next round, the relative positions of the teams in the completed round are retained. All teams standing below the withdrawing team move up one position.

5.7.5 During a Final Round

If a team withdraws during a final round, the team withdrawing is considered to have never



qualified for the round. Any results from that round with the withdrawing team are not considered. The schedule of remaining matches will be reviewed by the CISM Volleyball Committee and changed, if possible to accelerate completion of the round. The final standings will be adjusted, if appropriate, so that no final place is vacant.

5.8. FINAL COMPETITION STANDINGS

5.8.1. In Championships where there is only one round of play, the results of the play will be used to determine team placement for the final ranking. Since this is round robin (each team meets all other teams), standing will be based on highest number of points awarded on the basis of two points for each match won, one point for each match lost and none in case of a forfeit. The team with the greatest number of points is the champion.

5.8.2. In case of a tie for a position in any round, the FIVB criteria will be applied.

5.9. INTERNATIONAL JUDGES - REFEREES, UMPIRES AND LINESMEN

- International Referees will be selected in accordance with article 8.15 of the CISM Regulations.
- The Referee Manager will maintain a roster of all approved judges available for the championship event, assign individual referees and line judges to specific matches and obtain approval of the plan for assignment of referees and line judges from the President of the CISM Volleyball Committee.
- An International Referee will not be assigned to a match in which his country is participating to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest in fair play.
- International Referees belonging to participating delegations will be used to the maximum extent possible. The hosting country should have adequate, properly qualified, judges available to augment the visiting judges as necessary to ensure that an adequate number of judges are available.
- In order to promote participation of military referees at the International level, participating nations will be allowed to bring one (1) National Referee if that referee is military **and the country is participating at both male and female competitions**. Such participation must be approved by the CISM Volleyball Committee before the Championships. When approved by the committee, the referee will be allowed to participate in the next Championship, if the country`s participation includes both teams (male and female).
- The hosting Nation will be responsible to provide qualified scorers and line judges for the Championship.

5.10. TEAM COLOURS - SPORTSWEAR

A player`s equipment consists of shorts or a bathing suit. A jersey or “tank-top” is optional except when specified in Tournament Regulations. Players may wear a hat/head covering. Players of a given team must wear uniforms of the same color and style according with FIVB regulations.



6. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

During CISM Military World Beach Volleyball Championship the anti-doping tests and procedures shall be carried out accordingly the CISM Anti-Doping Rules and World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) Regulations.

Organizers of CISM World Military Beach Volleyball Competitions are **obliged to prepare and bear expenses** for anti-doping control.

6.1 DOPING DEFINITION

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.10 of CISM the Anti-Doping Rules.

Doping, according to this definition, is strictly forbidden in CISM.

6.2 ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

The operative responsibilities of the anti-doping controls will lie with the Anti-Doping Commission formed for the considered event. The composition and tasks of this commission are defined in the CISM Anti-Doping Rules.

6.3 TESTING

The number of tests and minimum level of analysis should follow the Test Distribution Planning (TDP) issued by CISM General Secretariat and posted on the CISM website annually.

6.4 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The CISM Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the Prohibited List which is published and revised by WADA. CISM and WADA will make the current Prohibited List available on their website, respectively at www.wada-ama.org and www.cism-milспорт.com.

6.5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM

Each team player will be requested to provide an Acknowledgment and Agreement – CISM Anti-Doping form (Annex 5) at the preliminary enquiry meeting.



Annex 1

CHECKLIST FOR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The organization of a world class tournament as the CISM Beach Volleyball Championship requires adequate facilities and equipment.

In order to help the sponsor, the following checklist is given:

1) Facilities and Equipment

Playing court	In accordance with FIVB requirements (16mx8m)	4 competition courts and 1 warm-up court
Free zone	In accordance with FIVB requirements (5m/6m)	4 competition courts and 1 warm-up court
General status of the sand	In accordance with FIVB requirements (minimum 40 cm)	4 competition courts and 1 warm-up court
Balls	In according FIVB rules 3.1 and 3.2. (67 cm +1/-1)	40 for single gender /60 for double gender
Posts	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 set (central court) + 4 sets (outside courts)
Post pads	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 set (central court) + 4 sets (outside courts)
Net/Net antennae	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 (central court) + 4 (outside courts) + 2 (reserve)
Lines (5-8 cm)	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 set (central court) + 4 sets (outside courts)
Referee's chair (adjustable height)	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 set (central court) + 4 sets (outside courts)
Referee's chair pads	In accordance with FIVB require.	1 set (central court) + 4 sets (outside courts)
Panels	1 m. x 3.50m (1 st row), 1m. x 5 m (2 nd and 3 rd row)	As per agreement
Sound system	5000 watts	1
Manual scoreboard (table flip chart)	In accordance with FIVB requirements	1 per court + 1 (reserve)
Sport equipment holder	(balls, LJ flags, paddles, gauge, etc)	1 per court + 1 (reserve)
Scorer's table	2 x.0.6 x 0.7 m.	1 per court
Scorer's chairs	2 per court + umbrella for scorers	2 per court
Umbrella for scorers		1-2 per court
Umbrella for athletes' area		2-4 per court
Paddles numbered 1 & 2	(scorer to control service order)	1 set per court + 1 set (reserve)



Lines judges' red flags	30 x 30 cm.	4 per court
Athletes' chairs		4 per court
Towels for the athletes		1 per athlete at least
Towels for the line judges		1 per line judge + double quantities allowing daily washing
Towels for the ball retrievers	30x40 cm/bigger for rainy days	4 per court + double quantities allowing daily washing
Leveling rakes	Flat/ 1 m.	2 per court + 2 reserve
Hand pump		1 per court + 1 (reserve)
Electric inflator		1 + 1 (reserve)
Ball pressure gauge	Units in mbar or hPa	1 per court + 1 (reserve)
Thermometer		1

2) Personnel

Officials (Referees and umpires) FIVB Qualified
Scorers
Line Judges
Medical Officer
Announcers
Ball handling persons for a minimum three (3) ball rotation system for each court
Sand levellers (Rakers)
Statistical

3) Administration

According to CISM Guidelines for Organizers.