



2009 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. COMPETITION RULES:** Current USGA Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC). Course marshalling will be strictly enforced in accordance with current USGA Rules.
- 2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Seventy-two (72) holes medal play.
- 3. SCORING:** Men and women team awards will be separated. Team scoring will be based on low 5 scores of 6 players each day for men and low 2 scores of 3 players each day for women. If a service shows up with 2 women both scores will count for team scoring.
- 4. TIE-BREAKER POLICY:** In the event of a tie in individual or team final standings, there will be a one-hole sudden death playoff which will continue until the tie is broken.
- 5. EQUIPMENT:** Golf carts are not authorized in the Armed Forces Golf Championship. Caddies are authorized at the golfer's expense.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Golfers will play 18 holes per day for four (4) consecutive days. Both team and individual events are conducted. Should any round be postponed due to inclement weather prior to the last scheduled tournament day, the postponed round will be made up the next playing day. If play is postponed on the final day, the rounds played up to that point will constitute the Championship:

Day One	Teams Arrive
Day Two	Team Practice Organizational Meeting Informal Ice-Breaker

Note: Team members attending the Informal Ice-Breaker are required to wear their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Day Three	Team Photos Opening Ceremony (Optional) – However, the National Anthem must be played prior to start of competition. All five Service flags must be displayed if flags are posted.
Day Four	Round One Round Two
Day Five	Round Three
Day Six	Round Four

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final round) Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony. Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards Ceremony is conducted in conjunction with the Informal Ice Breaker, then all Service Members must comply with Ice Breaker dress policy.

Day Seven Teams Depart

7. **TEAM STANDINGS:** See paragraph 3.

8. **AWARDS:**

A. **Individual:** Awards are given to the top three places in each division.

B. **Team Award:** Individuals awards are given to each member of the first place and second place men's and women's teams (to include the OIC).

9. **TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Roster not to exceed 10 individuals:

6 Men's Open Division (No age limit)

3 Women's Open Division (No age limit)

1 OIC

10. **TEAM COMPOSITION - CISM:** As follows or as dictated by host country invitation:

6 Men' Open Division

2 Women's Division

1 Technical Committee Member

1 Team Captain

1 Chief of Mission

TOTAL: 11

11. **COURSE SET-UP:** After consulting the host golf professional (or head of the host tournament committee), the Project officer makes final decision on course set-up to include pin placement, tee placement, and speed of green:

A. Pin Placement: The Project Officer selects and marks (with a dot of spray paint) the pin placement for the next day. Project Officer will consider the slope of the green, speed of the green, and overall difficulty. There should be no “Unfair” pin selection to “Trick up the Course”. Every pin placement should give the good player a fair chance two-putting to hole. In general, a relatively flat area of 5 feet or more should surround the cup, unless totally prevented by the shape and contour of the green. Each day's pin placements should feature 6 easy, 6 medium, and 6 difficult pin placements. A pin place sheet is prepared daily to show the placement of the pin in relation to the center of the green.

B. Tee Marker Placement: Tees are moved daily to provide for a variety of shots required for each hole throughout the tournament.

12. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PLAYERS: The same course information will be provided to all players from each Service, including the daily sheets depicting pin locations, and a hole-by-hole graphic booklet.

13. PRACTICE ROUNDS: Each Service team is allowed an equal number of practice rounds prior to the start of the tournament.

14. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All Higher Level Advancement forms and Service Team Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship must be turned into the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting.

15. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day. The venue is defined as the playing area and the assigned seating/spectator area. More restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence.