



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

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current USAV Rules (dependant upon whether the Armed Forces teams are advancing to CISM or National competition), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**
 - A. Double round-robin. Each team will play three matches within the first two days of play. Matches are played in match sets of two, with the second match starting one half hour after the last game of the previous match. Three out of five wins in a match constitute a win.
 - B. One-minute “technical” time outs at 13 points of each set.
 - C. Warm-up protocol will consist of: 10-minutes of shared court time (each team peppers on its own side), followed by a five-and-five minute format (visiting team first)
3. **SCORING:** IAW current USAV Rules.
4. **DRAW:** As determined by AFSC (Game schedule in paragraph 7 is based on annual draw).
5. **TIE- BREAKER POLICY:** Breaking a tie at the conclusion of round-robin play is determined by:
 - A. Head-to-Head competition between the two teams during tournament play (based on matches won, NOT games won).
 - B. If still tied, a best two out of three play-off match will be used to determine medal winner (games points: 25-25-15).
 - C. If more then two teams are tied for medal position, a coin toss will determine bye and sequence of play. Women’s tie-breaker matches will be played prior to the men’s tie breaker matches.Note: Policy must be applied in order listed.
6. **GAME BALL:** FIVA specified (MIKASA MVP200 for Women). Molten “Pro Touch” V58L for Men. These will be the V-Balls used at the respective higher level Competition (CISM for Women and Nationals for Men).

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Day One 0900-1800 Teams Arrive

Day Two 0800-0900 Team Photos
 0900-0930 Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (Optional)
 0930-1500 Team Practice Sessions
 1600-1700 Organizational Meeting
 1730-2000 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 0730-0800 Opening Ceremony (Optional) - However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening match. All five Service flags must be displayed if flags are posted.

0800 (W) USMC vs. USN
 (M) USMC vs. USN
 1300 (W) USA vs. USAF
 (M) USA vs. USAF
 1900 (W) USAF vs. USMC
 (M) USAF vs. USMC

Day Four 0800 (W) USN v. USA
 (M) USN vs. USA
 1300 (W) USAF vs. USN
 (M) USAF vs. USN
 1900 (W) USMC vs. USA
 (M) USMC vs. USA

Day Five 1200 (W) USAF vs. USA
 (M) USAF vs. USA
 1830 (W) USN vs. USMC
 (M) USN vs. USMC

Day Six 1200 (W) USMC vs. USAF
 (M) USMC vs. USAF
 1830 (W) USA vs. USN
 (M) USA vs. USN

Day Seven 0900 (W) USA vs. USMC
 (M) USA vs. USMC
 1400 (W) USN vs. USAF
 (M) USN vs. USAF

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following last match or tie-breaker matches) Women followed by Men, if applicable. 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 Eight

Teams depart

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Final team standings are determined by each team's match win record. Matches are also played in the afternoon and evening to maximize spectator opportunity.

9. AWARDS:

A. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the entire team composition) receives individual awards.

B. Team: No team trophy is presented.

C. All-Tournament: An "All-Tournament" team is selected of the best 7 players (by position and to include a "libero") of the tournament. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 12 players, 2 coaches, trainer, and Team Captain selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento to present to each member of the "All-Tournament" team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed **14** individuals:

10 Players (The designated "libero" is one of the 10 players)

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 OIC

*Note – Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area.

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT:

Selection meeting attendance is limited to the Service Representative, the head coach, assistant coach, and the OIC. Each Service will be limited to one spokesperson. The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team and the Armed Forces Team will be conducted as a paper ballot, submitted simultaneously by each Service Representative and the Chief of Officials to the host Project Officer at the beginning of the selection meeting. Submitted ballots are final. Ties will be resolved through discussion and vote. Most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, will be selected. Service representatives reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or availability.

Coach Selection Policy: The Head Coach for the Armed Forces Team will be the winning Head Coach of the Armed Forces Championship. The individual will select his-her Assistant Coach from the pool of coaches that participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the championship). If the winning Head Coach is not available, then the second place team Head Coach will be the Head Coach of the Armed Forces team. This individual will also select his-her Assist Coach from the pool of coaches who participated in the championship (subject to review by the Service Representatives at the Championship). If neither the winning nor second place Head Coaches are not available to advance to higher level competition, the AFSWG will vote to select a Head Coach from the remaining pool of available coaches who participated in the championship. Priority will be given to Head Coaches. If replacement coaches cannot be identified within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team will not advance to higher level competition.

- 12. TEAM COMPOSITION – CISM:** As follows or as dictated by host invitation:
24 Players – 12 Men/12 Women (The designated “libero” is one of the 12 players)
2 Coaches - 1 Men/1 Women
2 Asst Coaches - 1 Men/1 Women
2 Certified Athletic Trainer
2 Referees
1 Technical Committee Member
2 Team Captains
1 Chief of Mission
TOTAL: 36

Number of Officials to be taken depends on the request by Host Country in their official invite.

- 13. TEAM COMPOSITION – NATIONALS:** As follows or as dictated by invitation:
24 Players - 12 Men/12 Women (The designated “libero” is one of the 12 players)
2 Coaches – 1 Men/1 Women
2 Asst Coaches – 1 Men/ 1 Women
2 Certified Athletic Trainer
2 Team Captains
TOTAL: 32

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.