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1 MILITARY PENTATHLON

1.1 PRESENTATION

Military Pentathlon is a polyathletic competition sport consisting of 5 disciplines. Each competitor has to compete in 5 disciplines and is classified in the overall individual classification of Military Pentathlon. (see Part B par. 1.4.1)

The five disciplines are:

- ❖ Shooting with standard rifle
- ❖ Obstacle
- ❖ Obstacle Swimming
- ❖ Throwing
- ❖ Cross-country

An additional team competition is the Obstacle Relay held on occasion of World and Continentals Championships.

1.2 HISTORY

In 1946, a French officer, Captain Henri DEBRUS (later promoted to Colonel and President of the CISM) conceived the idea of organising a sport competition reserved exclusively for the Army. His attention was drawn to a military physical training technique at that time practised by the Netherlands's Airborne Units. It consisted of parachute jumping, marching, crossing of obstacles and finally performing combat operations with small arms and grenades.

A trial competition organised by himself was held at the "Military Physical Training Centre" at Freiburg, in the French occupation zone in Germany, in August 1947 with the participation of Belgian, French and Dutch teams.

The improved regulations, resulting from this trial, were approved by the French military authorities and the disciplines included in the competition were widely adopted throughout the French Forces under the name Military Pentathlon.

The International Military Sports Council (CISM) became interested in this project and set about creating a spirit of incentive in the different services by organising an annual international championship.

After its modest start in 1950, when only three nations entered the competition, the Military Pentathlon has met each year with growing success.

The CISM World Championships has only been cancelled three times since 1950, mainly due to high political tension or war in the region, where the Championships were supposed to be organised.

In 1988 the Scandinavian Nations tested for the first time rules for female competitors at their Nordic Championship. Since the CISM World Championship 1991 in Oslo, Norway, female competitors have been participating on a world level.

Growing interest in Military Pentathlon led to the establishment of Continental Championships in Europe. The first took place in Munich, Germany, in 1992.

In 1993 for the first time a new event of Military Pentathlon was tested on the occasion of the Second CISM European Championship in Wiener Neustadt, Austria - the Obstacle Relay since 1995 this discipline has been part of the CISM World Championship programme annually.

In 1997 Military Pentathlon was invited to be a demonstration sport at the civilian World Games in Lahti, Finland.

During the last decade Military Pentathlon has expanded remarkably. The number of participating nations at World Championships has increased from about 20 to more than 30. Military Pentathlon is an integral sports discipline of the CISM World Games, ~~highlighted by the World Games organised in Rome 1995 Zagreb 1999, _____ 2003 and Hyderabad 2007.~~

2 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

The Specific Regulations for Military Pentathlon are based on the CISM regulations volume 2, Policy Manual, (henceforth: CISM Policy Manual) and the CISM regulations volume 3, Procedures Manual, (henceforth: CISM Procedures Manual). The Specific Regulations for Military Pentathlon consist of Part A (General Regulations), Part B (Contest Regulations) and Part C (Annexes). Last update **January 2010**

Amendments to the Regulations for Military Pentathlon will be proposed by the Sport Committee Military Pentathlon (CCSC MilPent) to the Secretary General (see CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III art. 3.1) after proper consultations with nations participating in Military Pentathlon. These amendments will be available at the official Military Pentathlon website annually (www.militarypentathlon.org).

All competitors, officials and organisers must be familiar with the regulations and fully respect them.

Cases not provided for as set forth in the Regulations for Military Pentathlon, or cases in dispute surfacing at World or Continental Championships will be decided by the CSC MilPent for that championship only. During Regional Championships or International Tournaments or in cases when the CSC MilPent is not acting (i.e. not being present) the Technical Jury will decide for that competition only. In the event of discrepancies arising from interpretation of the rules the English text is decisive for the Regulations for Military Pentathlon.

3 EXCEPTIONS

Eventually necessary exceptions from the Regulations for Military Pentathlon will be presented by the sponsoring country to the CSC MilPent one year prior to the World or Continental Championship or at the SC Enlarged Meeting of the preceding World Championship at the latest.

The CSC MilPent decides if the exceptions will be sanctioned and if the conditions (with exceptions) also are sanctioned for records. This decision will be made at least seven months before the actual Championship, thereby guaranteeing that in the invitation file - which must be sent out six (four) months prior the date of the World (Continental) Championship - information can be given about possible exceptions.

The President CSC MilPent may propose to the CISM Secretary General that an on-site inspection of the sports installations of the next CISM World or Continental Championship should be carried out by an appropriate official (e.g. a member of the CSC MilPent) according CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.17.

4 LANGUAGE

The working language for official meetings at CISM World Championships or Continental Championships is English. The Organising Committee may provide interpretation into other languages than English to ensure proper understandings of the proceedings for participating missions.

5 CSC MILITARY PENTATHLON WEBSITE

The information flow worldwide is fundamental for the development of military pentathlon. With this respect the CSC will take advantage from the internet by establishing and conducting an official website.

The updating of the website is based on the exchange of data between the CSC and the Team's Official Representatives. (See Part C Anx 1).

6 MILITARY PENTATHLON COMPETITIONS

According to CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.2 they are divided into:

- ❖ CISM World Games
- ❖ CISM World Championships
- ❖ Continental Championships
- ❖ Regional Championships
- ❖ International Tournaments

Further to CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.5, Continental Championships in Military Pentathlon will only be considered official if the President CSC MilPent or another official, preferably a member of the CSC MilPent tasked by him, has been present at that Championship.

7 COMPETITION CALENDAR – CONSTITUTION

7.1 WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The competition calendar Military Pentathlon is established after consultations and in co-ordination with the CSC MilPent according to CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.15.

CISM World Championships in Military Pentathlon will be organised every year. They are an integral sports discipline of the CISM World Games Normally they should be held during the period from August to October.

Continental Championships in Military Pentathlon shall be organised regularly, if possible every second years. They should normally be held approximately six weeks prior or after the CISM World Championship and may host competitors coming from other Continents (in this case continental classification and overall classification must be provided).

Military Pentathlon competitions will normally be organised for male and female competitors together.

7.2 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The dates of such events should be fixed at least one year in advance to enable proper calendar planning. The CSC MilPent will confirm the calendar of the following year together with the calendar of world events normally at the SC Enlarged Meeting of the CISM World Championship.

The chiefs of mission participating in such meetings should have full authority from their Ministry of Defence/General Staff to confirm the exact dates and places of competitions, their country is planning to organise and with regard to the participation of their missions at the competitions in question.

8 ORGANISATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS

The World Championship has to be the competition with the highest standard during the competition year.

Therefore newcomer teams (nations starting with Military Pentathlon at international competitions) must have participated at Regional Championships or International Tournaments before they are invited to participate at World or Continental Championships.

To ensure an appropriate level of performance at the World Championship the following qualification criteria must be met:

- Countries ranked among the top 15 teams with male competitors (respectively top 6 female teams) at least once during the previous 3 World Championships (**A-countries**) may participate with 6 male (respectively 4 female) competitors.
- All other countries (**B-countries**) are allowed to participate with up to 6 male (respectively 4 female) competitors, provided each competitor has met the following qualification requirements:

Overall individual classification	men:	4 750 pentathlon points
	women:	4 450 pentathlon points

The points limit for B-countries must have been met by each competitor individually, who takes part at the respective World Championship. All international competitions since the last but one World Championship (included) are valid for qualification purposes. National competitions will be accepted exceptionally only. They are valid for the forthcoming World Championship of the same year only.

Athletes not meeting the qualification criteria will not be allowed to compete at the World Championship.

However, in case a competitor could not meet the qualification criteria due to extraordinary circumstances (e.g. equipment malfunction, lack of starting possibilities) the nation may bring forward a request to the CSC MilPent explaining the reasons. On decision taken by the CSC MilPent starting possibility may be granted exceptionally.

B-countries have to certify the qualification of each competitor of their mission for the World Championship attached to the final entry form. The CSC MilPent in cooperation with the organiser of the World Championship will scrutinise the same.

A regularly updated World Championship Qualification List will be prepared by the CSC MilPent for the A and B-countries and displayed at the official Military Pentathlon website (www.militarypentathlon.org).

The organising country will always be allowed to participate with a team size according Part A par. 11.

For Continental Championships the same criteria can be applied, depending on the organiser's capacity.

Organisers of regional competitions and International Tournaments are strongly requested to give competitors of countries not automatically qualified for the World Championship the opportunity to compete.

A fair balance between participation in championships and International Tournaments versus their organisation should be maintained, or established, if necessary, to share the financial and organisational burden caused by the hosting of competitions.

9 MANAGEMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Sequence of disciplines:

The contests are conducted normally in the following order:

- ❖ Shooting
- ❖ Obstacle Run
- ❖ Obstacle Swimming
- ❖ Throwing
- ❖ Cross-country
- ❖ Obstacle Relay

At World and Continental Championships after the finalisation of the five disciplines for the Military Pentathlon individual and team classification, the Obstacle Relay will be organised the following day.

The table in par. 10 shows the sequence of disciplines during competitions. For organisational reasons it can depart from the specified order, based on a decision of the CSC MilPent according to par. 3.

10 DURATION OF COMPETITIONS

To reduce costs and organisational burden the duration of competitions should preferably be as short as possible depending on the competition facilities available and the decision of the organiser.

The duration of the stay at World or Continental Championships will be either 9 or 10 days maximum. The contests are conducted on 5 or 6 days applying the modifications authorised in par. 3. Par. 10 shows well-established examples.

The duration of Regional Championships or International Tournaments will be decided by the organiser and mentioned in the invitation file, and will normally last five days.

During Championship or International Tournaments the social activities (e.g. guided tours, receptions) shall not run parallel to official meetings, **competitions events or obstacle relay official trainings.**

11 TIME SCHEDULE OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Day	Contest during 6 days Overall 10 days	Contest during 5 days Overall 9 days	Contest during 3 days Overall 6 days
	World and Continental Championships	World and Continental Championships	Regional Championships and International Tournaments
1 st Day	Arrival of missions	Arrival of missions	Arrival of missions
2 nd Day	Preliminary meeting Training	Preliminary meeting Training	Preliminary meeting Training ¹ Opening ceremony
3 rd Day	CSC restricted meeting Training Opening ceremony	CSC restricted meeting Training Opening ceremony	Shooting Obstacle Run
4 th Day	Shooting	Shooting	Obstacle Swimming Throwing
5 th Day	Obstacle Run	Obstacle Run SC Enlarged Meeting	Cross-country Social activity Closing ceremony
6 th Day	Obstacle Swimming CSC Enlarged Meeting	Obstacle Swimming Throwing	Departure of missions
7 th Day	Throwing	Cross-country Social activity	
8 th Day	Cross-country Social activity	Obstacle Relay Closing ceremony	
9 th Day	Obstacle Relay Closing ceremony	Departure of missions	
10 th Day	Departure of missions		

¹ An additional training day may be necessary, depending on the number of participating nations

12 SIZE OF MISSIONS

For CISM World Championships or Continental Championships the mission generally may consist of 15 members, of whom 6 may be male and 4 female competitors applying the qualification limits according par.7. If fewer competitors (less than the allowed 10) are in the mission, the overall number of the mission will be reduced accordingly. The number of officials must not exceed the number of participating competitors in any case.

A mission consisting of male competitors only will not exceed 10 persons. Missions consisting of female competitors only will not exceed 8 persons.

The Organising Committee of a Regional Championship or International Tournament may grant exceptions.

The organising nation is permitted to nominate a second team (up to 6 male or 4 female competitors respectively) at Continental Championships, if technically feasible. However, they will not be ranked in the overall team or individual classification. Specifically no reduction of training periods for foreign teams below the standard laid down in Part B shall take place.

For modalities concerning the attendance of the President CSC MilPent and members of the SC at World Championships see CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.18 E and 3.20 C.

The President CSC MilPent (or another official tasked by him, preferably a member of the CSC MilPent) must attend the Military Pentathlon Continental Championship. This official will be officially invited by the organiser. The presence of other members of the CSC MilPent is recommended. They should also be invited officially, and may be included as extra members of their country's mission, if participating in that competition.

Participating countries will include nationals that are members of the CSC MilPent in their final entry.

13 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Further to CISM Policy Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.17 and Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.2, organisers of next year's World or Continental Championships will present the general programme and give additional information about the competition facilities at the SC Enlarged Meeting. On this occasion the organising country will also provide information on eventual exceptions from the Military Pentathlon Regulations, if applicable (see par. 3).

⇒ content of the invitation form: (~~see Annex A1~~ see Part C Anx 2)

⇒ reply to the invitation: (~~see Annex A2 and A3~~ see Part C Anxs 3, 4)

14 SPORT COMMITTEE MILITARY PENTATHLON

In addition to what established with regards to composition, designation and obligations by CISM Policy Manual, Chapter II, art. 2.18, Chapter III, art. 3.10, 3.11, 3.12. and Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.12, **membership in the Sport Committee Military Pentathlon requires at least one participation at World Championship in the position as Technical Jury Member.**

15 TECHNICAL JURY

At World and Continental Championships the President CSC MilPent, according Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.12, appoints the President and additional 6 members of the Technical Jury, mainly from members of the CSC MilPent. If circumstances require, the number of the Technical Jury may exceed 7 persons.

At Regional Championships and International Tournaments, the Technical Jury is appointed by the organising country during the Preliminary Conference. The President of the Technical Jury is preferably a member of the CSC MilPent.

The President of the Technical Jury should not be a national of the hosting nation.

Fair and friendly cooperation between the Organizing Committee and the Technical Jury is recommended.

Further to CISM Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.12, the Technical Jury has the following tasks:

- Prior to the competition, ~~the Technical Jury~~ it ensures that the courses and the facilities conform to the standards required by the present regulations, including exceptions, if any, approved by the CSC MilPent.
- ~~At Regional Championships and International Competitions the Technical Jury will~~ It supervises the drawing of lots for the starting order.
- It ensures that regulations are properly followed during the competition.
- In case of break of rules intervenes properly through the director of the event with the aim to establish the correct procedure.
- It supervises the examination of the weapons and the equipment.
- It observes the conduct of the throwing discipline attentively, preferably from a position, where the targets can be watched closely during the precision throwing.
- ~~One member of the Technical Jury~~ It supervises the scoring ~~in the classification office of the shooting of each~~ discipline.
- It controls and approves the results.
- Its president signs the special certificates with regard to the CISM record acknowledgement procedure.

To ensure identification the members of the Technical Jury will wear special brassards.

16 PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO IRREGULARITIES

Any occurrence or irregularity within the jurisdiction of the director of the discipline, which ~~is brought to the knowledge~~ attracts the attention of the Technical Jury, must first be referred to the director, who will take action or make a decision preferably in accordance with the indication of the Technical Jury.

17 COMPLAINT

A complaint may be verbal and delivered to the director of the discipline in a correct manner. The director informs the Technical Jury and makes a decision or takes measures. If the competitor (or team captain) is not satisfied with the decision (measure), a protest may be lodged.

18 PROTEST

Any protest must be submitted in written form in English and signed by the Team Captain or the Chief of Mission.

The protest must be handed over to the Technical Jury in less than half an hour after the occurrence, in Cross-country within half an hour after it is finished. With regard to shooting see Part B par. 2.3.4.

According to CISM Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.12, each protest will entail a deposit of 100 ~~US Dollars~~.Euro. If the protest is refused by the Technical Jury or by the Jury of Appeal, the 100 ~~US Dollars~~.Euro will be forfeited and paid to the CISM General Secretariat. (See Part C Anxs 29, 30).

19 DISCIPLINE

In case of severe and intolerable breaches of discipline (see CISM Policy Manual, Chapter I, art. 1.1) CISM authorities may impose sanctions. The organiser may approach the CISM Representative respectively the Technical Jury at Regional Championships or International Tournaments to take appropriate measures. If severe and intolerable breaches of discipline or unsportsmanlike behaviour (e.g. training during non scheduled time, etc.) shows up to the attention of the Technical Jury respectively the CISM SC or the Jury of Appeal, ~~or the (e.g. through complaints or protests in written form, officially signed by the Chief(s) of Mission),~~ the Technical Jury, in consultation with the CISM Representative takes appropriate measures such as reduction of points for the competitor concerned, disqualification or suspension from participation. ~~The CISM Representative may suspend an athlete, official, team or mission from further participation at the World or Continental Championship.~~

~~Examples for other measures that could be taken during the competitions are reduction of points for the competitors concerned, disqualification or suspension from participation in one discipline.~~

20 AWARDS AND PRIZES

20.1 CHALLENGE CUPS

See Part C Anxs 14-~~The following challenges are presented:~~

- ~~• The Challenge Cup offered by the Minister of the French Forces in the name of Colonel Henri Debrus, founder of the competition.~~
- ~~• The Vase of Sèvres offered by the President of the French Republic.~~
- ~~⇒ Both will be donated to the male team champion of the CISM World Championship.~~
- ~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon Individual Cup for men donated by the Turkish Armed Forces to the individual champion of the CISM World Championship.~~
- ~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon Team Cup Obstacle Relay for men donated by the Croatian Minister of Defence to the Obstacle Relay champion of the CISM World Championship.~~
- ~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon Team Cup for women donated by the Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army to the team champion of the CISM World Championship.~~
- ~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon Individual Cup for women donated by the Danish Chief of Defence to the individual champion of the CISM World Championship.~~
- ~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon Team Cup Obstacle Relay for women donated by the Netherlands Delegation to CISM to the Obstacle Relay champion of the CISM World Championship.~~

~~• The CISM Military Pentathlon European Championship Team Cup for men donated by the Austrian Chief of Defence Staff to the team champion of the CISM European Championship.~~

~~⇒ Statutes and photos of the challenge cups see Annex A4 – A11.~~

The sponsoring delegation of a cup will provide the President CSC MilPent with a proposal of the statute and a photo of the cup. The CSC MilPent decides on the statutes.

Between championships the winners who are responsible for the engraving and care of the awards will keep the challenge cups.

The challenge cups are to be handed over to the organising country prior to the respective championship.

20.2 CISM OFFICIAL MEDALS

The organising country provides official medals

- to the first three individuals in the general classification (gold, silver, bronze)
- to the four members of each of the first three male teams in the general team classification (gold, silver, bronze)
- to the three members of each of the first three female teams in the general team classification (gold, silver, bronze)
- to the members of each of the first three male and female teams that have competed during the Obstacle Relay (gold, silver, bronze)

~~20.3 FAIR PLAY CUP~~ NEWCOMERS AWARDS

The organizing country provides official awards to the first three individuals in the newcomers category. Newcomer is the athlete during his/her first competition season on international level. ~~In the spirit of CISM Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.34 it is recommended that the organiser of CISM World or Continental Championships attributes a special Fair Play Cup to participants of the competition having shown exceptional sportsmanlike behaviour.~~

20.4 OTHER AWARDS

Other awards may be presented at the option of the host nation (e.g. cups, medals, souvenirs, etc.) with priority to the best individuals in the general classification.

If exceptional awards are presented to the best individuals in the five disciplines, the classification is based upon the Equivalence Table, which means no tiebreak.

For badges and certificates see CISM Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.31.

20.5 DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS

It is recommended to honour the ranks 1 to 10 for male competitors respectively, 1 to 6 for female competitors at CISM World and Continental Championships and the ranks 1 to 6 at lower level Championships. The attribution is guided by CISM Policy Manual, Chapter IV, art. 4.77.

The presentation of official medals, awards and champion certificates takes place during the closing ceremony. (see CISM Procedures Manual, Chapter III, art. 3.35)

21 MILITARY PENTATHLON IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (MilPIN)

Each athlete expected to participate in the international competitions must have a code (MilPIN) based on individual data. Prior to the competition the team captains are requested to send the required data to the which is responsible for the registration (See Part C Anx. 24).

MILPIN is mandatory for the participation in World and Continental Championships.

22 RESULTS BOOKLET

After the competition the organizing committee must send the official digitalized results to the CSC MilPent. (See Part C Anx 25)

23 ATHLETES' SPEAKER

The responsibility of the athletes' speakers (for male and female competitors one representative each) is to represent the competitors and to put forward suggestions and precise proposals on behalf of them. This may be done through the President CSC MilPent whenever deemed necessary and at the occasion of the annual CSC restricted meeting at the World Championship, where a part of the meeting will be reserved for the athletes' speakers. They also may participate at the CSC Enlarged Meeting. The purpose is to better include the competitors in the further development of Military Pentathlon.

Generally each athlete is eligible. An official nomination by the respective CISM delegation is not required. The term of office is 2 years and may be renewed, subject to the result of the biannual elections by secret ballot at the World Championship. In case a speaker has to terminate the term of office the post will be left vacant until the next regular election.