TERMS OF COMPETITION

International Military Sports Council
17th CISM World Military Golf Championship 2026
Kurmitola Golf Club, Dhaka, Bangladesh
29 November – 02 December 2026

The 17th CISM World Military Golf Championship 2026, hosted by Bangladesh, shall be conducted at Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC), Dhaka, from 27 November to 4 December 2026. The Championship shall be governed by these Terms of Competition, which set out the conditions, procedures and administrative arrangements applicable to all participating players, team officials and other accredited personnel.

The Championship shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable CISM Regulations for Golf, the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and USGA, and the Local Rules adopted for the Championship. The Bangladesh Golf Federation Hard Card (BGF HARD CARD) and the Code of Conduct policy prepared for KGC will also be applicable for this Championship. These Terms shall be read in conjunction with the aforementioned regulations and shall govern the conduct of the championship, meeting all administrative and technical requirements.

All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, discipline, integrity and fair play, in keeping with the values and spirit of CISM and international military sportsmanship.

The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the proper administration and conduct of the Championship, within the authority vested in it under the applicable regulations.

1. ELIGIBILITY

a. Eligibility of Participating Nations

Participation in the 17th CISM World Military Golf Championship 2026 shall be governed by the applicable CISM Regulations. Only nations fulfilling the prescribed CISM membership and financial requirements shall be eligible to participate, in accordance with the official Invitation File.

b. Military Status of Competitors

All athletes must be military personnel on full active duty in the Armed Forces of their respective nations. Retired, discharged or otherwise inactive military personnel shall not be eligible to compete, except where specifically authorised under the applicable CISM Regulations.

c. Professional and Amateur Status

Competitors may participate in either the Professional or Amateur categories, in accordance with the CISM Golf Regulations (Edition 2026). Professional and Amateur competitions shall be conducted separately.

All competing amateur athletes must maintain valid Amateur Status in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status established by the USGA and The R&A. At the time of registration, Team Captains/Managers shall confirm the Amateur Status of their respective team members to the Organising Committee and/or CISM Golf Sports Committee.
In the absence of satisfactory proof of Amateur Status, the player shall not be permitted to participate in the Amateur competition and shall be considered a Professional.

d. Verification Documents

All participating athletes shall present the following documents during Registration and Preliminary Inquiry:

(1) A valid military identity card, for those authorised to present their military identity cards abroad.
(2) An official document verifying their military status, in English and
(3) A valid passport.

e. Certification and Verification

By signing the Final Entry, the Chief of Delegation shall confirm the military status and eligibility of the participating golfers. The Organising Committee, in coordination with the CISM Golf Sports Committee, shall verify the required documentation.

Any question or dispute concerning the eligibility of a competitor shall be referred to the competent CISM authority for determination in accordance with the applicable CISM Reg.

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DATES

a. Entry Procedure

All participating nations shall submit their entries using the prescribed CISM Invitation File forms and in accordance with the deadlines stipulated therein. The following forms and deadlines shall apply:

(1) Preliminary Agreement (Annex 1): To be submitted by 03 July 2026.
(2) Final Entry – Composition of the Mission (Annex 2a): To be submitted by 04 September 2026.
(3) Final Entry – Commitment by the Chief of Mission (Annex 2b): To be submitted by 04 September 2026.
(4) Final Entry – Travel Data (Annex 3): To be submitted by 23 October 2026.

All entries shall be submitted to the designated address of the Chief of the Bangladesh Delegation to CISM, with copies to CISM Headquarters, as specified in the Invitation File.

b. Composition of the Mission

A Mission will consist of a minimum of one (1) golfer up to a maximum of eleven (11) personnel. The composition of a full mission often would be:

(1) Six (6) Men Golfers
(2) Three (3) women Golfers
(3) One (1) Team Captain/ Manager
(4) One (1) Chief of Mission

All missions may complete in the individual Men and Women's competitions. Missions may include two (2) male professional players and one (1) female professional player within the composition. No additional member may be included in the mission without special authorization from the Organizing Country. Further details are found in the CISM Regulations article 7.22.

3. FORMAT, INCLUDING HANDICAP ALLOWANCE

a. General Format

The Championship shall comprise Individual and Team Competitions conducted over seventy-two (72) holes of Medal (Stroke) Play, consisting of four (4) rounds of eighteen (18) holes each.

The Championship shall be conducted on a Gross Score (Scratch) basis, without any handicap allowance.

b. Individual Competitions

Individual competitions shall be conducted separately for Men and Women in the following categories:

(1) Men's Amateur;
(2) Men's Professional;
(3) Women's Amateur; and
(4) Women's Professional.

Individual Champions. The winners in each category will be identified by the aggregate gross scores over the four-day period and will be declared champions with the appropriate title (CISM Regulations article 7.28).

c. Team Competitions

Men's competition: To be eligible to compete in the Men's Team competition, a minimum of four (4) amateur men (Open and/or Senior) are required. All rules of golf governing medal play are in effect. Details are the follows:

(1) Scoring. For the Men's Team competition, the best four (4) amateur gross scores (Open and/or Senior) each day will count.
(2) Team Champion. At the end of the four-day competition the Men's Team with the lowest aggregate score will be declared the Men's Team Champion with the appropriate title (CISM Regulations article 7.28).

Women's competition: To be eligible to compete in the Women's Team competition, a minimum of two (2) amateur women (Open and/or Senior) are required. All rules of golf governing medal play are in effect. Details are the follows:

(1) Scoring. For the Women's Team competition, the best two (2) amateur gross scores (Open and/or Senior) each day will count.
(2) Team Champion. At the end of the four-day competition the Women's Team with the lowest aggregate score will be declared the Women's Team Champion with the appropriate title (CISM Regulations article 7.28).

d. Senior Individual Competition

A competitor shall qualify for the Senior category if he or she has attained forty (40) years of age on the first day of the first competition round. The practice round shall not be considered for determining eligibility.
Senior competitions shall be conducted separately for Men and Women.
Senior medals shall be awarded subject to a minimum participation of eight (8) male and six (6) female competitors in their respective categories.

The overall individual champion may emerge from either the Open or Senior category. If a Senior competitor wins the overall individual championship, the next-best eligible Senior competitor shall be declared the Senior category winner.

e. Professional Category – Minimum Participation

Medals shall be awarded in the Professional categories subject to the minimum participation requirements stipulated in the official Invitation File:

(1) Men's Professional: Eight (8) competitors.
(2) Women's Professional: Six (6) competitors.

f. Minimum Number of Rounds

A minimum of two (2) completed rounds shall be required for the Championship to constitute an official competition, in accordance with the applicable CISM Regulations.

g. Handicap Allowance

No handicap allowance shall apply. All individual and team scores shall be calculated on the basis of actual gross scores returned by the competitors.

h. Disqualification

An individual penalty of disqualification shall rule out the player from the individual championship; however, the player may continue to be eligible to compete in the team championship; **unless the disqualification is based upon a violation of code of conduct.**

4. HOW TIES WILL BE DECIDED

a. Individual Competitions

In the event of a tie for first place in any Individual Competition, including the Senior categories, the winner shall be determined by a sudden-death play-off. The play-off shall commence on a hole 18 designated by the Championship Committee and continue over same hole until a winner is determined.

b. Other Individual Positions

Ties for the second and third place in each category shall be decided by matching scorecards (countback), using following sequence:

(1) The best score over the last eighteen (18) holes will identify the winner;
(2) If still tied, the best score over the last nine (9) holes will identify the winner;
(3) If still tied, the best score over the last six (6) holes will identify the winner;
(4) If still tied, the best score over the last three (3) holes will identify the winner;
(5) If still tied, the best score on the 18th hole will identify the winner;
(6) If still tied, the best score on the 17th hole and son on, will identify the winner; and
(7) Should the above sequence fail to identify a winner, then a sudden-death play-off shall take place as described in above.

c. Team Competitions

Ties. If two or more teams are tied, the tie will be broken as follows:

(1) The lowest aggregate team score over the last day will be identify the winner;
(2) If still tied, the lowest 3 aggregate scores over the last day will identify the winner;
(3) If still tied, the lowest 2 aggregate scores over the last day will identify the winner;
(4) If still tied, the lowest 1 score over the last day will identify the winner; and
(5) If still tied, the same procedure as c. (1)-(4) above shall be applied using the scores over day 3, over day 2 and if necessary, over day 1, to identify the winner.

5. WHEN SCORECARD HAS BEEN RETURNED

a. Upon completion of each round, competitors shall proceed to the designated Scoring Area (Location of Scoring Area is detailed in the Additional Local Rules) and submit their completed scorecards to the Scoring Committee.

b. Before submitting the scorecard, each competitor shall carefully check the scores recorded for each hole, ensure that the marker has certified the scores, and certify the scorecard as required under Rule 3.3b of the Rules of Golf.

c. A scorecard shall be considered officially returned when the competitor has handed it over to the designated scoring official and left the designated scoring area.

d. Once a scorecard has been returned, no alteration shall be made by the competitor. Any correction or adjustment thereafter shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

6. WHEN THE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION IS FINAL

a. Upon completion of the competition, the Championship Committee shall verify and confirm all individual and team scores, resolve any outstanding Rules issues and determine the final standings in accordance with these Terms of Competition and the applicable Rules of Golf.

b. The results of the Championship, including the Individual and Team Competitions, shall be considered final when the Championship Committee has officially approved and published the final results on the designated official notice board.

c. Any Rules-related matter that may affect the results shall be resolved by the Championship Committee before the competition is declared closed, in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

d. Once the results have been declared final, any subsequent action concerning disqualification, correction of results or other exceptional circumstances shall be governed by the applicable Rules of Golf.

7. CHANGING TERMS OF THE COMPETITION AFTER THE COMPETITION HAS STARTED

a. The Terms of Competition shall remain binding throughout the Championship and shall not ordinarily be altered after the commencement of the competition.

b. In exceptional circumstances, where unforeseen conditions or circumstances materially affect the conduct, safety or completion of the Championship, the Championship Committee may amend the Terms of Competition as necessary to ensure the fair and orderly conduct of the competition.

c. Such circumstances may include adverse weather conditions, course conditions, safety concerns or other unforeseen events that prevent the competition from being conducted in accordance with the original schedule or format.

d. Any amendment shall be made only to the extent necessary under the circumstances. In particular:

(1) The number of holes to be played in a round shall not ordinarily be reduced after that round has commenced.
(2) The number of rounds or the number of holes in rounds not yet commenced may be adjusted where exceptional circumstances make this necessary.
(3) The method of deciding ties shall not be changed except where exceptional circumstances make the originally prescribed method impracticable.

e. Any proposed amendment affecting the prescribed format, duration or results of the Championship shall, where practicable, be made in consultation with the CISM Golf Sports Committee and the competent CISM authority.

f. Any amendment to the Terms of Competition shall be communicated promptly to all participating delegations and competitors through the official channels of the Organising Committee.

8. ANTI-DOPING

The Championship shall be conducted in strict compliance with the CISM Anti-Doping Regulations (Edition January 2025), Chapter IX of the CISM Regulations, the applicable CISM Sports Regulations, the relevant International Federation Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code and the applicable International Standards issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

9. PRACTICE AREAS

The designated practice facilities and conditions governing their use shall be specified in the Additional Local Rules.

10. Teeing Areas and Hole Locations

a. Men and women competitors shall play from the respective teeing areas designated by the Tournament Committee.
b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the designated teeing areas, where necessary, in the interest of fair play, course conditions or other exceptional circumstances. Any such adjustment shall be communicated to the competitors before play.
c. Hole locations chart shall be prepared by the Tournament Committee and handed over to the participants at the starting tee.

11. Draw, Groups and Starting Times

a. The draw, grouping of competitors and starting times for each round shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.
b. The draw and starting times shall be prepared and published before each round and placed on the Official Notice Board.
c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the draw, groups and starting times where necessary due to weather conditions, course conditions, operational requirements or other exceptional circumstances. Any such changes shall be communicated to the affected competitors and team officials as soon as practicable.
d. Competitors are responsible for knowing their assigned starting times and reporting to their designated starting tees in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

12. Pace of Play Policy

a. All competitors shall comply with the Pace of Play Policy established by the Tournament Committee for the Championship.
b. The Pace of Play Policy prescribed in the Bangladesh Golf Federation Hard Card (**BGF HARD CARD**) shall apply throughout the Championship.

13. Code of Conduct Policy

The Code of Conduct adopted for Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) **under Rule 1.2b of the Rules of Golf** will be applicable for **17th CISM World Military Golf Championship 2026.** A copy of the Code of Conduct will be placed on the Official Notice Board.

14. Information for Players and Referees

The Organising Committee shall provide all participating delegations with the necessary information and instructions concerning the conduct and arrangements of the Championship.

15. Awards

CISM championship awards include official medals, Fair Play Award (CISM Regulations article 8.34) and the Don Keus Challenge Cup. All these awards shall be presented during the Closing Banquet.