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# CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS



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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Unless stated otherwise in their respective chapter, CAF Sports Program competitions and championships should be conducted in accordance with the accepted Canadian amateur sport principles and current rules of play of the appropriate sport governing body. As required, CAFSO will negotiate agreements with appropriate Canadian amateur sport governing body.
- 1.2. In general the tournament format for all sports is a round-robin;
  - a. The National Championships will consist of four (4) teams, one (1) per region (Atlantic, Canada West, Ontario and Quebec).
  - b. The Regional Championships will consist of a varying number of teams depending on the number of bases participating in that particular championship. A base may only enter one (1) team per gender into a regional championship.
- 1.3. Refer to the respective sports chapter for the playoff elimination format.

### 2. RULES OF PLAY

- 2.1. The rules of play to each sport played at CAF Sports Championships are specified within each specific sport section.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. To be eligible to participate in the CAF Sports Championships program, a participant must be:
  - a. A member of the CAF Regular Force, on strength or on an attached posting to the competing B/W/U; and in the case of the latter, the member must be on strength prior to the CAF Sports Championship;
  - b. A member of the CAF Reserve Force currently on Class A, B or C Reserve Service contract, who has served at least one day of the Class A, B or C contract, and in receipt of pay, for the duration of the Championship;
  - c. A member of a foreign force who is attached to or on exchange duty with a CAF Regular Force Unit;
  - d. A member of a foreign force who is serving with his or her unit at a CAF B/W/U; or
  - e. RMC CAF Post-Graduate students and UTPNCM, unless they are part of a RMC Varsity program during the current Academic Year.
- 3.2. CAF member must have successfully met the MPFS requirements as per PSP Policy Manual: PART 5: SPORT to enter any extramural competition, as a player, official, athletic trainer or coach.
- 3.3. Full-time staff of NPF or contractors on an NPF service contract are eligible to participate in the in CAF Sports Championships (Regional and National), but only in the role of coach, official, jury of appeal or athletic trainer.

- 3.4. The following individuals are **NOT** eligible to participate as athletes, in the CAF Sports Championships (Regional and National) Program:
- a. DND/NPF employees;
  - b. U.S. or foreign force military personnel posted at a CAF B/W/U under training (ex: attending CAF Language School);
  - c. Members on retirement leave or any sort of leave (including MATA/PATA);
  - d. Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) students attending military college or a civilian university that they are part of a RMC Varsity program during the current Academic Year. With the exception of:
    - ROTP students attending military college who are ineligible to represent their college in intercollegiate competitions because their activity is not part of the RMC Varsity program or they have used up their eligibility years can apply to participate in CAF Regional and National competitions to the MCAFS (through the Military College Athletic Director and RSMgr.); and
    - Students on subsidized university training plans (i.e. civilian university) may be eligible if their application for exceptional status is approved by DProg (through their University Liaison Officer and their RSMgr.) prior to the beginning of the competition.

## 4. OUTCAN

- 4.1. CAF military personnel posted to an OUTCAN unit are eligible to participate in the CAF Sports Championships program, as per Table 5-1-1 of the PSP Policy Manual: PART 5: SPORT.
- 4.2. OUTCAN unit (i.e. CFSU (CS), CFSU (E), CDLS (W) outlined in the Table 5-1-1) of the PSP Policy Manual: PART 5: SPORT, may participate as a single large entity, or as an individual geographical unit within the CAF Sports Championships (Regional and National) program.
- 4.3. Each CAF Sport Region should determine the structure of their OUTCAN unit for competition and annotate the decision in their constitution. Use of the Regional Floater System is encouraged to augment teams IAW the appropriate ratios.
- 4.4. In the situation where a CAF member currently posted at an OUTCAN unit, wishes to take part in a CAF Sport Championships, they shall contact the OUTCAN Coordinator or respective RSMgr after obtaining support and approval from their Chain of Command.
- 4.5. Any CAF member currently posted at an OUTCAN unit, not listed in Table 5-1-1, who wishes to take part in a CAF Sport Championship, shall contact the OUTCAN Coordinator or respective RSMgr.
- 4.6. For CAF Regional Championships, all expenses associated with participation is the local B/W/U's responsibility. For members qualifying for a CAF National Championship, participation is covered by funding provided by the CAFSO.

## 5. ENTRY TO COMPETITION

- 5.1. Each B/W/U may enter one (1) team in CAF Regional Sports Championships. Only under exceptional circumstances a RSMgr can approve the participation of a second team from the same B/W/U, which is also subject to the capabilities of the host B/W/U.

**Note 1:** Unless stated otherwise in their Regional Constitution, where a B/W/U enters more than one (1) team in a CAF Regional Sports-Championship, the players are eligible to play only for the team with which they commenced play in said Championship.

- 5.2. To enter a CAF Regional Sports Championship, a B/W/U must notify both the RSMgr and the Host B/W/U on or before the closing date set for entries and submit the CAF Sports Eligibility Certificate form.
- 5.3. To enter a CAF National Sports Championship, a region should have held a CAF Regional Sports Championship at least thirty (30) days before the start date of the CAF National Sports Championship. If unable to comply with the thirty (30) day provision, a request for extension may be submitted to MCAFS.
- 5.4. Mgr FS&R of winning regional teams who are advancing to CAF National Championship or in the case of individual sports leading to CAF National Championship where the RSMgrs are to submit their team/individuals members to the CAFSO by submitting a CAF Sports Eligibility Certificate form and inform the Host B/W/U no later than twenty-one (21) working days of the respective CAF National Sports Championship.
- 5.5. Competitors in individual sports who are eligible to compete at the CAF National level, but due to duty requirements are unable to qualify through normal channels, may be authorized by MCAFS to compete at the National Championship. Such extraordinary cases must be staffed through and recommended by the military unit's Mgr, FS(&R) and appropriate RSMgr.

## 6. FLOATERS & AUGMENTEES

- 6.1. The CAF Sports program allows floaters in accordance with their Regional Constitution with the objective of providing CAF members posted at smaller B/W/U, with increased opportunities to take part in team sport competitions. Floaters are allowed in the CAF Sports Regional Championships, in accordance with their Regional Constitution.
- 6.2. The CAF Sports program allows augmentee's where a B/W/U team that is representing a Region at the CAF National Championship, has the opportunity to select players from other B/W/U within their region. The use of augmentee's is outlined IAW the augmentee rules of their respective sport as outlined in [Chapters 7 to 23](#).

## 7. FOREIGN FORCES

- 7.1. Where B/W/U entry is comprised of members of a foreign force, the following conditions apply:
  - a. Team Sports:
    - Participation is in accordance with CAF Regional regulations; and
    - To be eligible to participate in CAF Regional/National Sports Championships, a team is restricted to the following maximum number of members of a foreign force:
      - Teams of thirteen (13) players or more – a maximum of three (3) foreign players per team, and
      - Teams of twelve (12) players or less – a maximum of two (2) foreign players per team.
  - b. Individual Sports:

- To be eligible to participate in CAF National Championships, a CAF Regional team is restricted to a maximum of twenty (20) percent (rounded off to the lowest whole number) of members from a foreign force.

## 8. OTHER

- 8.1. Unless stated otherwise in a Sport Region Constitution, where a member lives and works on or near a B/W/U other than the one of which the member is on strength, the member may forward an application to the appropriate RSMgr for authority to compete for that B/W/U.
- 8.2. A member being posted from one region to another who wishes to qualify for a CAF National Sports Championship may forward an application to MCAFS, through the appropriate RSMgr, for authority to compete in a CAF Regional Championship. The application must reach the MCAFS six (6) weeks before the date of the CAF National Championships. If a member is posted after the Regional has commenced, the member is eligible to play for the new B/W/U effective on the member's change of strength date.
- 8.3. Where a member who has competed at a CAF Regional (Championship/ Selection Camp) and is posted prior to the CAF National Championship, the losing region, after obtaining concurrence from the individual and the gaining region, may request approval from the appropriate RSMgr's to have the member participate in the CAF National Championship with the region the member was originally posted at. If approved, the member will be considered as part of the original region's roster. Should a member wish to participate in their new CAF Sport Region, they must first decide; and advise both the losing and gaining RSMgr which region they will compete with during a National Championship.
- 8.4. In the situation where a CAF member competes in a CAF Regional Championship, and later is posted to another CAF Sport Region, if the CAF member then competes in their new region CAF Regional Championship, they will lose their rights to compete at the CAF National Championship with their original region.
- 8.5. In situations where the eligibility of a participant is not specifically covered in the rules, it is the responsibility of the participating team or individual to submit the circumstances of the case to the appropriate RSMgr through the local Mgr, FS(&R). The RSMgr shall decide on the matter or, if necessary, request for clarification and decision from the MCAFS office.

## 9. DRAW

- 9.1. The criteria for the competition draw shall be established prior to the start of the CAF Sport Championship:
  - a. By CAFSO, for National Championships; and
  - b. As per their Regional Constitution, for Regional Championships.
- 9.2. In some instances, the draw can be produced in consultation with the Chief Official.
- 9.3. Any changes to the championship schedule must be submitted to the CAFSO for approval a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of competition (with the exception of Badminton, Squash, and Golf where the draws are completed the day prior to competition).

## 10. DRESS

- 10.1. All personnel participating in the CAF Sports (Regional and National) program are on duty. Therefore, dress, appearance and deportment shall be of a high standard.
- 10.2. Dress instructions shall be detailed in the CAF Sports Championships program Joining Instructions;
- 10.3. CAF members attending a formal banquet or official function in conjunction with any CAF Sports Championships (Regional and National) program event shall wear the designated military uniform or civilian dress as stated in the joining instructions.
- 10.4. While attending CAF Sports (Regional and National) Program events, CAF members should have the appropriate dress wear of their respective sport, reflecting the dress deportment of the International/National sport governing body. Specific dress requirement for each respective sport are outlined in sport specific sections.