

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND FACTS CONCERNING THE ALL-MARINE SPORTS PROGRAM

Question: What is the application process to participate in a sport?

Answer:

Process is as follows:

- Obtain the All Marine application and athletic summary from your base Athletic Director or from the Semper Fit Sports web site: <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/sports/index.cfm>
- Fill out the application and summary completely.
- Obtain a command endorsement for your participation.
- Return all documents to your base Athletic Director.

If you do not have a base Athletic Director, mail or fax the completed application and summary to the All Marine Sports office at: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MRS), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103, Ph. (703) 784-9542 DSN 278-9542 FAX. (703) 784-9822.

Question: When are completed applications and resumes due to the All Marine Sports office?

Answer:

Applications are due no later than 60 days before training camp begins. If there is not a training camp scheduled in the sport for which you are applying, the application is due 60 days before Armed Forces Championships begin

Question: I submitted my application, so why wasn't I accepted?

Answer:

The All Marine Sports Office stresses the fact that you must complete the application in full. Contact information provided by athletes is often incorrect and there is no way to contact them. Please ensure that the correct commercial phone and fax numbers are provided and that an accurate address or geographic location is submitted if you are deployed. Please ensure that all parts of your application, to include the affidavit, are completely filled out. Include race times and events within the last three months. Resumes that contain old times may not get be weighed as heavily as more current ones. Also, there are a limited number of positions available for each sport. Please keep in mind that you are competing with other athletes throughout the Marine Corps.

Question: Since all available funded spots for the sport I want to participate in are full, can I pay my own way to the competition?

Answer:

No. Athletes selected by the All Marine Sports office, they are the only athletes allowed to participate in the event.

Question: Does my Commanding Officer have to approve my application?

Answer:

Yes. Your CO must approve of your participation in any All Marine Sports sponsored event.

Question: Which team sports do the Marine Corps sponsor?

Answer:

The All Marine Sports Offices supplies a yearly sports calendar listing teams it sponsors. If the sport you wish to compete in is not listed, then the sport is not funded by our office. You can view a copy of this calendar at your base Athletic Department or at the All Marine Sports web site listed above.

Question: I have heard that athletes obtained funding from the All Marine Sports office for sports that are not listed on the calendar. How is this possible?

Answer:

The All Marine Sports Program does assist athletes in a number of non DoD championship events. These individuals have demonstrated a high degree of athletic ability at the national/international level in sports that lead to national, world, Olympic, and Pan American games Championships. These athletes have already established themselves as world-class athletes and are capable of being competitive on an international level. The individuals are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Question: So, the All Marine Sports office does have a world-class athlete program?

Answer:

No. All Marine Sports does not have a program to develop world class athletes. Athletes must prove that they are already competitive on a national or international level.

Question: Do any of the sports require individuals to get a physical examination before competition?

Answer:

Yes. In order to compete on All Marine Boxing or Wrestling teams, you must get a physical examination and submit it with your application. Necessary forms can be obtained from the same sources as your application.

Question: Am I required to have a passport for any of the events?

Answer:

Yes. For all sports that lead to an overseas CISM Championship event, a current passport must be obtained. Official passports may be issued by local commands, but not all commands issue passports, especially if a NATO country hosts the event. Due to current heightened tourist alerts, personal tourist passports are highly recommended. If official passports cannot be issued, tourist passports are mandatory to participate in the event.

Question: Will the All Marine Sports office reimburse the cost for tourist passports since my local travel office would not issue an official passport?

Answer:

No. Personal tourist passports will be paid for by the All Marine Sports office or HQ-MCCS. Tourist passports may be used for personal use for up to ten years, and therefore not authorized to be funded by HQ-MCCS.

Question: What is a CISM championship?

Answer:

The Conseil International du Sport Militaire is the international committee of Armed Forces sports. For all Armed Forces sports the top athletes/finishers will move on to the international competition held in a CISM participating country.

Question: What is the process to get new, popular sports approved as an Armed Forces sport?

Answer:

The Armed Forces Working Group revises sports listed on the Armed Forces sports calendar regularly. Not all sports may be added. Keep in mind, all four will need to budget and participate in all of the endorsed sports. Occasionally, some sports are dropped due to budgetary constraints and lack of participation. If you know a sport that you think should be included on the All Marine or Armed Forces sports calendar, you are encouraged to submit a position paper stating your reasons and justification why this particular sport should be funded and included by all the Armed Forces. Remember all Armed Forces Sports are approved based upon participation and budgetary availability. Submit this position paper to HQMC Semper Fit.

Question: How does a team get selected?

Answer:

All-Marine team selections occur after resume deadline. All resumes are tracked and stacked by the team coach. In cases where there is no coach, or times cannot be compared, an expert in the sport is consulted to provide recommendations.

Question: Can I still submit a resume after the deadline?

Answer:

Resumes may be submitted at any time. There are some cases in which too few applications are submitted and they are accepted well after the deadline. In the event where there are applications or the camp has already begun, applications will be reviewed and kept on file. But there are no guarantees that will be accepted.

Question: How long do All Marine Sports take?

Answer:

Sports compete from three days to one week. Training camps may take up to three weeks. As a general rule, when submitting resumes, be aware that your command is willing to release you from the beginning of All Marine Trial Camp to the highest level of the competition. In some instances, this may take up to three months. Please consult the All Marine calendar or the base Athletic Director for more details.

Question: Do all sports have training camps?

Answer:

No. Only a few sports actually have training camps. They are used to aid coaches in selecting teams and to form team unity.

Question: When can I expect notification of acceptance or non-acceptance of my application?

Answer:

If you are accepted, you will be notified by DSM message 30 days before the sport begins. Your local base is responsible for issuing orders. If you are not accepted, you will be notified by mail as soon as possible.