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The 46th CISM World Military Parachuting Championships begins today in Hungary

Szolnok, Hungary, 3 July 2024 – **Competitors from across the globe have assembled to participate in the 46th CISM World Military Parachuting Championships starting today and concluding on 12 July in Szolnok, Hungary. CISM, the International Military Sports Council, upholds the motto ‘Friendship through Sport’ and has maintained a long partnership with FAI through its Skydiving Commission (ISC).**

ISC President Alberto Martin Paracuellos is attending the Championships and comments that, *“CISM parachuting events are always very **well attended, and the organisation is outstanding.**”*

He continues: *“The sport of parachuting continues to develop for the benefit of its athletes, thanks in part to the strength of FAI and CISM’s long-standing partnership. For instance, CISM judges are also valid for FAI competitions. In the CISM championships each delegation must allocate a judge, and this has **helped promote judging courses and bring through new judges.** And importantly, records made during CISM events can be ratified by FAI.”*

The Championships will see **individual Accuracy Landing and Style** in male, female and junior categories, as well as **4-way Formation Skydiving** in both male and female categories.

The speciality of CISM is that the **same five team members must achieve good scores** in the three disciplines Accuracy Landing, Style and Formation Skydiving to win the team overall classification.

Colonel Gernot Rittenschober, President of CISM Parachuting and ISC Committee Member for Style and Accuracy and Parachute-Ski, says: *“While it is possible to concentrate only on one or two disciplines and possibly win medals, **overall excellence** is what a military team is training for both in sport competitions and military missions.”*

Rittenschober also emphasises the importance of the CISM relationship with FAI, stating that *“CISM welcomes ISC President Alberto Martin Paracuellos to the championships in the spirit of friendship that ensures the partnership with FAI flourishes into the future.”*

Schedule

3 July: Opening Ceremony
4-11 July: Competition Days
12 July: Closing Ceremony

FAI and CISM – a successful partnership

The CISM World Military Parachuting Championships is a regular **Category 1 event in the FAI Calendar.**

Just like FAI, CISM is **recognised by the International Olympic Committee** and Parachuting as a sport has developed through a symbiotic relationship between both organisations. The CISM World Military Parachuting Championships has been hosted by 26 different nations since France hosted the inaugural championships in **1964**. Accuracy Landing and Style have been contested since the beginning, with Formation Skydiving being added in 1979.

“Style and Accuracy Landing developed as a Skydiving sport using surplus military parachutes used in the early 1950s,” explains Martin Paracuellos. *“From the very early days it was practiced by civilian and military competitors alike.”*

Parachute-Ski is another CISM event which is a recognised FAI sport and was developed through military activity. The athlete performs an accuracy landing skydive then skis a giant slalom race. CISM will hold a Parachute-Ski championships as part of the 2025 CISM Military World Winter Games in Switzerland.

CISM

CISM was founded in 1948 with the goal to “promote sport in the armed forces and use sport for peace building between countries.” **Only soldiers on active military duty are allowed to participate** in CISM championships, providing them with an opportunity to engage on sports fields rather than the battlefield.

CISM organises a wide variety of competitions, including the **World Summer Games and World Winter Games**. Parachuting is just one of the 25 other CISM sports which include shooting, orienteering, sailing, military pentathlon, archery, climbing, basketball and golf.

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About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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