



ISF WORLD SCHOOL HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

20 – 29 April 2026
Skopje, NORTH MACEDONIA



BULLETIN 1

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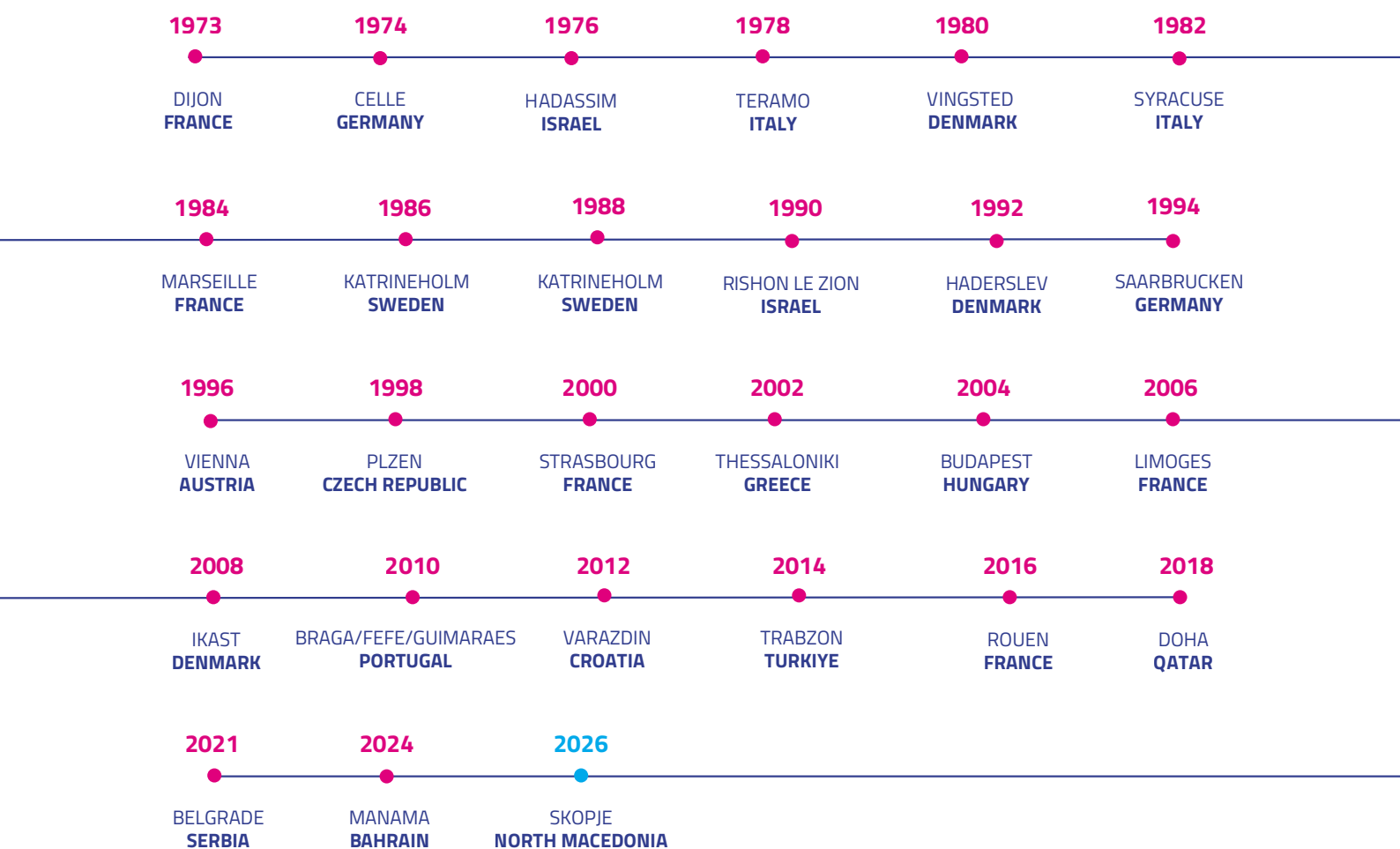
ABOUT THE EVENT

ISF World School Championships (WSC) are events characterized by a balanced program between sport and educational content: the balance between sport and education is to create awareness about the role of sports in putting forward topics such as fair play, healthy lifestyle, respect, and inclusion.

The educational program and the sport format of the event shall always be adapted to the age of participants.

WSC is open to the participation of all students attending a school that provides general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.

WSC is a team competition, meaning that team results are awarded by trophies, medals, and certificates. Each delegation may enter the competition with more than one team per category.



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ABOUT SKOPJE

Discover Skopje – Where Tradition Meets Modern Life

Skopje, the vibrant capital of North Macedonia, is a city of contrasts that will surprise every visitor.

Nestled in the scenic Vardar Valley and surrounded by mountains, it combines rich history with a lively modern spirit. Wander through the narrow cobbled streets of the Old Bazaar, one of the oldest marketplaces in the Balkans, where centuries of Ottoman heritage come alive. Cross the iconic Stone Bridge and find yourself in the bustling city center, filled with grand squares, lively cafés, and striking monuments.

From the impressive Kale Fortress overlooking the city, to the tranquil Matka Canyon just a short drive away, Skopje offers culture, adventure, and relaxation in one unique destination. With warm hospitality, delicious local cuisine, and a dynamic blend of East and West, Skopje is a city that will leave lasting memories.



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ABOUT SKOPJE

THE FORTRESS KALE

The Skopje fort, or Kale, is located on a strategic point of the Balkans. In the millennia of its existence, it has undergone many changes much was built, conquered and then destroyed. The old fort dominates over the valley and it offers the best view of the new part of the city that stretches out on the right bank of the Vardar River.



THE OLD SKOPJE BAZAAR

Its treasures end with the bustle of the Bit-Pazar. It has been like this for nine centuries - a sea of market stalls and merchandise that passes from hand to hand, face to face. The market place has changed, but it still remains a source of inspiration for many artists and a major tourist attraction.

THE STONE BRIDGE

Is one of the oldest bridges in our country. There is evidence showing the bridge was built in the 6th century, and that the present Stone Bridge was built on its foundations in the first half of 15th century, during Sultan Murat. The bridge is built of well-done stone blocks and its massive construction rests on firm piers supporting arching spans.



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EVENT MANAGEMENT

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International School Sport Federation (ISF)

Office - admin@isfsports.org

Sport department - sport@isfsports.org

Event department - registration@isfsports.org



Local Organising Committee

Organisation - Macedonian School Sport Federation

Office - contact@fusmak.org.mk

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24
Arrival (Optional) Accreditation	Arrival (Mandatory) Accreditation	Technical meeting Trainings Opening Ceremony	Competition ISF Academy Activities	Competition ISF Academy Activities	Competition ISF Academy Activities
April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
Cultural Day Nations Night	Competition ISF Academy Activities	Competition ISF Academy Activities	Competition Closing Ceremony	Departure (Optional)	Departure (Mandatory)

Please note that the provisional program is subject to change. Any relevant changes will be communicated in the Bulletin 2.

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TRAVELLING

PORT OF ENTRY

The following location is the official port of entry: **Skopje International Airport (SKP)**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation.

Delegations are to arrive on 19 or 20 April 2026 and depart on 29 or 30 April 2026 after breakfast. Organizing an extended stay for the delegation (before or after the event) is a matter of the concerned delegation. It shall not be the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee.

VISA

Each participating delegation is required to check whether a visa is needed to enter North Macedonia. Please contact the related Embassy or Consulate to consult the visa application procedure.

More information you can find following next link:

<https://mfa.gov.mk/en-GB/konzularni-uslugi/stranski-drzavjani>

For any request for invitation letters or any queries over VISA, please contact:

contact@fusmak.org.mk

INSURANCE

Each participating delegation is required to provide insurance for each member of its delegation. At a minimum, the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage, and medical costs.

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FAMILY & FRIENDS PACKAGES

Experience the vibes of ISF Events with our exclusive Family and Friends packages!

Perfect for supporting ISF young athletes, these packages offer exceptional value and a chance to be part of the International School Sports community.

Enjoy the opening and closing ceremonies, the nations night, and access to all the competition venues. Our package is designed to bring family and friends together, creating unforgettable memories as you cheer on ISF athletes.

Don't miss out on the excitement and camaraderie of ISF sports. Secure your Family and Friends' package today and join the celebration!



Registration link



After registering, you will receive an email that contains a WhatsApp channel link where we will provide you all the information that you need during the event.

Please note that all communication between ISF and you will take place only on this channel.

This email will also contain your online accreditation which you will be asked to show to access to the venues. Accreditation fee is for the adults only.*

**Children below 18 years of age have free access in company with parents.*

ISF maintains a ticketing policy for which all ticket sales are final and non-refundable. However, exceptions for refunds or exchanges may be granted under specific circumstances, such as the cancellation, postponement, or rescheduling of the event.

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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation details will be published in the **Bulletin 2**. Accommodation standard will be up to level for ISF events.

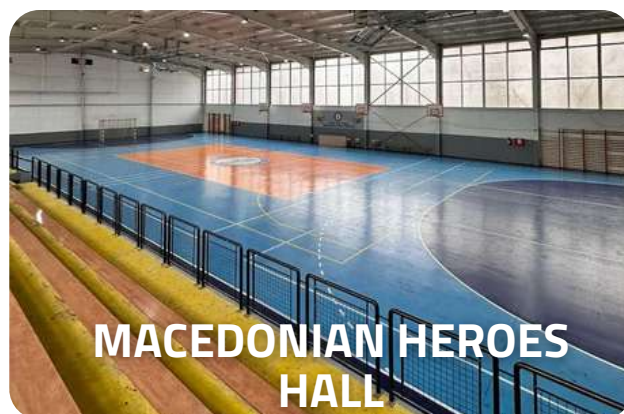
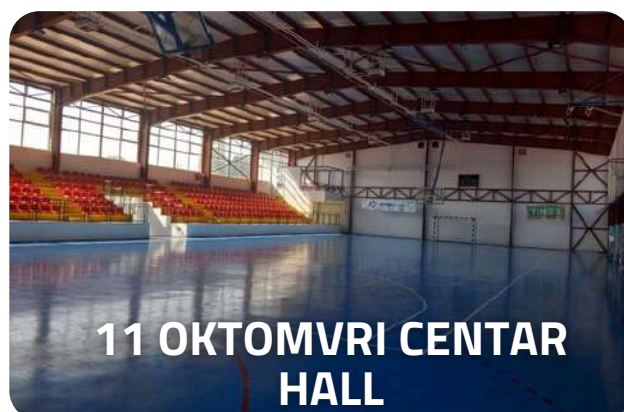
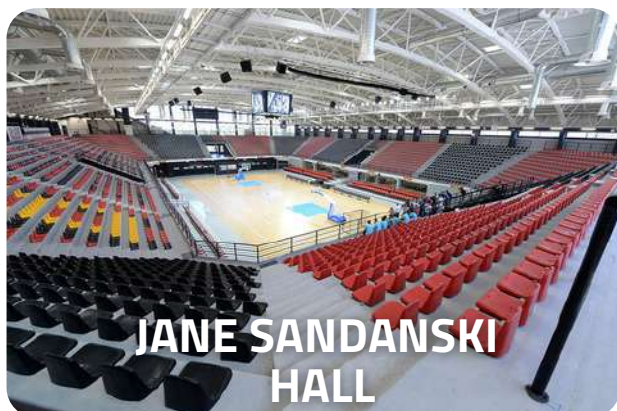


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VENUES

Bellow you can find some of the venues that will be used for the competition. More details about the venues will be communicated in the **Bulletin 2**.



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SPORT

SPORT SPECIFICS

ISF WSC Handball competition will be organized in cooperation with **International Handball Federation (IHF)**

SPORT PROGRAM



HANDBALL



BOYS & GIRLS

GENDER



TEAMS
COMPETITION

EVENT FORMAT

U18

2008-2009-2010

AGE CATEGORY

BY AGE

PARTICIPATION

There is no limit to the number of teams per gender, by delegation

The following students may take part in the ISF events as part of the team :

- The students who are enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country or region in which they represent.
- The student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only the students registered on the team list that is handed in at accreditation are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools who only attend school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

Each delegation may enter more than 1 team per gender category.

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COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Each delegation shall consist of:

1. **Head of delegation** - *mandatory*
2. **Student athlete(s)** - *mandatory*
3. **Team officials (Coaches/Other Team Officials)** - *mandatory*
4. **Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges)** - *mandatory*
5. **Additional adults** - *optional*
6. **Safeguarding officer** - *optional*
7. **Delegation media staff** - *optional*
8. **National Authority** - *optional*

Head of the delegation

There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.

The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation, the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.

He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

Student-athletes

Each team consists of a minimum of 12 and maximum of 14 athletes

Only the students registered on the team list that was handed in at accreditation are authorized to take part in this competition.

Coaches

Each delegation shall bring a minimum of 1 coach per team

- The coach shall manage the team in the competition
- The presence of coaches is mandatory

Other Team Officials

- The function of other team officials can be doctors, trainers, physiotherapists, statisticians, team managers, etc.)
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.

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COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Field of play officials - FOPo (referees)

- Each delegation shall enter one (1) field of play official (referee) per team registered.
- The Field of play officials cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials, or additional adults.
- Field of play officials (referees) must accept the possibility they might be in the referee or assistant referee position at the event matches.
- Field of play officials (referees) shall be in possession of international (FIBA) or national qualification.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Basketball Technical Commission. Delegations must provide certificates for the field of play officials during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of field of play officials (referees) will lead to a fine of 900€ (per referee).

Additional adults

The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process (interpreter, security personnel, etc.).

Safeguarding officer

An optional role for each delegation. Safeguarding officers shall have the ability to identify situations which cause concern to the safety and wellbeing of youth during events.

Delegation Media Staff

National media staff support delegations by managing media coverage, coordinating press interactions, and ensuring key messages are communicated effectively during events

National Authority

The function of each national authority must be specified during the registration process (government representative, ministry representative, etc.).

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TECHNICAL RULES

The competition will be run according to current IHF rules and [ISF Technical Rules and Regulations](#).

The detailed rules and regulations for the competition will be published after the first phase of registration is finished.

DISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT

EVENT DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

The ISF Event Disciplinary Commission shall deal with all incidents and all violations of the ISF Statutes, Sports Policy, ISF Handbook, Rules, and any other ISF document linked to the ISF events and broadly with misbehavior not directly related to the sports technical regulation during an ISF event.

The Event Disciplinary Commission is composed of the ISF Delegate, the IHF Delegate and the LOC President.

APPEAL JURY

The Appeal Jury shall deal with all protests of a technical sporting nature during the competition.

The Appeal Jury is composed of the President of the Technical Commission, one member of the Local Organising Committee, and the Head of Field of Play Officials.

APPEALS

Information about the appeals will be communicated within ISF Technical Rules and Regulations of Handball.

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OBLIGATIONS

PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS

- All participants must be present for the entire duration of the event, from arrival to departure as stated in the official programme.
- Participation in all non-sport activities is mandatory.
- Each team must compete against all other teams.
- Each participant must compete against all other participants.
- Any absence from the sports programme, ceremonies (opening, prize-giving, closing), or socio-cultural activities may lead to the team's disqualification.
- Delegations must stay in official event accommodation provided by the LOC to participate in the event.

ANTI-DOPING

The ISF, together with WADA, promotes clean sport as one of the core values upheld during its events. Doping control may be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards for Testing and Investigations (ISTI), taking into account the age category and the risk assessment of the relevant sports. In cooperation with WADA, the ISF also implements a preventive education programme aimed at raising awareness of the risks and consequences of doping.



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ISF ACADEMY



The ISF Academy is the educational center of the International School Sport Federation delivering online and onsite capacity-building activities for teachers, school sports representatives, coaches, officials, and students around the world. It aims to recognize and or to upgrade the knowledge and skills of any of these stakeholders involved or planning to be involved in national, continental, or international sports, educational networks, institutions, events, or organisation.

The mission of this body is to design and deliver short-, mid-, and long-term quality education and capacity-building activities for students, physical education teachers, national school sport representatives, coaches and officials around the world. These educational programmes will be held online on the ISF Academy platform prior to the events and particularly during the organisation of ISF events on-site, after the competition hours.

Therefore, before and during this international ISF event, heads of delegation, coaches, referees, international school athletes, and local school students will have the opportunity to take part in various interactive educational activities on different topics.



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ISF ACADEMY

HEADS OF DELEGATION AND COACHES PROGRAMME

The ISF Academy will organise an online webinar, a few weeks before the event to support the Head of Delegation, Coaches in preparing their mission within an ISF event. These online educational & capacity building activities are compulsory to attend for all the following adults' stakeholders taking part in ISF events:

1. Heads of Delegation - **Compulsory**
2. Coaches - **Compulsory**

The programme will be composed of different modules related to the ISF, the Organising Committee, and several crucial subjects related to Safeguarding Children in Sport, Anti-Doping, and Diplomacy in Sport. Other topics might be added as well.



Any adults having key responsibilities towards, the ISF, the Local Organising Committee, and ultimately school students within an ISF international event shall be taking part in this crucial educational programme which will contribute to supporting these adults in their duty and mission before, during, and after the event.

Important:

The head of the delegation and the coaches will have to participate in the complete training programme to be authorized to receive accreditation for the event.

Note: The Head of Delegations and Coaches will be informed in due time of the dates of the online webinar. The detail programme of this webinar as well.

After each online workshop, participants will receive a link to complete assessments. To validate their certificate of completion, each participant must have a minimum of 50% success rate to all the assessments before receiving the certificate.

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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

ISF HEAD OF DELEGATIONS, COACHES & REFEREES ONLINE WEBINAR

- **Head of Delegation (HoD): 150€**
- **Coaches: 150€**

The ISF member federations (or other organisation if they are not ISF members) participating in the event will be responsible for covering the costs of the online course for the representatives of their delegation for the categories above. The participating organisation (ISF member or non-member) will receive in the general payment overview for their participation in ISF events, the costs related to the courses for the Head of Delegation, Coaches participating in the event.

e.g. A delegation is registering the following stakeholders:

1 HoD + 2 Coaches = 450€

Head of Delegation	+	Coaches x2	=	Total
150 €		150 € x 2 = 300 €		450 €

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Name of the Bank	UBS	Address of the bank	Place Saint-François 16, Lausanne, 1003, Switzerland
BIC/Swift Code	UBSWCHZH80A	IBAN	CH90 0024 3243 6299 3560L
Payee/holder	International School Sport Federation, Maison du Sport International, Avenue de Rhodanie 54 1007 Lausanne		
Reference	WSC Handball 2026 – Academy – [name of the country/region - ERAS registration ID number]		

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN SPORT & ANTIDOPING WORKSHOPS

As well as various webinars taking place several days before the event to support the Head of Delegation and Coaches in preparing their mission within an ISF event (these online educational & capacity building activities are compulsory to attend for all the following adults' stakeholders taking part in ISF events), the ISF's promotion of school sport by the ISF Academy through its international events also involves the transmission of knowledge through workshops on three themes that are dear to us all: **Safeguarding Children in Sport** and **Doping Prevention in Sport** and **Injury prevention**.

ISF firmly believes that children have and must have the necessary inner resources, through these workshops, to understand, identify and react to negative behaviour such as racism, gender inequality or violence and abuse. The challenge for ISF is to find the right way to express difficult ideas and present complicated topics to young people so that they understand, but also so that they correctly apprehend this problem and are able to react to it.

Raising awareness and enabling participants to transfer their knowledge to their peers back home are also key elements of ISF. During this event, athletes from all over the world will attend several workshops sessions given by experts in the field, passing on their knowledge and experience through dedicated, constructive and interactive pedagogy.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS SEMINAR

Whoever said that acquiring knowledge and skills is reserved only for the youth?

The ISF Academy has recently taken on another challenge: to train Physical Education teachers, enhancing their skills and giving them the best tools to promote sports within the school environment. During the event, the ISF Academy, in partnership with International Sports Federation and/or the LOC, will organise workshops for national PE Teachers aiming at providing pedagogical tools and innovative exercises to better engage young individuals in sports and develop life skills through the sport. This activities will be open to any PE Teachers as well.



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FUN & SKILLS ZONE

The Fun and Skill Zone concept aims to provide the participants athletes, coaches and the local young participants with an open area where a variety of educational, physical, and cultural activities are proposed on the daily basis. ISF Academy educational and national organisations& partner booths will gather aiming to raise awareness on the Olympic values and art, to discover traditional or innovative sports, and to discover the culture of the different participating countries/regions. Participants will have the occasion to participate in activities with all our International Sports Federations partners, with our safeguarding Children, Doping prevention, mental health, physiology and kinesiology experts (complex core).

It will be the heart of the event. The place where the different delegations can meet, learn, discuss and get to know each other better.



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REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER

The **only** recognised method of registration is through **ERAS** - the ISF official registration platform.

Within the platform there will be 2 sections of registration:

- for ISF members
- for Non-ISF members

Please select the appropriate section related to your registration type.

Each ISF member is automatically entitled to have their own credentials to access ERAS. For non-ISF members registration, access will be provided following submission of information through this initial step.

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it at [Password Recovery | ISF ERAS \(isf-eras.org\)](#). If you encounter any other problems, please contact the ISF secretariat at sport@isfsports.org

Registration to the Event will be divided into **2 phases**:

PHASE 1: Sign Up	PHASE 2: Collecting data & information
Registration will be done through the official ISF registration system ERAS. Participating delegations will be required to register their members and make Deposit payments. Information to be entered in: • The exact number of teams and athletes (boys/girls), coaches, FOPO and additional adults; • Name, birth date, gender, and passport copy.	Delegations are expected to enter the exact detailed information : • Final detailed information for each participant (photo, dietary requirements, personal bests, jersey number) • Upload all needed documents online • Submitting the expected date of arrival and departure, and type of transport • Rooming list • Payment overview • All other relevant document

DEADLINES

REGISTRATION OPEN	SIGN UP DEADLINE	COLLECTING OF DATA & INFORMATION DEADLINE
01.10.2025	20.01.2026	20.02.2026

NOTE: After deadline, registration of additional delegation members will **not** be possible.

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REGISTRATION

DEADLINE SUMMARY

October 01, 2025	Opening of registration - Phase 1
January 20, 2026	Closing of sign up Phase 1
January 20, 2026	Payment of deposit deadline
January 20, 2025	Opening of registration - Phase 2*
February 20, 2026	Closing of registration Phase 2
March 20, 2026	Payment of balance deadline

**after payment of deposit*



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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

To participate, each ISF member is required to make two (2) payments:

1. **Deposit payment**
2. **Balance fee payment**

DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Along with the entry and in order to have access to registration phase 2, participating in ISF members will need to pay a deposit of **1800€** per team registered in Phase 1.

Please note that participation in the event is granted only by a deposit payment.

Deadline of deposit payment: January 20, 2025.

- The sum will be deducted from the total participation cost.
- The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation by the organization responsible for school sports (federation, trust, ministry...).
- The deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation. Waivers to the payment of the deposit, for whatever reasons, are to be discussed with the ISF office and to be agreed upon before the deposit payment deadlines.

The deposit for the registered teams per category shall be paid by January 20, 2026.

If the deposit is not paid within the given deadline, the registrations will not be considered valid and will be automatically deleted from ERAS.

Deposits are to be paid during registration by credit card using the payment gateway via ERAS or by bank transfer to the ISF account, using the bank information below (all bank charges are to be met by the participating delegation)

Name of the Bank	UBS	Address of the bank	Place Saint-François 16, Lausanne, 1003, Switzerland
BIC/Swift Code	UBSWCHZH80A	IBAN	CH90 0024 3243 6299 3560L
Payee/holder	International School Sport Federation, Maison du Sport International, Avenue de Rhodanie 54 1007 Lausanne		
Reference	WSC Handball 2026 – Deposit – [name of the country/region - ERAS registration ID number]		

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BALANCE FEE PAYMENT

BALANCE FEE PAYMENT = PARTICIPATION FEE - DEPOSIT (ALREADY PAID)

The balance fee payment is to be paid before the start of the event (all bank charges are to be met by the participating delegation).

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee covers full board accommodation for the duration of the event plus competition, cultural programme activities and all local transport from the arrival to the official port of entry to the departure of the team.

The participation fee is composed of:

1. **Rates by night:** minimum 60€/night/delegation member
2. **ISF levy:**
 - 100€ per person (ISF members)
 - 150€ per person (non-ISF members)

Deadline of Balance fee payment : March 20, 2026

RATE BY NIGHT

Head of Delegation	Single occupancy	60 €
Coach	Double occupancy	60 €
Coach	Single occupancy	120 €
Athlete	2-4 bedded rooms	60 €
Additional Adult	Double occupancy	60 €
Additional Adult	Single occupancy	120 €
Other Team Official	Double occupancy	60 €
Other Team Official	Single occupancy	120 €
Referee	Double occupancy	60 €
Referee	Single occupancy	120 €

Remaining roles follow the same format as the Additional Adults, Other Team Officials, and Referees*

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The table below shows an overview of the minimum participation fee per participant.

No. Nights 9	x	Rate by night 60 €	+	ISF levy 100 € / 150 €	=	TOTAL (minimum/participant) 640 € / 690 €
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The balance fee payment is to be paid before the start of the event to the following account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country).

Name of the Bank	Komercijalna banka AD Skopje	Address of the bank	Vasil Iljoski br. 3, 1000 Skopje, N. Macedonia
BIC/Swift Code	KOBSMK2X	IBAN	MK07 3007 0100 2126 207
Payee/holder	FUSM SKOPJE		
Reference	WSC Handball 2026 – Final Balance – [name of the country/region - ERAS registration ID number]		

CHARITY GALA DINNER

A charity gala dinner is organised during the event.

All Heads of Delegation are expected to take part in the dinner. The gala dinner fee is 50€/person, to be paid together with the final balance.

More information on the Gala dinner will be given in Bulletin 2. The participation to the gala dinner will need to be declared over the registration process Phase 2.

PAYMENTS DEADLINES SUMMARY

January 20, 2026 (23:59 CET)	Payment of deposit deadline
March 20, 2026 (23:59 CET)	Balance payment

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COMMUNICATION

To stay informed about all updates related to the event, please follow:

ISF Official Website

<https://www.isfsports.org>

ISF Social Media Accounts



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Event Webpage

<https://events.isfsports.org/wsc-handball-2026>

Delegations are kindly invited to share their pre-event activities, including:

- team selection
- preparation, and
- training

through photos, written content (in English), and videos (in English).

These materials may be shared directly by tagging @ISFsports on social media using the official event hashtag:

#Skopje2026 #ISFsports #ISFwsc #Handball

or alternatively submitted via the **ISF news collection platform** <www.isfsports.org/news-collection> to the ISF Communications Department <communication@isfsports.org>

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