

# TAEKWONDO

ALBANIAN



OPEN G1  
2026





7<sup>th</sup> ALBANIAN OPEN 2026  
2-4 October 2026  
*Tirana, Albania*



## INVITATION LETTER

Dear Friends.

Dear Taekwondo Family.

We are pleased and honored to invite you and your athletes to participate in the

### 7<sup>th</sup> ALBANIAN OPEN 2026 WT — G1 INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT 2-4 October 2026

We are committed to make this event a successful one. We adhere to the highest standards of preparation in order to create an ideal atmosphere for all participating teams.

We ensure you that there will be a fair play and maximum transparency.

We hope you have a wonderful stay in Albania and the charming city of Tirana, and that you enjoy your time together with all the other members of the Taekwondo family.

We are looking forward to receiving your confirmation of participation for this event no later than September 24<sup>th</sup> 2026.

We truly hope that we can welcome you to participate in “7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1 2026” International Taekwondo Tournament and wish you and your team a lot of success at this championship.

*Sincerely Yours,*

Organizing Committee

The Club: “Taekwondo Center” & “Top Gym Sport”



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## WT — G1 INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

### 2-4 October 2026

#### PROMOTER:

World Taekwondo - WT  
European Taekwondo Union - ETU  
Albanian Taekwondo Federation – ATF

#### ORGANIZER:

Taekwondo Club “Top Gym Sport” & “Taekwondo Center”  
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#### SANCTIONED BY:

WORLD RANKING IS APPLIABLE

**Seniors: G1**

EUROPEAN RANKING

**Juniors: E1**

**Cadets: E1**

#### VENUE:

Tirana Olympic Park “Feti Borova”  
Liman Kaba Street, 1001, Tirana, Albania  
**MAP:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/B7TwKBADomba2bZm9>

#### REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION:

**1 October 2026 (Thursday):** 10:00 - 13:00 & 15:00 – 20:00 – Registration (for Junior, Cadet, Senior)

**1 October 2026 (Thursday):** 10:00 - 13:00 & 15:00 – 20:00 – Weigh-in only for Cadet Athletes

#### **Eurostar Hotel**

**2 October 2026 (Friday):** 10:00 - 13:00 & 15:00 – 18:00 – Registration (Junior, Senior)

**2 October 2026 (Friday):** 10:00 – 13:00 & 15:00 – 18:00 – Weigh-in only for Junior Athletes

#### **Tirana Olympic Park “Feti Borova”**

**3 October 2026 (Saturday):** 10:00 - 11:30 Registration (Senior)

**3 October 2026 (Saturday):** 10:00 – 12:00 – Weigh-in for athletes competing on 4 October (Sunday)

#### **Tirana Olympic Park “Feti Borova”**



To participate in WhatsApp Group, please enter in WhatsApp application and scan QR Code or just click the link below.

Every update will be published in the group.

Click the link below to enter the WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DECiQL3pUvKJk5ux4HmxCi>

## **RANDOM WEIGH - IN**

**All selected athletes must be present at 08:00 hrs sharp. The names of the athletes selected** for the Random weigh-in will be published at 07:00 hrs on the competition day on the following (social) media platforms:

WEB: [tpss.eu](https://tpss.eu)

## **DRAW SHEET PUBLICATION:**

The draw sheets and brackets will be daily published, one (1) day before the start of competition at 18:00 hrs on the following (social) media platforms:

Web: [tpss.eu](https://tpss.eu)

Instagram: [albanian\\_open](https://www.instagram.com/albanian_open)

## **SEEDING:**

Cadet divisions: All athletes will be seeded according to the European ranking as per September 2026 (published in October 2026)

Junior divisions: All athletes will be seeded according to the European ranking as per September 2026 (published in October 2026)

Senior divisions: All athletes will be seeded according to the World ranking as per September 2026 (published in October 2026)

## **COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Minimum age of 18 years.
2. WT Coach Certificate Level I or above is required.
3. Holder of a valid 2026 WT Global Official License.
4. Coach is not allowed wearing Dobok.
5. One (1) coach per five (5) athletes is allowed. Exceeding this ratio is subject to an extra fee.
6. A formal outfit (suit/dress) is mandatory for semi-finals and finals.

Please be aware that trainers cannot assume a coaching position and have no access to the Field of Play.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

23:59 CEST on 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 **Online**

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com>

## ENTRY FEE AND PAYMENT:

**Early entry fee: 135€ per competitor for every applied competitor.** Entry fee must be transferred to the account until the **deadline by 25 May - 25 June 2026** without any costs for the organizer.

**Regular entry fee: 150€ per competitor for every applied competitor.** Entry fee must be transferred to the account until the **deadline by 25 June - 25 August 2026** without any costs for the organizer.

**Late Registration fee: 200€ per competitor for every applied competitor.** Entry fee must be transferred to the account until the **deadline by 25 August - 24 September 2026** without any costs for the organizer.

**Cash on site: 200€ euro per registered individual athlete.**

**All entry fees must be paid to the following bank account:**

Recipient: SHOQATA QENDRA E TAE KWON DO  
Name of Bank: CREDINS BANK (RRUGA "VASO PASHA", Nr. 8, Tiranë)  
IBAN: AL38 2121 1009 0000 0000 0121 5953  
SWIFT: CDISALTRXXX  
**Reason for payment: Country + Team name + Albanian Open 2026**

**NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS BY BANK TRANSFER HAVE TO BE DONE WITHOUT ANY DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES! ANY COSTS OF THE BANK TRANSFER WILL BE CHARGED TO PARTICIPATING TEAM.**

## A COPY OF THE BANK TRANSFER MUST BE SENT TO:

E-Mail: [office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com)

**Applications without a copy of the transfer are invalid.**

## ACCREDITATION CARD DISTRIBUTION:

Application is only valid when payment has been done to the bank account at the same time of registration and when payments of all entry fees have been received 3 days after registration. If payment has not been received in due time those registered athletes will be removed from the online registration again.

On-site Change of medal event (weight division) and/or other modifications  
50 euro for each amendment, payable at the registration desk. All changes after the registration deadline shall be done on-site.

Protest fee

200 euro

Any athlete registering on-line who does not take part in the competition and who has not been removed from the entry list before the deadline, is liable for paying his/her entry-fee in full. (For any athlete not presenting at registration, his/her team or official will be liable for ensuring full payment has been received, prior to the team's participation). If a team does not show up at the event and has not requested a participation cancellation before the deadline, it will be requested to settle the payment of the entry fees in full (100%)

## COMPETITION RULES:

The last WT Competition rules will be applied

## ENTRY FEE AND PAYMENT:

**WT approved PSS (Daedo Generation 3) will be used.**

The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) and the head protector to the participating contestants. Participating contestants are required to bring their own groin guards, mouthpieces, gloves, sensor socks, shin and forearm guards for their personal use. All competitors must use WT-approved equipment.

**Instant Video Replay will be used for all courts.**

### Conditions of participation

Proof of membership by valid national Federation passport with WTE/WT membership. All contestants have to proof their age and nationality by presenting national ID or passport at weigh-in. Those who are not recognized as adults by law in their own country must submit a passport or identification card together with a written consent (liability declaration) of their parents or lawful guardian accepting the participation and all parts of the official invitation. All participants require a **WT Global License** (GAL – Global Athlete License or GOL – Global Official License) and must be a member of a National Taekwondo Federation affiliated to the WT. This membership must be proved at registration by providing a valid WT Global License. Onsite registration for WT Global License is not possible. Registration must be done in advance. The WT License must be valid or renewed for 2026. Entry fees are obligated at all times. All participants of the 7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open 2026 (officials & contestants) are responsible that they are registered and approved through their respective WT Member National Association at least 1 month before the tournament it is required for.

## METHOD OF COMPETITION:

Single elimination tournament according to WT Competition Rules.

## AGE ELIGIBILITY:

- Senior: born in 2009 and older (**WT G1 ranking**)
- Juniors: born in 2009, 2010 and 2011 (E1 ranking)
- Cadets: born in 2012, 2013 and 2014 (E1 ranking)

## AGE ELIGIBILITY:

**Senior Male:** -54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg;

**Senior Female:** -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg; +73kg;

**Juniors Male:** -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg;

**Junior Female:** -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68 kg;

**Cadets Male:** -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg;

**Cadets Female:** -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59 kg;

## GRADUATION:

- Cadets must hold at least 4th Gup;
- Juniors must hold at least 2nd Gup.
- Senior must hold at least DAN Certificate.

## MATCH DURATION:

- Cadets: 3 x 1.5 min (60 sek. break);
- Juniors: 3 x 1.5 min (60 sek. break);
- Senior: 3 x 2 min (60 sek. break);

*The contests duration is subject to change by the Organizing Committee.*

## SEEDING:

Upon decision of WTE Technical Delegate, seeding will be either 100% or 25% seeding based on the WT Ranking List as per 30 September 2025.

### Recognized brands

Recognized brands Participating contestants are required to wear WT recognized doboks, belts and WT recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT: <http://www.worldtae-kwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized/>

### Liability

All competitors participate at their own risk. The online registration implies that the competitors agree to assume all responsibility for themselves and to release all other parties from any and all liability which may directly or indirectly result. The organizer is in no way responsible for any damage caused to a person or their belongings.

### Awards

Medals for the places 1 to 3 individual results.

1 st place – gold medal and certificate

2 nd place – silver medal and certificate

3 rd place – bronze medal and certificate

3 rd place – bronze medal and certificate

Team cups will be awarded to the three best teams in each division. The team ranking is based on according the new rules of WT.

### Coaches

For every five contestants within the same team, one coach is granted free admission, with a maximum of four coaches. Every additional coach above the maximum allowed number should pay 30euro admission. Coaches can enter the competition area only with proper sport shoes and proper tracksuit. Before weigh-in all coaches must have the Special ID-Cards for their teams. Weigh-in and entry to the sports hall only with Special ID-Cards. Special ID-Cards for all competitors and coaches. The following accreditations will be provided to team member on request to the OC:

Role	Male Team	Female Team
MNA Official	1	
Head of Team	1	
Manager	1	
Coach	1	1
Team Doctor	1	

The trainers will not be allowed to the competition area

To register a Doctor – Proof of Medical Doctor/Physio therapist certificate in English.

### **Protest**

Only the official coach is allowed to protest, immediately after the end of the con- test. An amount of € 100 (Euro) will have to be paid for each protest. The decision of the referee chairman is final.

### **Referees**

All referees will be contacted and invited by the Referee Committee. Hotel and Full board accommodation will be provided for the International referees from 1 October 2026 (Check-in 14:00) - 5 October 2026 (Check-out 11:00)

For information: [vbekteshi@outlook.com](mailto:vbekteshi@outlook.com)

### **Applicable doping rules**

The WT Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA Anti-Doping Code are applicable. Compulsory random doping tests will be conducted among the all athletes. World Taekwondo and/ or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the event. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to WT.

### **Therapeutic Use Exemption**

Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the “Prohibited List” of the WT Anti-Doping Rules and WADA Anti-Doping Code for therapeutic purposes are requested to visit the website of WADA and make online filing of their TUE applications on ADAMS. Report TUE applications also to the WT Sport Department via [marcoienna@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:marcoienna@worldtaekwondo.org).

### **ADAMS login**

For ADAMS login, please contact National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in your country or WT Sport Department at [marcoienna@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:marcoienna@worldtaekwondo.org)

For more details, please visit

<http://www.wada-ama.org/en/ADAMS/>

<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/medical-antidoping/antidoping/therapeutic-use-exemptions-tues/>

Some contestants chosen at random will be tested.

## **MEDIA AND PRESS:**

### ***Media accreditation***

Registered media and press officials or official photographers are entitled to receive a media and press accreditation card. For more information please contact 6<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1 at [office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com)

### ***Photo positions***

All accredited photographers are only allowed to use the designated photo positions while working in the Field of Play. By accepting a media and press accreditation, the accredited person agrees to follow at all times the instructions of the 6<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1 and Press officer.

### **Sufficient insurance**

The teams are strongly urged and advised to make sure to have their own sufficient travel, cancellation and medical insurance.

### **Liability**

All competitors participate at their own risk. The organizers of the event shall not accept responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses sustained or incurred.

## **HASH TAGS & SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Hash tags:

7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open uses the following hash tags:

**#Albanian\_Open\_G1**

**#Kickyourtarget**

### **Social media platforms:**

7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open 2026 is present at the following

Instagram: **@Albanian\_open**

## **VISA:**

All teams who require a visa invitation should send Appendix – Visa Detail Form to the OC ([office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com)).

## **MEDICAL INSURANCE:**

All participating athletes, coaches and team officials shall have mandatory a medical insurance that covers medical care and in case of emergency repatriation to home country. All relevant documents proving that such an insurance is present, including insurance policy papers, should be taken to the event in case a medical situation occurs

## **INDEMNITIES:**

It is the responsibility of each registering team to ensure that their athletes and team officials have filled out the indemnification forms correctly and have duly signed them, thereby indemnifying WT, WTE, the Organizing Committee and all other officials and athletes from any claims of injuries, losses or otherwise arising in the course of participation at the “6<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1” or any activities linked therewith.

It is the responsibility of each registered team to ensure and guarantee that sufficient insurance coverage has been arranged for all athletes, team officials and other participants. Without sufficient insurance coverage, national teams will not be allowed to compete.

Please fill out the Personal Indemnity Forms and return them to the Organization Committee before 20 September 2025. Each participant (athletes, team officials, etc.) has to fill out the indemnification form

## **ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION:**

### **Information:**

All information is provided in the accommodation guide.

### **Booking:**

Please fill in the booking form and send it to (e-mail).

### **Booking Deadline:**

Accommodation must be paid before **September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Hotel reservations that are cancelled after **September 15<sup>th</sup>** will be fined 50% of the total hotel reservation cost.

Hotel reservations that are cancelled after **September 20<sup>th</sup>** will be fined 100% of the total hotel reservation cost.

# EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
01 October	10:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 20:00	Registration for all	EuroStar Hotel
	10:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 20:00	Weigh-in for Cadets	
	22:00	Publication of drawsheets Competition Day 1	
02 October	07:00	Random Weigh-in lists Publication	Tirana Olympic Park "Feti Borova"
	08:00-08:30	Random Weigh-in for Cadets	
	09:00	Start of matches	
	10:00 – 13:00	Registration for Junior, Senior	
		Weight-in for Junior	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	15:00 – 18:00	Registration for Junior, Senior	
		Weight-in for Junior	
19:00 – 20:00	Medal Ceremony for Cadets		
22:00	Publication of drawsheets Competition Day 2		
03 October	07:00	Random Weigh-in lists Publication	Tirana Olympic Park "Feti Borova"
	08:00-08:30	Random Weigh-in / Juniors	
	09:00	Start of matches	
	10:00 – 12:00	Registration for Senior	
	10:00 – 12:00	Weight-in for Seniors	
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
	19:00 – 20:00	Medal Ceremony for Juniors	
	22:00	Publication of drawsheets Competition Day 3	
04 October	07:00	Random Weigh-in lists Publication	Tirana Olympic Park "Feti Borova"
	07:30-08:30	Random Weigh-in / Seniors	
	09:00	Start of matches	
	14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break	
	19:00 – 20:00	Medal Ceremony for Seniors	
05 October	-	Teams Departure	
⚠ ⚠ ⚠ WARNING TIMETABLE ALWAYS REMAINS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ⚠ ⚠ ⚠			

# PERSONAL INDEMNIFICATION FORM

THIS INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND CONSENT NOT TO SUE executed this on:

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert date of signing).

I, the undersigned, certify that I will indemnify, hold harmless and release the Taekwondo Europe, World Taekwondo, the Albanian Taekwondo Federation and the Organizing Committee, its executive board members, directors, officers, members, employees, consultants, agents, attorneys, contractors (including without limitation sponsors, suppliers, licensees and other representatives (each, an “Indemnatee” and, collectively, “Indemnitees”), from and against any and all damages, injuries, penalties, fines, claims, suits, liabilities, costs, attorneys’ fees court costs and expenses of every kind and nature suffered by or asserted against the Indemnatee as a direct or indirect result of participating in the 7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1 2026 in the broadest sense of the word.

By signing and submitting the form below, I accept and agree to the terms and covenants contained in this Indemnification, hold harmless, release and consent not to sue.

I verify that by signing and submitting this form that I have read and agree to all of the terms and conditions provided above.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

In case the person involved is a minor, the legal guardian has to sign:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relation towards the minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**

Please send this form to: [office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com)



## LIABILITY DECLARATION

*(only for under aged athletes)*

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

I live in: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (competitor): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

I declare that I accept the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ at the 7<sup>th</sup> Albanian Open G1 2026 on 02-04 October 2026 and that I accept all parts of the official invitation of this tournament.

For physical reasons nothing speaks against a participation of the aforementioned athlete and I understand that all competitors are considered to participate at their own risk. Taekwondo Europe, World Taekwondo, the Albanian Taekwondo Federation and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses. All athletes must bring their own documents and the forms or any medical insurance in Albania.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the parents/legal guardian:

Please, send this form to e-mail: [office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com)



## VISA REQUEST FORM

*(only for under aged athletes)*

### **Important:**

Please fill out this form and send it to: [office@albanianopen.com](mailto:office@albanianopen.com) along with **passport copies** of all visa applicants and **Simply Compete Registration Summary**, to receive an invitation letter.

**VISA APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail of EMBASSY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insert name of country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family name as shown in passport:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given name as shown in passport** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport no.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport date of issue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport expiration date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of the team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of the President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stamp of the club/team:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and send this form to the Organizing Committee by

**E-mail no later than 10 September 2026.**

# Our partners:



**TO BE  
CONFIRMED**

