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CADETS 2026



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Dear friends,

It fills me with pride to welcome you all to Bucharest for the European Cadet Championships 2026.

This event is not only a celebration of young talent but also a crucial step in shaping tomorrow's champions. The Organizing Committee, together with the Romanian Taekwondo WT Federation and the ETU team, has worked tirelessly to prepare an outstanding event.

I am confident that the competition will set new standards in quality and organization, and that it will leave lasting memories for all participants. I wish all athletes, coaches, and teams great success.

May this championship inspire you to dream big, compete fairly, and strengthen the bonds of friendship through Taekwondo. Yours,

Sakis Pragalos

President European Taekwondo Union





Dear all,

We salute you for choosing TAEKWONDO WT to build your strength and lifestyle in harmony with the value promoted through our Olympic sports curriculum.

The European Taekwondo Union program with MNA members is an open window to international competition.

Now is the time to do your best to achieve your personal goal on the normal scale of athletic performance aspiration.

The European Cadets Championships 2026 is designed to give all participants the chance to be in contact with the new rules together with the other athletes chosen to find the appropriate ways of communication and education that are the most valuable vectors to focus and in Kyorugi.

Yours,

Constantin Apostol

President - Romania Taekwondo WT Federation

Vicepresident - European Taekwondo Union



PROMOTER

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ORGANIZER

ROMANIAN TAEKWONDO WT FEDERATION

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WEBSITE :<https://taekwondowt.ro>

VENUE

SALA POLIVALENTA

Calea Piscalui, No. 10, District 4, Bucharest, Romania

GLOBAL RANKING

CADETS: E4



REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

DATES: 24th-27th November

24th November

15:00-19:00

25th -26th November

09:00 – 13:00 / 14:00 – 18:00

27th November

09:00-13:00 / 15:00-16:00

VENUE: Sala Polivalenta

Calea Piscului, No. 10, District 4, Bucharest, Romania

WEIGH-IN DATES, SCHEDULE & LOCATION

DATES: 25th-27th November/ SCHEDULE: 10:00 – 13:00 hrs / 15:00 – 16:00 hrs

25th November / LOCATION: Sports Hall

Male: -33 kg, -37 kg, -41 kg, -45 kg, -49 kg, -53 kg

26th November / LOCATION: Sports Hall

Female: -29 kg, -33 kg, -37 kg, -41 kg, -44 kg, -47 kg, -51kg

27th November / LOCATION: Sports Hall

Female: -55 kg, -59 kg, +59 kg

Male: -57 kg, -61 kg, -65 kg, +65 kg

Please make sure to arrive in time in Bucharest to attend the weigh in at the scheduled weigh in times. ETU will not allow any athlete or team to arrive later than the scheduled weigh in and weigh in after the scheduled times will not be permitted.

In case your plane is delayed, please send as soon as possible an email to sport@europetaekwondo.org including a photo of the airport screens showing the actual delay of the airplane. Without any proof, ETU will not allow any late weigh ins.

COMPETITION DATES & SCHEDULE

DATES: 26th – 28th November

Competition starts at 09:00 hrs

26th November / Male: -33 kg, -37 kg, -41 kg, -45 kg, -49 kg, -53 kg

27th November / Female: -29 kg, -33 kg, -37 kg, -41 kg, -44 kg, -47 kg, -51kg

28th November / Female: -55 kg, -59 kg, +59 kg

Male: -57 kg, -61 kg, -65 kg, +65 kg



RANDOM WEIGH – IN DATES, SCHEDULE & LOCATION

LOCATION: **Sports Hall / SCHEDULE: Daily at 08:00 hrs**

The names of the athletes selected for the Random Weigh-in will be daily published, at 06:30 hrs on the competition day on the following (social) media platform:
<https://europetaekwondo.org/documents/>

DRAW SHEETS & BRACKET PUBLICATION

The draw sheets and brackets will be daily published, one (1) day before the start of competition at 19:00 hrs on the following (social) media platforms:
<https://europetaekwondo.org/documents/>

SEEDING

All athletes will be seeded according to the European Cadet Ranking (weight) as per last published.

The athletes representing the host country in the National Team shall be automatically seeded as number (4) four in the brackets unless they are ranked number (1-3) one-three. **Athletes from the same country may compete between each other from preliminary round.**

COMPETITION RULES

Last updated WT Competition Rules & Interpretation, shall be applied.



MEDAL EVENTS

The following medal events are applicable:

Weight Divisions will be used for the European Cadets Championships 2026.

MALE CATEGORIES

Under 33 kg	Not exceeding 33 kg
Under 37 kg	Over 33 kg & not exceeding 37 kg
Under 41 kg	Over 37 kg & not exceeding 41 kg
Under 45 kg	Over 41 kg & not exceeding 45 kg
Under 49 kg	Over 45 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Under 53 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 53 kg
Under 57 kg	Over 53 kg & not exceeding 57 kg
Under 61 kg	Over 57 kg & not exceeding 61 kg
Under 65 kg	Over 61 kg & not exceeding 65 kg
Over 65 kg	Over 65 kg

FEMALE CATEGORIES

Under 29 kg	Not exceeding 29 kg
Under 33 kg	Over 29 kg & not exceeding 33 kg
Under 37 kg	Over 33 kg & not exceeding 37 kg
Under 41 kg	Over 37 kg & not exceeding 41 kg
Under 44 kg	Over 41 kg & not exceeding 44 kg
Under 47 kg	Over 44 kg & not exceeding 47 kg
Under 51 kg	Over 47 kg & not exceeding 51 kg
Under 55 kg	Over 51 kg & not exceeding 55 kg
Under 59 kg	Over 55 kg & not exceeding 59 kg
Over 59 kg	Over 59 kg

METHOD OF COMPETITION & CONTEST TIME

- Single elimination tournament system.
- Best of three (3) system will be used.
- 3 (2) rounds of 1,5 minutes, one (1) minute break between each round.
- The WT Technical Delegate has the authority to adjust the contest time as he sees fit.

HEAD OF TEAM MEETING / MEDICAL MEETING

The Head of Team/Medical meeting at the European Cadet Championships 2026 will take place on **Wednesday 25th November at 17:00** on competition venue.

The Head of Team Meeting is accessible for maximum two (2) representatives for each team. All information will be published on the following (social) media platforms:

<https://europetaekwondo.org>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each National Team can send one (1) athlete per weight category to compete in the European Cadet Championships 2026 plus qualifiers from ETU events.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Holder of a valid 2026 WT Global Athlete License.
- b. Member of the National Team of the pertinent Member National Association, recognized by European Taekwondo Union or World Taekwondo.
- c. Holder of the nationality of the pertinent Member National Association.
- d. Cadets: 4th Kup and above.
- e. An athlete in order to be eligible for participation must be born in: 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- f. In case of a Refugee athlete, the athlete must meet following requirements:
 - Must hold the Refugee Status, documented by UNHCR or
 - Refugee Status documented by national agency, e.g. Department of Foreign Affairs or related/responsible department of the residing country.
- g. All competitors must prove their age by presenting their passport or identification card at the official weigh in. For those athletes that are not adults, a written letter of consent must be submitted (please find enclosed on the last pages) at the registration, signed by one of the parents or legal guardians, accepting their participation and all parts of the official invitation.



QUOTA SPECIFIC RULES

Athletes who meet the athlete eligibility requirements and fulfilled all other relevant requirements and won a quota place from the ETU events are allowed to participate at the European Cadet Championships 2026. The registration should be completed by their National Federation via Simply Compete. All MNAs should register them as Quota Team (ROMANIAN Quota TEAM separate from ROMANIAN National Team). Athletes who qualified for the event via a quota place are allowed to either move one weight category up or down.

COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum age of 18 years;
2. WT Coach Certificate Level I Level I or above is required
3. Holder of a valid 2026 WT Global Official License;
4. Coach is not allowed wearing Dobok.
5. Mandatory formal outfit for semifinals and finals.
6. 1 coach per 5 athletes is allowed. Exceeding this ratio is subject to an extra fee.

MEDICAL STAFF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Minimum age of 18 years.
- b. Holder of a valid 2026 WT Global Official License.

SPORT ENTRIES - ONLINE REGISTRATION

Team entries will only be accepted through the WT GMS online registration system Simply Compete.

Registration of the athletes is only possible with a valid 2026 WT Global License (GAL issued by assigned GMS club, Edition and Administrators only).

Please find below the direct link to the WT GMS platform:

<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/>



OFFICIALS ACREDITATION CARDS

ROLE	MALE TEAM	FEMALE TEAM
MNA Official	2	
Head of Team	1	
Manager	1	
Coach	1 free of charge	1 free of charge
Trainer	1	1
Team Doctor/Physio	1	
National Team Athletes	10	10
Qualifiers Athletes	Unlimited	Unlimited

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline for registration is set at:

13 November 2026, 23:59 CET

This deadline is applicable for all sport entries, payments and admitting all required documents.



APPLICABLE FEES

a. REGULAR ENTRY FEE

150 euro per registered athlete, paid until 31 October 2026.

b. LATE PAYMENT

175 euro per registered athlete, paid after 31 October 2026.

c. CASH PAYMENTS (not recommended)

200 euro per registered athlete.

d. ON-SITE CHANGE OF MEDAL EVENT (WEIGHT CATEGORY)

Changing the weight category is not possible after the deadline of 13th November 2026.

e. ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATION CARDS

50 euro for each on-site approved additional requested accreditation card, to be paid directly to the OC.

f. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

In case an athlete needs to be replaced after the deadline this can be done maximum of 48 hours the draw takes place. A fee of 200 euro is applicable, to be paid directly to the OC. Replacement athletes must present at the event and meet all applicable and eligibility criteria.

g. PROTEST FEE

200 euro. In case of an official protest submitted according to WT Rules, a non refundable 200 euro to be paid directly to the OC. Make sure the protest form is used (attached at the end) and be aware that the protest is made in time.

h. COACHES FEE

100 euro for each registered coach (2 coaches free of charge per National Team)



PAYMENT ENTRY

All entry fees shall be paid in advance to European Taekwondo Union. All bank transfer shall be paid to the following bank account:

Beneficiary: European Taekwondo Union
Name of the bank: Sparkasse ALK
IBAN: DE32462516300000063271
BIC/SWIFT: WELADED1ALK
Bank address: Kolner Str. 10, 57439 Attendorn, Germany

NOTE:

Bank transaction expenses should be set to "OUR". If set to "SHA" then the team may be asked to pay at Registration & Accreditation Centre any differences that may occur at the final amount remitted.

Payment reference:

CADET2026EUROPE plus NATIONAL TEAM

Example:

CADET2026EUROPE plus ROMANIA NATIONAL TEAM

SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR PAYMENT AT:

finance@europetaekwondo.org

NO REFUND

The ETU and/or the Organizing Committee does not refund entry fees paid.



PROOF OF PAYMENT

All teams are required to send proof of payment (copy of bank transfer) to finance@europetaekwondo.org within one (1) week after registration in Simply Compete or submit it at the registration appointment booking platform. European Taekwondo Union has the right to delete sport entries from teams that do not send proof of payment from the system in order for other athletes to register and to prevent 'ghost athletes'.

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 13th November 2026, is fully liable for paying his/her entry fee in full. (For any athlete not presenting at registration, his/her team or official shall be liable for ensuring full payment of the entry fee of the aforementioned athlete 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, ETU shall invoice the team for the full amount (100%) as per current outline.

SPORT EQUIPMENT

a. PSS SYSTEM

Daedo Generation 3, with electronic headgear. Headgear with face masks will be used.

b. MATS

WT recognized mats will be used.

c. IVR / OVR

UPTKD will be used.

d. DOBOK & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENTS

All participants athletes must wear WT recognized competition uniform. See a list of recognized products at:

<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html>

Only WT recognized equipments is allowed groin, forearm, shin, mouthpiece, Daedo sensor socks and gloves shall be brought by the contestants, which is compulsory.

FIELD OF PLAY REGULATIONS

By accepting a European Taekwondo Union accreditation card, all accredited persons agree to comply with the Field of Play regulations applicable at European Taekwondo Union events.



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1st place - gold medal and certificate

2nd place - silver medal and certificate

3rd place - two bronze medals and certificate

All participants will receive a certificate of participation

TEAM AWARDS

RATIONALE NO. OF POINTS AWARDED

For every contestant who passed the official weigh in:	1
For every win (including byes):	1
For every Gold Medal:	120
For every Silver Medal:	50
For every Bronze Medal:	20

Trophies will be awarded for the 3 top teams (female, male & overall)

MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

- The WT Anti-Doping Rules, and where necessary the Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency, shall apply throughout the competitions.
- Compulsory anti-doping tests will be carried out for selected medalists, while random tests will be conducted to the rest of the athletes. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-com- petition testing prior to the championships.
- TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the "Prohibited List" of the WT Anti Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Code of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for therapeutic purposes are requested to submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical informa- tion. If you do not have an ADAMS account yet, please contact tue@ita.sport to have it set up.

Otherwise, please download the TUE Application Form [HERE](#) and once duly completed and signed, send it together with the required medical file to tue@ita.sport with copy to antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org by at least 30 days before the first competition day.



For more details, please see the following page of the WT website:
http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html

- d. WT Mouth guard, Taping and Bracing rules http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/WT-Mouthguardbrace_taping_and-padding-rules-5-29-2019.pdf

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 the European Taekwondo Union Media department at media@europetaekwondo.org

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 European Taekwondo Union Media and Press officer.

HASH TAGS & SOCIAL MEDIA

HASH TAGS

European Taekwondo Union uses the following hash tags at Facebook and Instagram:

#ETU

#EuropeanTaekwondoUnion

#EUROPECADET2026

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

European Taekwondo Union is present at the following social media platforms:

Facebook: @europetaekwondounion

Instagram: @europetaekwondounion

Twitter: @europetaekwondounion

YouTube Channel: European Taekwondo Union



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, ETU, the Organizing Committee and all other officials and athletes from any claims of injuries, losses or otherwise arising during participation at the European Cadet Championships 2026 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, teams will not be allowed to compete.

Please fill out the Personal Indemnity Forms and return them to the Organizing Committee before 13th November 2026. Each participant (athletes, team officials, etc.) must fill out the indemnification form.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participating athletes, coaches, team officials, technical officials and participants at ETU events shall have mandatorily an international medical insurance that covers medical care and in case of emergency, repatriation to the country of origin, valid on the days present in the host country of the event. ETU nor the Organizing Committee shall be responsible to cover any medical costs incurred for medical treatment before, on or during the competition or repatriation in the broadest sense of the word.

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. Each MNA, Team doctor or team medical staff must ensure their athletes and team officials have valid international health insurance that covers medical and emergency care at the designated hospitals in Romania before arrival to the venue.

General

It is the responsibility of each and every participating team to make sure they meet all entry requirements in order to enter the Host country and to monitor the Romania policy with regard to entry policies.

Sufficient insurance

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



Liability

Please note that the OC will not and cannot be held liable for any expenses or costs incurred by teams for travel to the event.

Teams are strongly urged and advised to ensure they have adequate travel, cancellation, and medical insurance. The OC will not accept any claims or requests for compensation in the event of the event's cancellation.

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

a. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

All participating teams and officials must book their hotel accommodation via the OC minimum (2) two nights per accredited person. The OC provides hotel rooms in each price range, but make sure you make your bookings early to avoid missing out the preferred hotel rooms. Please refer to the accommodation guide for further information.

Accommodation fee if you did not book your stay via OC:

100 euro per accredited team member should (athlete, coach, physio etc) be paid directly to the OC.

The bank information are included to the accommodation form.

PLEASE FIND THE ACCOMMODATION FORM ON SIMPLY COMPETE

b. TRANSPORTATION

OC provides transportation from/to the airport, hotel, venue during the Championships to the teams have booked their accommodation via the Organizing Committee.

PLEASE FIND THE TRANSPORTATION FORM ON SIMPLY COMPETE

c. VISA ASSISTANCE

You should apply <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> by online

If your country is not applicable for e-visa, you should go directly to nearest Romania Embassy personally, to apply.

ATTENTION! Any payments with regard to the accommodation shall be paid to the directly and not to ETU. Please find more information to the Accommodation Form and Guide in Simply Compete.



VISA INVITATIONS

Valid forms from only accredited persons should be sent by 1st October 2026 back to organizator@taekwondowt.ro. Forms sent after 1st October will not be accepted. It is responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for Romania. All wrong information provided (mistakes in names, document numbers, dates) is on your own responsibility. In order to get a visa invitation, you need to send a proof of participation payments and pre-book your accommodation via OC.

Please refer to the form attaches in Simply Compete.



PERSONAL INDEMNIFICATION FORM

THIS INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND CONSENT NOT TO SUE

executed this on: _____ (insert date of signing).

I, undersigned, certify that I will indemnify, hold harmless and release the World Taekwondo and European Taekwondo Union 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 European Cadet Championships 2026 on November 26th - 28th 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:



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 European Cadets Championships 2026 on November 26th - 28th November 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. Romanian 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 Bucharest, Romania.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the parents/legal guardian:

