



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

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IFMA Member National Federation & Invited Teams

Via Email

Dear President,

We are pleased to formally announce the upcoming Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026, which will take place in Peja, Kosovo from 1st-11th September 2026. These official dates of the event include both arrival and departure days.

The Senior All Disciplines World Championships will feature all U24, Senior Elite & Masters divisions with competition conducted strictly in accordance with IFMA Rules and Regulations in all IFMA disciplines which include combat, cultural and all-inclusive ParaS. In addition, we are pleased to introduce for the first time, the new Tatami discipline.

As National Federations and athletes prepare for this flagship IFMA event, we wish to underline the wider significance of participation in this championship. Beyond determining world titles, this competition plays a decisive role within the IFMA sporting pathway. Results achieved in Kosovo will directly impact the IFMA Global Rankings, which are a key criterion for athlete eligibility and selection for major Olympic-recognised multisport events, including The World Games and World Combat Games. This event will additionally award DIRECT qualification spots to all World Combat Games division gold medallists.

Participation in the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026 therefore represents an essential opportunity for athletes seeking progression at the highest international level. We strongly encourage all National Federations to highlight the importance of this event to their athletes and to support their participation as part of their long-term high-performance planning.

Sincerely,

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IFMA PRESIDENT

Shpejtim Ahmetaj
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Official Event Dates & Deadlines:

- 1st JUN Registration Opens on ifmalive.com
- 1st JUL End of Early Bird Rates Registration & Payment
- 1st JUL [Entry by Number](#) & Last date for Uniform Size Orders – *any changes/additions after this will be first come, first serve.*
- 15th JUL Last day to register and provide all required documentation for teams that need visa support from LOC
- 1st AUG Registration Closes
- 21st AUG Last day to change weight divisions without Penalty
- 28th AUG Change of weight divisions no longer accepted
- 1st SEP Arrivals/Accreditation
- 2nd SEP Team Manager Meeting
- 3rd SEP Opening Ceremony & First bouts
- 10th SEP Final and Medals Ceremony
- 11th SEP Departure

[Tentative Event Schedule](#)

Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made fifteen (15) or more days prior to the date of arrival will incur a 10% charge. Cancellations made less than two (2) days prior to the arrival date will incur a 100% charge.

Method of Submission:

Team Registration & Uniform Orders (Open from 1 JUNE 2026) ifmalive.com

Medical Paperwork Requirements:

All athletes must present their [Athlete's Consent form](#), [Medical Declaration Form](#) as well as a valid blood test for Hep B, Hep C, and HIV made not later than 6 months on the accreditation day (1 MAR 2026).

Visa Entry Requirements for Kosovo

Regarding visas and entry procedures, IFMA and the Local Organising Committee are working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of the Republic of Kosovo, which has formally confirmed its support for visa facilitation and entry clearance for all duly accredited IFMA participants, officials, and delegations attending the championships.

Please note that visa support and facilitation will ONLY be provided to teams that have fully completed their registration on the IFMALive platform, including the submission of all required documentation, within the official deadlines stated in the invitation letter.

National Federations requiring visa support are therefore strongly advised to complete their delegation registration process as early as possible to allow the LOC and the relevant Kosovo authorities sufficient time for processing and coordination.

Failure to fully complete registration and submit all required documents by the stated deadlines may result in the inability of the LOC and authorities to provide visa assistance or guarantee entry facilitation.

Participation Fees & Rates:

Uniform & Equipment:

All athletes must purchase the tournament uniform kit consisting of 2 tank tops (blue/red) and 1 pair of Muaythai shorts. Teams that complete registration by 1st August will enjoy the early bird price of \$ 60 USD per set. After this date, the price will be adjusted to \$ 70 USD per set.

LOC shall provide one pair of hand wraps to each participating athlete.

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Accreditation:

All participants must be registered to the event via the registration platform (ifmalive.com) and must have a valid IFMA membership on the platform (\$10 USD/year for YOUTH / \$ 20 USD/year for ADULT).

Athletes additionally must have a valid e-boxer book \$5 USD/ year.

To receive accreditation for the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026, each participant should have a minimum of 9 nights (Between 2nd-11th September 2026) booked in the official hotel and purchase the competition uniform in the case of Athletes.

**Athletes & ASPs competing in the all-inclusive divisions are not bound by the minimum stay regulation.*

Accommodation:

Early Booking Rate **only for bookings paid in advance by 1st August 2026*

Twin/Triple Room Rate: 148 USD per person (125€)

Single Room Rate: 160 USD per night (135€)

Standard Booking Rate **for all bookings paid after 1st August and on-site*

Twin/Triple Room Rate: 160 USD per person (135€)

Single Room Rate: 172 USD per night (145€)

**Rates include:

- All Transfers to/from Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari (PRN) and hotel on 1st, 2nd, and 11th September 2026

- 3 meals per day

Education & Development Courses:

All coaches requiring access to Field of Play must hold at least a level 1 OSM Course Certificate.

OSM Level 1 course (4-days): \$350 USD

All Technical Officials participating in duty on the event must enter the relevant R&J Course regardless of their level.

There are 3 R&J Courses which should be selected according to your level...

1. Standard IFMA R&J Course (3-days) \$200USD.

This is for all new Team RJs up to those that have an IFMA R&J Certificate National Level 3.

2. Intermediate IFMA R&J Course (2-days) \$100USD

This is for all Provisional ITO, as well as Team RJ that have IFMA R&J Certification International Level 1 and up.

3. Advanced ITO Refresher/Upskill Workshop (2.5 Hours)

For all ITO to maintain level, develop and share best practices.

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Rules & Regulations // Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026

The Rules and Regulations presented hereafter are in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board of IFMA.

Participating Teams for IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026

- National teams of all IFMA Members (*with membership fees paid up to 2026) are invited to participate at the championships.
- Each country is allowed to send only one national team to participate in the championships.
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of each Muaythai Combat (Full Contact) discipline division (male, female).
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of each Muaythai Technical (Semi Contact/Tatami) discipline division (male, female).
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each division of the Wai Kru division (Male/Female)
- Each team is allowed to send only one duo in each of the Mai Muay divisions (Male/Female)
- For every 6 athletes entered, each team MUST enter at least 1 Team Referee (R&J)

****A Technical Official Surcharge of \$500 USD shall be imposed for every 6 athletes registered on a team delegation if no Team R&J is registered, with a Maximum surcharge of \$2000 per delegation. This will be invoiced and charged to the National Federation after the close of registration on the 10th of April after delegation registrations have been reviewed.**

Divisions of the Competition

Combat Discipline weight divisions as per the IFMA Rules and Regulations (Rule 2) for Elite & Under 24 age divisions.

****Note:** If there are less than 3 entries in any division, the competition will not be held for that division. Please observe the registration deadlines to ascertain whether there will be a sufficient number of athletes in a division to proceed with a competition in that category.

*Wai Kru Discipline divisions: Individual Male, Individual Female (as per IFMA rules and regulations Rule 30) *Mai Muay Discipline divisions: Duo Male, Duo Female (as per IFMA rules and regulations Rule 33).

*Para & Special divisions:

- Para-Wheelchair (PW) (Male, Female)
- Para- Amputee (PA) (Male, Female)
- Para visual impairment (PVI) (Male, Female)
- Special (Male, Female)

Changing Weight Divisions

The FINAL deadline for moving a registered athlete to another weight division is 28th of August.

Any team wishing to change the division of an athlete after already completing registration may do so by contacting the Technical Delegate (medical@muaythai.sport) or IFMA Competition Manager (mohamad.amr@muaythai.sport.)

All requests for changing weight divisions after the **21st August** are subject to a penalty of \$ 100 USD.

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Drawing of Names

The Division Rosters shall be communicated to all Team Managers at the latest by the evening of the Official Arrival Day, and any discrepancies or errors must be informed to the Technical Delegate. The Draw will be published at the Team Manager Meeting. During this, the team manager or coach or a selected representative from each country must be present.

Competition Conduct

All contestants must behave accordingly to the IFMA code of ethics and code of conduct (See - <https://muaythai.sport/codes-policies/>) - as a good sportsperson and follow the rules and regulations as laid out. Contestants will be penalised for any violations.

Appealing Decisions

All appeals should be in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) for international tournaments and competitions.

Awards and Prizes

In each weight category of the Male/Female combat discipline, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026 will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

In each weight category of the Male/Female technical discipline, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026 will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

In each division of the Wai Kru and Mai Muay disciplines, winners of the final competition will be awarded a Gold medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships 2026 will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

Doping Control

Athletes and technical officials participating in the IFMA Senior European Championships are bound to and must comply with the IFMA Anti-Doping Rules. These rules, which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and its international Standards, can be downloaded from the IFMA website at: <https://muaythai.sport/what-is-doping/>

The Kosovo Anti-Doping Agency (KosADA) will conduct in-competition tests as Testing Authority during the event. KosADA will collect the samples, and these will then be analysed by the WADA-accredited lab.

Collection and analysis will be carried out in accordance with the International Standard for Testing, the International Standard for Laboratories and the 2026 Prohibited List.

During the event period, from 3rd – 10th September in Peja, athletes can be tested at any time or place, urine or blood, with no advance notice. The event testing plan includes finishing placement tests, random tests, pre-competition tests, and target tests.

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Under the strict liability principle, an anti-doping rule violation occurs whenever a Prohibited Substance is found in an Athlete's bodily Specimen. The violation occurs whether or not the Athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a Prohibited Substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. (see Article 2.1.1 of the Code and IFMA Anti-Doping Rules).

ATHLETES MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION REGARDING NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL USE.

TUEs

The World Anti-Doping Code permits athletes to apply for TUEs, i.e. the permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substance or methods in the Prohibited List in force where use would otherwise be prohibited. IFMA recognises TUEs that have been granted by National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), and those needing to submit a TUE are encouraged to contact the relevant NADO to apply for it, which IFMA will then recognise automatically.

After an athlete submits a duly completed TUE application with the required supporting medical documentation to the NADO, it can take up to 30 days to receive the decision of the TUE Committee and a TUE certificate if the application is approved.

The deadline to submit a TUE application for this event is the **4th of August 2026**.

For more information regarding the TUE application, please visit the IFMA website:
<https://muaythai.sport/tues/>
The TUE application form can be found there.

Results Management

In the case of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, IFMA is responsible for the initial results management process and taking the decision of imposing any sanction relating to the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships, such as disqualification. IFMA has delegated the results management for all In Competition Testing to the International Testing Authority (ITA) to manage the imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships, such as period of ineligibility.

Clean Sport Education Programme:

We would further like to inform you that as part of the IFMA Anti-Doping education plan for our members, it is MANDATORY for all Athletes, Coaches, and Athlete Support Personnel wishing to attend the 2026 IFMA Senior All Disciplines World Championships to have completed the relevant WADA ADEL Courses.

All Elite & Under 24 Athletes competing in the World Championship must have completed the "International-Level Athletes Education Program" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/1/international-level-athleteseducationprogram_english

All registered NF Coaches & NF Head Coaches participating in the World Championships must have completed the "High Performance Coaches' Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to taking part in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/7/high-performance-coacheseducationprogram_english

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All registered Team Doctors must have completed the “Medical Professional's Education Program” on the ADEL platform prior to serve in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/13/medical-professionaleducationprogram-english

We encourage all federations to ensure that all their athletes, coaches and medical personnel use the time now to register and complete the courses before your team administrator must start registration of the delegation on the ifmalive.com platform. They will be able to upload the Certificate of Completion of the abovementioned participant types on the form. The certification is valid for 2 years.

If the Certificate of Completion is not uploaded on the platform, they will be able to produce the hard copy upon arrival/registration to proceed with accreditation. Pre-uploading of the certificates is highly advised in order to minimise the time spent at the accreditation desk.

IFMA Development & Education Programme:

In line with IFMA’s commitment to upholding the highest standards of officiating and coaching, all Coaches and Referees & Judges (RJs) participating in this event are required to adhere to the following educational requirements:

Obligatory IFMA-OSM Level 1 Certification for Coaches

- As per IFMA regulations, all Coaches must hold an OSM Level 1 certification.
- Coaches who do not currently hold this certification must be registered for the OSM Level 1 certification course on the ifmalive.com platform during the event.
- Compliance with this requirement ensures a smooth accreditation process and maintains IFMA’s coaching standards.
- Failure to obtain the certification or register for the course during the event will result in a change to the individual’s accreditation role. Coaches who do not meet the requirement will be re-designated as “Entourage”, restricting their access to the Field of Play.

Technical Officials (RJs) – Course Registration Requirement

- All Technical Officials registered as Referees & Judges (RJs), regardless of experience level, must register for the appropriate RJ Course on the ifmalive.com platform.
- RJs must enrol in the course that corresponds to their current level and experience to ensure their continued professional development and compliance with IFMA standards.
- For experienced Technical Officials, the course is priced at a lower rate compared to the beginner-level course; however, attendance remains vital.
- Performance in the course will be a key factor in determining future promotions to the next level.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all Coaches and Technical Officials meet the necessary certification requirements.

ATTENTION:

Failure to comply will result in sanctions, which might include exclusion from participation to the Championship, withdrawal of results and fines to Federations.

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