



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

The World Governing Body for Muaythai

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IFMA Member National Federation

Re: Official Invitation to the 2026 Youth World Championships

Dear President,

On behalf of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) and the Panhellenic Muaythai Federation (PMF), it is our great pleasure to extend this official invitation to your esteemed National Federation to participate in the 2026 IFMA Youth World Championships.

The championship will take place from 6th to 16th November 2026 in Olympia, Greece, the historic birthplace of the Olympic Games and one of the world's most iconic sporting destinations.

The 2026 IFMA Youth World Championships will bring together young Muaythai athletes from across the globe in a celebration of sporting excellence, friendship, cultural exchange, and the values of respect, honour and fair play. The event will feature both Combat and Cultural Disciplines, including Wai Kru and Mai Muay, as well as Para and Special divisions, providing an inclusive platform for athletes of all abilities.

Age divisions for the Youth World Championships include all categories from 10 to 17 years for Combat Disciplines and from 8 to 17 years for Cultural Disciplines. Further details regarding age and weight divisions can be found in the IFMA Rules & Regulations for International Competitions.

To facilitate your participation, registration will open on 3rd August 2026 via IFMALive. Delegation administrators are invited to register their athletes and officials promptly and ensure that all deadlines outlined in this invitation package are respected.

We believe that the 2026 IFMA Youth World Championships will provide an unforgettable experience for all participants and will further strengthen the bonds of friendship within the global Muaythai family.

We eagerly anticipate the participation of your National Federation and look forward to welcoming your delegation to Olympia, Greece.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan

President, IFMA

Ioannis Papadopoulos

President, Hellenic Muaythai Federation



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Official Event Dates & Deadlines:

3rd AUG 2026	Registration Opens on IFMALive
15th SEP 2026	Last day to register and provide all required documentation for teams requiring visa support from the Organising Committee
30th SEP 2026	End of Early Bird Registration & Payment
30th SEP 2026	Entry by Number Deadline and final day for Uniform Size Orders. Any changes or additions after this date will be subject to availability.
15th OCT 2026	Registration Closes
31st OCT 2026	Last day to change weight divisions without penalty
3rd NOV 2026	Weight division changes no longer accepted
6th NOV 2026	Arrivals & Accreditation
7th NOV 2026	Team Manager Meeting
8th NOV 2026	Opening Ceremony & Competitions
15th NOV 2026	Finals & Medal Ceremonies
16th NOV 2026	Departures

[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 3rd August 2026) ifmalive.com

Medical Paperwork Requirements:

All athletes must present their [Athlete's Consent form](#) & [Medical Declaration Form](#).

All athletes competing in the U18 and Senior divisions must also present a valid blood test for Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV), and HIV, issued no more than six (6) months prior to the accreditation date.

Visa Requirements for Greece

Greece is a member of the Schengen Area. All participating delegations are responsible for ensuring that they meet the applicable visa and entry requirements for travel to Greece.

Teams requiring visa support from the Organising Committee must complete their registration on IFMALive and submit all required documentation by **15th September 2026**.

Only delegations that have fully completed registration and received their official registration invoice will be eligible for visa support documentation.

The Organising Committee cannot guarantee visa assistance for applications submitted after the published deadline.

Event Medical Insurance

The Local Organising Committee provides medical insurance coverage only for injuries sustained during official competition by athletes listed on the daily official bout schedule.

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This insurance applies solely to injuries directly resulting from participation in the competition and is valid only for the duration of the athlete's scheduled competition.

All participants, including athletes, coaches, officials and accompanying persons, are required to obtain their own personal travel and health insurance covering, but not limited to:

- Illness or sickness before, during or after the event.
- Out-of-competition injuries.
- Hospitalisation and medical treatment unrelated to competition.
- Medical repatriation and emergency evacuation where applicable.
- Travel disruption, cancellation and loss of personal belongings.

Neither IFMA nor the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for any medical expenses or other costs arising outside the scope of the official in-competition medical insurance provided by the event.

Participation Fees & Rates:

Uniform & Equipment:

All athletes must purchase the official tournament uniform consisting of two (2) competition tank tops (red and blue), one (1) pair of Muaythai shorts and one (1) pair of hand wraps. Teams that complete registration by 30th September will enjoy the early bird price of \$ 60 USD per set. After this date, the price will be adjusted to \$ 70 USD per set.

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 Youth Muaythai Championships 2026, each participant must have a minimum stay of nine (9) nights in the official hotels during the official event period; and purchase the competition uniform in the case of Athletes.

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel (ASPs) participating exclusively in the Para & Special (All-Inclusive) divisions are not subject to the minimum stay requirement.

As the Para & Special competitions are scheduled for 13th and 14th November 2026, participants competing exclusively in these divisions are recommended to arrive on 11th November and depart on 15th November 2026. These dates are provided solely as a recommendation to assist with travel planning and accommodation arrangements.

Participants are, of course, welcome to join the entire championship and stay for the full duration of the event should they wish to do so.

To ensure appropriate accommodation arrangements can be made, delegations are kindly requested to notify the Organising Committee in advance of any specific accessibility or accommodation requirements, including wheelchair-accessible rooms or any other special assistance. Such requests should be submitted by email to info@pmf.gr as early as possible following registration.

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Early Booking Rate **only for bookings paid in advance by 30th September 2026*

Twin/Triple Room Rate: 145 USD per person (125€)

Single Room Rate: 175 USD per night (150€)

Standard Booking Rate **for all bookings paid after 30th September 2026 and on-site*

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

Single Room Rate: 185 USD per night (160€)

**Remarks:

- Rates include all Transfers to/from ATH and hotel on 6th, 7th, and 16th November 2026
- 3 meals per day
- The Euro (€) rates are the official accommodation fees. USD amounts are provided for reference only. In the event of any discrepancy resulting from exchange rate fluctuations, the Euro (€) rates shall prevail.

Payment Methods:

1. Cash on site in Euro (€) at Standard Rates
2. Bank Transfer at Early Bird Rates if paid before 30th September:

Please transfer the due payment to:
PANHELLENIC MUAYTHAI FEDERATION
Bank Name:
Eurobank S.A.

Branch Address:
54 Iasonidou Avenue, Elliniko 16777, Greece
Account Number:
00260175410200795711
IBAN:
GR4002601750000410200795711
SWIFT/BIC:
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Rules & Regulations // Youth World Championship 2026

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

Participating Teams for Youth World Championships

- 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 Combat (Full-Contact/Ring) discipline division (male, female).
- Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of each 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)
- Each team is allowed to send multiple contestants for each of the Para-S divisions
- For every 6 athletes entered, each team MUST enter at least 1 Team RJ (*does not include Para-S athletes)

****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 15th October 2026, once delegation registrations have been reviewed.**

Divisions of the Competition

- Combat Discipline: All weight divisions as per the IFMA Rules and Regulations (Rule 4) for Youth divisions U12 until U18
- Technical Discipline: All weight divisions as per the IFMA Rules and Regulations (Rule 4) for Youth divisions U8 until U18.
- Wai Kru Discipline divisions: Individual Male, Individual Female (as per Rule 35)
- Mai Muay Discipline divisions: Duo Male, Duo Female (as per Rule 35).
- Para & Special divisions (Mixed):
 - Para-Wheelchair (PW) (Male, Female)
 - Para- Amputee (PA) (Male, Female)
 - Para visual impairment (PVI) (Male, Female)
 - Special (Male, Female)

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Note: If fewer than three (3) athletes are entered in any division, IFMA reserves the right not to hold a competition in that division. Where appropriate, and in the interests of maximising participation and providing meaningful competition, IFMA may, following consultation and agreement with the affected athletes and Team Managers, merge divisions in accordance with the IFMA Rules & Regulations. Teams are therefore encouraged to observe all registration deadlines to allow sufficient time for any necessary consultation and adjustments prior to the commencement of competition.

Changing Weight Divisions

The FINAL deadline for moving a registered athlete to another weight division is 3rd November.

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

All requests for changing weight divisions after the **31st October** are subject to a penalty of \$ 100 USD.

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 Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship 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 Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship 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 Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship, and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.

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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.

Doping Control

Athletes and technical officials participating in the IFMA Youth World 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 **Hellenic Anti-Doping Agency (HADA)** conducts in-competition tests as Testing Authority during the event. HADA 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 6th – 15th November in Greece, 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.

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 **7th October 2026**.

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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 2026 Youth 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 2026 Youth 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 Youth World Championships to have completed the relevant Anti-Doping E-Learning (ADEL) Courses provided by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

All Athletes competing in the World Championship **from 11-15 years of age**, must have completed the "ADEL for Youth Athletes" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

<https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/courses/1254/adel-for-youth-athletes>

All Athletes competing in the World Championship **from 16 years of age and up**, 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 **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

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-professionalseducationprogram-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.



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