



ESSF EUROPEAN OPEN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP U18 - BASKETBALL 2023



BULLETIN 1

**SKOPJE- NORTH MACEDONIA
11 - 17 June, 2023**



Introduction

European School Sport Federation was established in 2020 just few days before Covid-19 cises hit the world. From that time till now, those who were included in the work of ESSF from the beginning, made great efforts to set goals and make plans for the future of the federation.

European School Championship Basketball 2023 in Skopje (North Macedonia) is the first competition for school basketball at European level. ESSF chose basketball as one of the first competitions due to its long tradition in ISF, as well as for its availability in schools all around Europe.

ESC Basketball U18 is open to the participation of school teams of the ESSF members, as well as non ESSF members and directly applying schools, provided that they follow all ESSF regulations and that the institutions that wish to enter the event are recognized by an official national or sports authority.

Age categories for ESC are outlined in their respective sport-specific rules. The educational program and the sports format of the event shall always be adopted to the age of participants.

So, let us start together in this mission of making ESSF recognizable around Europe! We look forward to making history together!

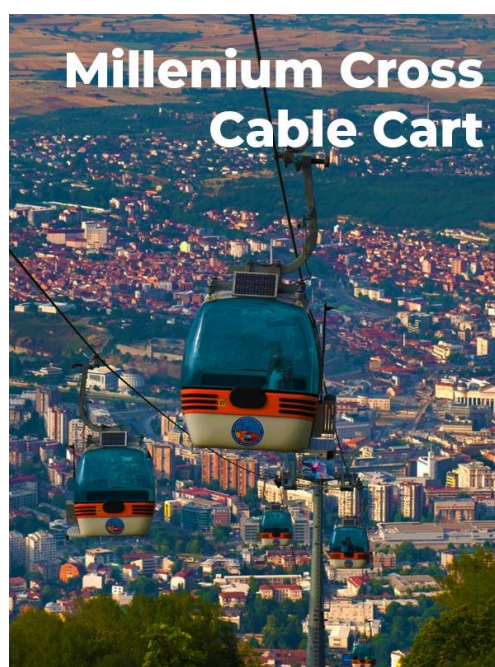
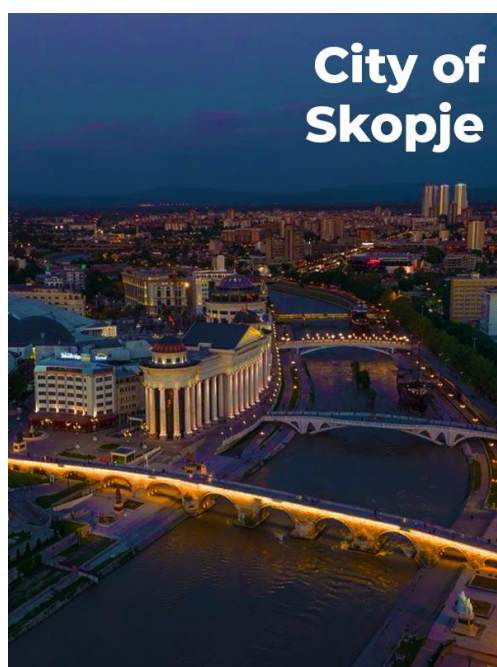




About SKOPJE

NORTH MACEDONIA

Skopje is a city that never stops breathing in urban, modern, tradition and cultural rhythm. It is a lively destination that offers a variety of activities for all types of tourists, satisfying anyone's personal taste and style.



Skopje is the capital of the Republic of North Macedonia, a city that lays in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, at the crossroad of important communications, a city with a 2000 years old tradition.

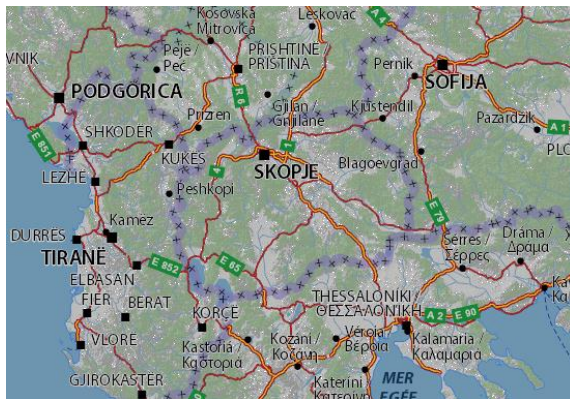
Skopje is modern city whit population of almost one million and presents Macedonia's major political, economical, educational and cultural center. It continues to be a focus for new residents, economic development, construction and refurbishment.

Skopje's urban area extends across the Skopje valley for approximately 30 kilometers (18.75 mi) in width and comprises 10 municipalities.

More info about city of Skopje can be found at the following link : <http://skopje.mk>

Geographical position

Skopje is in the north of the country, in the centre of the Balkan peninsula, and halfway between Belgrade and Athens. The city was built in the Skopje valley, oriented on a west-east axis, along the course of the Vardar river, which flows into the Aegean Sea in Greece.



Climate

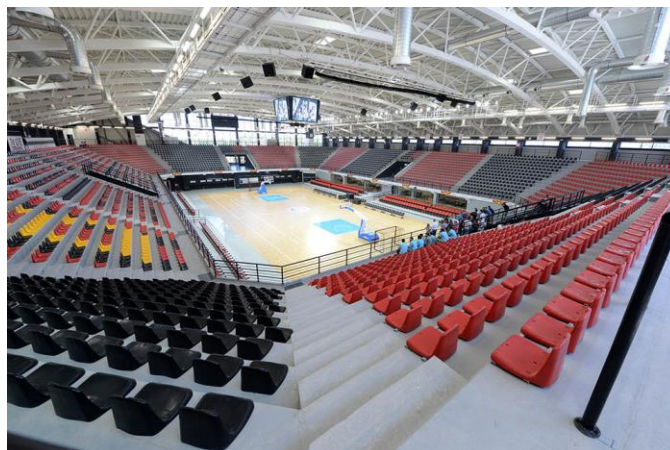
Skopje has a borderline humid subtropical climate and cold semi-arid climate, with a mean annual temperature of 13.5 °C (56 °F). Precipitation is relatively low due to the pronounced rain shadow of the Prokletije mountains to the northwest, being significantly less than what is received on the Adriatic Sea coast at the same latitude. The summers are long, hot and relatively dry with low humidity. Skopje's average July high is 31 °C (88 °F). On average Skopje sees 88 days above 30 °C (86 °F) each year, and 10.2 days above 35.0 °C (95 °F) every year. Winters are short, relatively cold and wet.

Sport facilities

Sports Center "Boris Trajkovski" which was built in 2008, is beautiful sport spot where can be found miscellaneous sport activities. They offer basketball court, handball, swimming pool, table tennis, bowling, pool, boxing, hockey, climbing rock, sauna and solarium, physical therapy and massage, fitness, go karts, etc. Sports Center "Jane Sandanski" offers as well great conditions both for players and spectators to enjoy the event. Those are places where WSC Basketball will be held.



Sports Center "Boris Trajkovski"



Sports Center "Jane Sandanski"



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Provisional Program

DATE	PROVISIONAL ACTIVITY
Sunday 11 June, 2023	Arrival of delegations Accreditation
Monday 12 June, 2023	Meetings (heads of delegations/coaches/field of play officials) Competition
Tuesday 13 June, 2023	Opening Ceremony Competition
Wednesday 14 June, 2023	Competition Educational/Cultural day Nations night
Thursday 15 June, 2023	Competition Charity Gala Dinner
Friday 16 June, 2023	Competition Closing Ceremony/Farewell party
Saturday 17 June, 2023	Departure of delegations

**Please note, that the official program may be subject to change. Any relevant changes will be communicated to the registered delegations prior to the event.*



Travelling and Visa

Ports of Entry

The following is the official port of entry:

- Skopje International Airport
- Skopje Main Railway Station

Travelling

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation. Delegations are to arrive on **June 11, 2023** and depart on **June 17, 2023** after breakfast. The organisation of an extended stay for the delegation (before or after the event) is a matter of the delegation concerned. It shall not be the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

LOC will ensure a transportation from port of entry to accommodation.

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 visa application procedure.

For any request of invitation letters or any queries over VISA, please contact Mr. Gligor Hristov at fusmakkontakt@yahoo.com.

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.

Measures Related to Covid-19

The Local Organizing Committee will carry out relevant work against COVID-19 in accordance with the joint prevention and control policies of the National Health Commission.

In terms of Covid measures the plan that will be applied during the event will be finalised 7 days before the championship with the current regulations in North Macedonia. All current information regarding the access to North Macedonia can be found on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia:

<https://www.mfa.gov.mk>



Sport Specifics

Sport Program

Basketball



Event format

**Teams
Competition**

Age Category
U18

Team format
School teams

Gender Category

Boys / Girls

Event format

Teams Competition

Age category

U18: Students aged 18, 17 and 16 on 31 December of the year of the competition (students born in 2005-2006-2007).

Team format

School team: a team formed by student athletes enrolled in the same school and in the same country which they represent.

Maximum teams per delegation

Per gender category: 2 school teams

Participation

This event is open for participation to:

- **ESSF members:** Schools Sport Entities recognised as such by the General Assembly and in order with their rights and obligations;
- **Non-ESSF members:** highest institution responsible for school sport recognized by the government of a country that is not member of ESSF;
- **Directly applying schools (DAS):** Directly applying schools can either be :
 - A school not affiliated to an ESSF member
 - A school affiliated to an ESSF member but not registering through this ESSF member.



Composition of the Delegation

Each registering delegation can enter:

UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOOL TEAMS

Participants according to number of registered teams - EXAMPLE

Teams	Head of Delegation	Student Athletes	Team Officials		Referees	Additional Adults	Total
			Coaches	Other team officials			
	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)
—1	1	10-12	1 - 2	0 - 2	1	0 - 2	13-20
—2	1	20-24	2 - 4	0 - 4	2	0 - 2	25-37
—3	1	30-36	3 - 6	0 - 6	3	0 - 4	37-56
—4	1	40-48	4 - 8	0 - 8	4	0 - 4	49-73





Each delegation shall consists of:

1. **Head of delegation - *mandatory*;**
2. **Student athletes - *mandatory*;**
3. **Team official(s)**
 - a. **Coaches - *mandatory*;**
 - b. **Other team officials - *optional*;**
4. **Referees - *mandatory*;**
5. **Additional adults - *optional*;**

NOTE:

Any other person not specified during registration or exceeding the quotas specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

HEAD OF DELEGATION

There is a mandatory number of one (1) head of delegation per register-delegation.

- The head of delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ESSF Delegate.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

STUDENT ATHLETES

Each team shall be composed of minimum ten (10) to maximum twelve (12) student athletes.

All student athletes must be attending schools which provide a general education. The following are not eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools who only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education.
- Part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports.

TEAM OFFICIALS (COACHES AND OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS)

COACHES

Each team, shall be register a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) coaches.

The coach shall train guides the student athletes in the competition.

OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- Each team can enter (optional) maximum 2 other team officials.
- The function of each other team officials must be specified during the registration process (Doctor, Physiotherapist, Trainer, Statistician, Team manager etc.).

REFEREES

- There is a mandatory of 1 referee per team.
- Referees are full members of the delegations and are subject to the same conditions with the other delegation members.
- Referees have to be FIVB International licenced or be at the highest National level.
- Failure to provide the required number of Field of play officials (referees) will lead to a fine of 600 EUR per referee payable to the organiser (100 EUR per day of event).

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- Delegations can register up to two (2) additional adults per one (1) or two (2) teams entered, and up to four (4) additional adults per three (3) or four (4) teams entered, and so on.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process (interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.).



Technical Rules

The competition will be run according to the FIBA rules, under the direction of the ESSF Technical Commission of Basketball.

Events

Boys		<i>Age Category:</i> 2005-2006-2007
1. Tournament		
Girls		
1. Tournament		

Entries per event

- Each **team** entered, will be automatically registered to participate to the *tournament*.





Registration

How to register

All members/schools who intend to participate in the event should fill in a **registration form**, which can be found enclosed to Bulletin 1. All applications are sent to email info@europeanschoolsport.com.

The registration process is divided into **3 phases**:

Phase 1

October 15, 2022 - February 15, 2023

During registration phase 1 registering delegations shall indicate their intention of participation and the number of teams / participants per category that they wish to enter.

Phase 2

February 16, 2023 – April 15, 2023 *deposit payment

*Registration phase 2 will only be opened after the *deposit has been paid or an agreement with the ESSF has been reached. During Phase 2 registration, countries shall enter their exact number of participants per team. Registration form 2 will be sent on delegation e-mail after deposit payment.*

Phase 3

April 16, 2023 – May 30, 2023

During registration phase 3, countries are expected to enter the exact detailed information for each participant (name, date of birth, gender, photo, dietary requirements). In addition, submitting the travel plan is required. Registration form 3 will be sent on delegation e-mail.

*see more information on the deposit in the "deposit" section below

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Registration Deadlines Summary

October 15, 2022	Opening of registration phase 1
February 15, 2023 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 1
February 16, 2023 / *deposit payment	Opening of registration phase 2
April 15, 2023 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 2
April 16, 2023	Opening of registration phase 3
May 30, 2023 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 3



Financial Conditions

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

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

1. DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Along with the entry and in order to have access to registration phase 2, participating country will need to pay a deposit of **100€ per participant** entered in Phase 1.

Please note that the participation to the event is granted only by the deposit payment. Deadline of deposit payment: April 15, 2023 (23:59 CET)

- ♦ 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 organisation responsible for school sport (federation, trust, ministry...).
- ♦ The deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation.

The deposit for the registered teams per category shall be paid by **April 15, 2023 (23:59 CET)**

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

Deposit shall be paid **by bank transfer to the** to the ESSF account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country):

**ESSF BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
WILL BE SENT IN BULLETIN 2**



2. BALANCE FEE PAYMENT

The balance fee payment is the participation fee minus the deposit which has already been paid. The balance fee payment is to be paid before the start of the event to the LOC account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country).

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:

- *Rates by night*: minimum 60€/night/delegation member
- *ESSF levy*: 40€ per delegation member (ESSF member) or 100€ per delegation member (non ESSF member)

	<u>Rates by night</u>	
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€
Field of Play official	Double occupancy	60€
Field of Play official	Single occupancy	120€

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

No. Nights		Rate by night (min)		ESSF levy	Total (minimum/participant)
6	x	60€	+	40€	400 €

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.



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

**BENEFICIARY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
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Payments Deadlines Summary

April 15, 2023 (23:59CET)	Deposit Payment
Before the start of the event, by bank transfer, or cash on arrival the LOC	Final Balance



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