



# **ESSF EUROPEAN OPEN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP U18 - VOLLEYBALL 2023**



**BULLETIN 1**

**TREBINJE – REPUBLIC of SRPSKA  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
21 - 27 May, 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 Volleyball 2023 in Trebinje (Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republic of Srpska) is the first competition for school volleyball at European level. ESSF chose volleyball 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 Volleyball 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 TREBINJE

## REPUBLIC of SRPSKA/BIH

### **The history of Trebinje**

Trebinje is first mentioned in Constantine VI Porphyrogennetos' records in 10<sup>th</sup> century as Travunia. During that time, Trebinje was on the caravan road that lead from Kotor and Dubrovnik to Bosnia, Serbia and Montenegro. The oldest material evidence with 'Trebinje' inscription was carved on county ruler Grd's tombstone from the second part of 12<sup>th</sup> century, which was found in the part of the city called Police.



First urban outlines of Trebinje were formed in The Middle Ages. Originally, Trebinje was a part of the then Byzantine archontia (province) and after that all the way to 14<sup>th</sup> century it was the center of Travunia, a state that was a part of the kingdom of Nemanjići. Trebinje area was developing under a strong influence of Byzantine empire during the Middle Ages, and in 15<sup>th</sup> century, after the period of long independence, it fell under the Ottoman reign which lasted for many centuries. After that it was a part of Austro-Hungarian empire until 1918. For almost 200 years in The Middle Ages Trebinje was ruled by Nemanjić dynasty and after that by Tvrtko Kotromanić. From 1337 to 1466 (the fall under Turkish reign) Trebinje was a part of Bosnian banate (territory subdivision) ruled by the Kosača family. Turkish reign lasted from 1446 to 1878.

Each of these epochs and rules left its mark and branded local culture, both spiritually and materially.







### **Geographical position**

Trebinje area is located in the southernmost part of Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is also the hinterland of south Adriatic coast – the hinterland of Herceg Novi and Dubrovnik coastline.

Trebinje has an area of 904 m<sup>2</sup> and it is classified as average size municipality in Republic of Srpska. To the north the municipality is bordered with Bileća, to the northwest with Ljubinje, to the south and southwest with the Municipality of Ravno (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina), to the south and southeast with the Municipality of Dubrovnik (Croatia) and to the east with the Municipality of Nikšić (Montenegro).



### **Climate**

Mediterranean (semi-continental) climate with 260 sunny days is the reason for a warm and pleasant appearance of this area and people who live in it. Favorable climate enables good conditions for agriculture, especially for vine, early-season fruit and vegetables, which enrich Herzegovinian gastronomic offer for tourists.

Together with large number of sunny days, Trebinje's climate has mild humidity and cloudiness, increased air currents, rains during winter and warm summers. Interestingly, falls are warmer than springs. Average year temperature is around 15,5 °C.

### **“City of the Sun” - Grad sunca**

In the “City of the Sun” – Grad sunca, there is the largest aqua park in the Balkans “Sunčana vrela”, the luxury hotel “SL Panorama”, the sports-recreational facility “SL Olimp” (with an indoor swimming pool, a gym, a multifunctional hall, open and closed fields for football, basketball, volleyball and tennis), wellness and spa center “Galija”, ethnic village and Varoš bazaar, children's park “Dino Park”, apartment complex “Bijeli grad”, auto-camp and coliseum.



The “City of the Sun” multifunctional complex in Trebinje

The WSC Volleyball 2023 will be held in this multifunctional complex, in which we have in one place everything needed- accommodation, sports facilities (sports hall and open sports facilities), entertainment, as well as other services.



*Accommodation for participants*



# Management

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# Provisional Program

DATE	PROVISIONAL ACTIVITY
Sunday 21 May, 2023	Arrival of delegations Accreditation
Monday 22 May, 2023	Meetings (heads of delegations/coaches/field of play officials) Competition
Tuesday 23 May, 2023	Opening Ceremony Competition
Wednesday 24 May, 2023	Competition Educational/Cultural day Nations night
Thursday 25 May, 2023	Competition Charity Gala Dinner
Friday 26 May, 2023	Competition Closing Ceremony/Farewell party
Saturday 27 May, 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 followings are the official ports of entry:

- Airport Dubrovnik /Croatia (33 km from Trebinje)
- Airport Tivat /Montenegro (58 km from Trebinje)
- Airport Sarajevo/Bosnia and Hezegovina(200km from Trebinje)

## Travelling

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation. Delegations are to arrive on **May 21, 2023** and depart on **May 27, 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 ports of entry to Trebinje.

## VISA

Each participating delegation is required to check whether a visa is needed to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina. 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 Gorica Bilak – Moconja at [skolskisportsrpske@gmail.com](mailto:skolskisportsrpske@gmail.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 Bosnia and Herzegovina. All current information regarding the access to Bosnia and Herzegovina can be find on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

<https://www.mvp.gov.ba>



# Sport Specifics

## Sport Program

### Volleyball



*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

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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	10-12	1 - 2	0 - 2	1	0 - 2	13-20
	1 →	1	20-24	2 - 4	0 - 4	2	0 - 2
2 →	1	30-36	3- 4	0 - 6	3	0 - 4	37-56
3 →	1	40-48	4 - 8	0 - 8	4	0 - 4	49-73
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### 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 FIVB rules, under the direction of the ESSF Technical Commission for Volleyball.

## Events

<b>Boys</b>		<i>Age Category:</i> 2005-2006-2007
1. Tournament		
<b>Girls</b>		
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 [skolskisportsrpske@gmail.com](mailto:skolskisportsrpske@gmail.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 05, 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 05, 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 following 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)

RATES BY NIGHT		
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 ESSF account** (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country).

## **BENEFICIARY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS WILL BE SENT IN BULLETIN 2**

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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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