



# ESSF EUROPEAN OPEN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL U18

**ZLATIBOR/SERBIA  
04-10 April 2025**



# INTRODUCTION



***Dear ESSF and ISF Europe Members,  
Dear Participants,***

*I'm proud to represent the European School Sports Federation (ESSF), an organization dedicated to promoting school sports across Europe.*

*Our mission is to inspire and empower you by providing opportunities to engage in competitive sports, fostering values such as teamwork, respect, and fair play.*

*ESSF is making efforts to organize a variety of events and competitions that bring together students from diverse backgrounds, encouraging not only your athletic excellence but also your personal growth and cultural exchange.*

*Through our initiatives, we aim to enhance your educational experience, emphasizing the importance of physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and lifelong friendships.*

*I invite each of you to join us as we continue to champion the spirit of school sports and create unforgettable experiences for the youth of Europe! Your energy and enthusiasm are what make this journey truly special. Let's make it unforgettable together!*



*Željko Tanasković, ESSF President*

# ABOUT ZLATIBOR/SERBIA



**ZLATIBOR** is an area of unique ecological, biological, cultural and aesthetic value, preserved and picturesque landscapes, meadows, pastures and centuries-old pine forests, with valuable objects of folk architecture, cultural and historical heritage. City of Zlatibor is also famous for its health, tourism and recreational facilities.

**ZLATIBOR** is an area of extraordinary qualities and beauties which has been visited by tourists for a long time. With its wonderful nature and great infrastructure, Zlatibor is one of the leading tourist centers of Serbia.

Thanks to its specific geographical position, about 230 kilometers from Belgrade and about 300 kilometers from Adriatic Sea, as well as its own characteristics of relief and average altitude of 1,000 meters above sea level Zlatibor offers great conditions for preparing professional and recreational athletes. Mountain is under the influence of Mediterranean.



# ABOUT ZLATIBOR/SERBIA



Almost ideal natural and climatic characteristics of Zlatibor are followed by modern infrastructure. This wonderful mountain offers a large number of outdoor courts (football, basketball, tennis, volleyball, as well as multifunctional hard courts), two sports halls (on Zlatibor and in Cajetina), a large number of facilities for recreational holidays and several marked bike and hiking trails. Each year Zlatibor is a host for many international sport tournaments.

# ABOUT ZLATIBOR/SERBIA



**GOLD GONDOLA** is the longest tourist cable ride at the world with it's length of 9 kilometers. During the ride guests enjoy in stunning view of rolling mountain slopes covered with golden pine trees, after which the mountain was named.



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# ORGANISATION



## 1. MANAGEMENT

### European School Sport Federation (ESSF)

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Contact: Gorica Bilak-Moconja, ESSF Sports Director

### Local Organising Committee

Serbian School Sport Federation

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## 2. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DATE	PROVISIONAL ACTIVITY
Friday, 04 April 2025	Arrival of delegations (Mandatory) Accreditation & Payment of Fees Meetings (heads of delegations/coaches/field of play officials)
Saturday, 05 April 2025	Competition Opening Ceremony
Sunday, 06 April 2025	Competition Fun and Skills Zone
Monday, 07 April 2025	Competition Educational/Cultural day/Nations night
Tuesday, 08 April 2025	Competition Gala Dinner
Wednesday, 09 April 2025	Competition Closing Ceremony/Farewell party
Thursday, 10 April 2025	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



## TRAVELLING

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation. Delegations are to arrive on **April 04, 2025** and depart on **April 10, 2025** 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 Zlatibor accommodation.

The following are the official ports of entry :

- Airport „Nikola Tesla” Belgrade
- Zlatibor Bus Station

## VISA

Each participating delegation is required to check whether a visa is needed to enter Serbia. Please contact the related Embassy or Consulate to consult visa application procedure.

More information you can find following next link:

<https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-abroad/visas-and-states-travel-advisory>

For any request of invitation letters or any queries over VISA, please contact  
[skolskisport@mos.gov.rs](mailto:skolskisport@mos.gov.rs)

## 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.

# ACCOMMODATION



Below are some of the hotels that will be provided to the participants. All hotels will be in high accommodation standards. Please check the links of each hotel for more information. More information will be provided by the LOC.

[Queen of Zlatibor](#)



[Hotel Mir](#)



[Hotel Iris](#)



[Titova Vila](#)



[Hotel Zlatibor](#)



[Hotel Mona](#)





# SPORT SPECIFICS



## BASKETBALL

### Event format

Teams Competition

### Team format

School teams

### Gender Category

Boys / Girls



### Age category

U18: Students aged 16, 17 and 18 **on the last day of competition** (students born in 2006\*-2007-2008-2009).

**\*If born in 2006, student must be 18 years old on the last day of competition.**

### 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

Each delegation may enter more than 1 team per gender category

## VOLLEYBALL

### Event format

Teams Competition

### Team format

School teams

### Gender Category

Boys / Girls



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# COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION



Each registering delegation can enter:  
**UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLL TEAMS**



Participants according to number of registered teams

## EXAMPLE

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

# COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION



- Head of delegation - *mandatory*;
- Student athletes - *mandatory*;
- Team official(s)
  - a. Coaches - *mandatory*;
  - b. Other team officials - *optional*;
- Field of Play Officials - *mandatory*;
- 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, and the ESSF Delegate.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (coach, referee, etc.).

## STUDENT ATHLETES

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

The following students may take part in the ESSF events as part of the team :

- The students are enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- The student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only the students registered on the team list that was handed in at accreditation are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.

Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

# TEAM OFFICIALS (COACHES AND OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS)



## TEACHER-COACH

Each team, shall be register a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) teachers-coaches. The teacher-coach trains and guides the team 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.).

## FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- There is a mandatory of 1 referee per team.
- The Field of play officials cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials, or additional adults. Field of play officials (referees) must accept the possibility they might be in the referee or assistant referee position at the event matches.
- Referees are full members of the delegations and are subject to the same conditions with the other delegation members.
- Referees have to be FIVB/FIBA International licenced or be at the highest National level. Delegations must provide certificates for the field of play officials during the registration process.
- 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 unlimited number of additional adults.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process (interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, parents, etc.).

### **PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS**

- Each participant is required to be present throughout the whole duration of the event.
- Each participant is obliged to take part also in all of the non-sport activities.
- Each team undertakes to compete against all other participating teams.
- Each participant undertakes to compete against all other participants.

The absence of any member of a participating team from any part of the entire sport programme, opening-, prize-giving- and closing ceremonies and sociocultural programme may result in the team being excluded from the results.



# TECHNICAL RULES



The competition will be run according to the FIBA/FIVB rules, under the direction of the ESSF Technical Commission for Basketball & Volleyball.

## Entries per event

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

## GENERAL RULES

- The Basketball/Volleyball rules will apply to all teams and participants and will remain fixed for the duration of this event.
- The Local Organising Committee will be responsible for the running and control of the event.
- The event is organised according to ESSF rules and to current FIBA/FIVB rules. The rules of play will adhere to the ESSF Basketball/Volleyball.
- The Organising Committee will nominate a Disciplinary Commission and an Appeal Jury.

## EVENT DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

The ESSF Event Disciplinary Commission shall deal with all incidents and all violations of the ESSF Statutes, and any other ESSF document linked to the ESSF events and broadly with misbehaviour not directly related to the sport technical regulation during an ESSF event.

The Event Disciplinary Commission is composed of the ESSF Delegate, the ESSF TC Basketball/Volleyball President, and the LOC President.

## COMPETITION SYSTEM

The draw for the pools will be done 7 days before the beginning of the championship and will be made public to all delegations. Competition system depends on number of school teams.

## APPEAL JURY

The Appeal Jury shall deal with all protests of a technical sporting nature during the competition.

The Appeal Jury is composed of the President of the Technical Commission, one member of the Local Organising Committee, and the Head Field of Play Officials.

## APPEALS

Appeals against results or any other appeal not concerning disciplinary matters will be heard by the Appeal Jury.

The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be in writing in English.

The sum of 50 EUR must accompany the appeal. This sum will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. If not, the sum will be donated to the School Sport Foundation.

## RESULTS

All results of the day, as well as final schedule for the following day will be published at the end of every day in the following locations:

- Social networks
- Trought delegations e-mails
- Within the lobby of the hotel at Sport Info Desk

## SPORT INFO DESK



There will be a Sport Info Desk within the lobby of hotel.

The info point will be open from **08.00 – 21.00**.



# REGISTRATION



## How to register

All members/schools who intend to participate in the event should fill in **the Registration Form 1**, which can be found enclosed to Bulletin 1. All application are sent to email [info@europeanschoolsport.com](mailto:info@europeanschoolsport.com).

The registration process is divided into **2 phases**:

### Phase 1

#### **December 02, 2024 - February 04, 2025 \*deposit payment**

*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.*

**NOTE : When registering, Registration Form must be confirmed by National School Sport Federation of other legal entity recognized by ESSF.**

### Phase 2

#### **February 05, 2025 – March 25, 2025**

*Registration phase 2 will only be opened after the \*deposit has been paid or an agreement with the LOC has been reached. During Phase 2 registration, countries shall enter the exact detailed information for each participant (Name, Date of Birth, Passport Number, Gender, Photo, Dietary Requirements, Referee Certificate, School Certificate). In addition, submitting the travel plan is required. Registration form 2 will be sent on delegation e-mail after deposit payment.*

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



## Registration Deadlines Summary

December 02, 2024	Opening of registration phase 1
February 04, 2025 /*deposit payment (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 1
February 05, 2025	Opening of registration phase 2
March 25, 2025 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 2



# FINANCIAL CONDITIONS



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

1. *Deposit Payment*
2. *Balance Fee Payment*

➡ *Note : IF agreement with the LOC has been reached, delegations can make payment in total in cash upon arrival.*

## 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: February 04, 2025 (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).

- 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.
- The deposit is non-refundable in the case of non-participation.

Account with Institution/Beneficiary's Bank: EUROBANK AD

Address of the Bank: Vuka Karadzica 10, Beograd, Serbia

BIC/Swift Code: ERBKR SBGXXX

Payee/Holder: SAVEZ ZA SKOLSKI SPORT SRBIJE

Bulevar Mihaila Pupina 2, Beograd, Novi Beograd, SERBIA

IBAN/ Account Number: /RS35250102000011597073

Reference: ESSF Basketball/Volleyball 2025 registration fee + *name of participating country-team*

## 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

Team member	Occupancy	3* hotel	4* hotel	5* hotel
Head of Delegation	Single occupancy	60€	80€	100€
Coach	Double occupancy	60€	80€	100€
	Single occupancy	120€	160€	200€
Student	2-4 bedded rooms	60€	80€	100€
Additional adult	Double occupancy	60€	80€	100€
	Single occupancy	120€	160€	200€
Other Team official	Double occupancy	60€	80€	100€
	Single occupancy	120€	160€	200€
Field of Play official	Double occupancy	60€	80€	100€
	Single occupancy	120€	160€	200€

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 €

The table below shows an overview of the minimum participation fee per participant in 4\* hotel

No. Nights		Rate by night (min)		ESSF levy		Total (minimum/participant)
6	x	80€	+	40€	=	520 €

The table below shows an overview of the minimum participation fee per participant in 5\* hotel

No. Nights		Rate by night (min)		ESSF levy		Total (minimum/participant)
6	x	100€	+	40€	=	640 €

## INSURANCE

Each country 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.

## GALA DINNER

A 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 (full payment) is to be paid before the start of the event to the following account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country).**

### Payments Deadlines Summary

February 04, 2025 (23:59CET)

Deposit Payment

Before the start of the event, by bank transfer, or cash on arrival the LOC

Final Balance



# LOGISTICS



## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Delegations will be welcomed at the terminal of the airport with the following sign of ESSF:



Transportation will be provided until the accreditation centre, situated in the hotels.  
If you encounter any trouble during your journey, you can contact Boris Tomić at +381607008222.

## TRANSPORT NETWORK

The LOC guarantees a precise transportation system for all accredited people by buses. This transportation network will cover travel from hotels to sport venues and vice versa.

As food halls will be situated in the hotels, they will be served by the same transportation network.

## NON-SPORT ACTIVITIES

Will be provided and communicated by LOC.

OPENING CEREMONY  
CULTURAL DAY PROGRAMME  
"NATION'S NIGHT"  
GALA DINNER  
CLOSING CEREMONY

# MEDICAL/other information



## FOOD & BEVERAGE

Food will be supplied by the hotels and will be served at the hotel dining halls. The food menu will be based on the necessary nutrients for athletes. Although tap water will be perfectly fine to drink, each team will receive water bidons; bottled water will also be provided for all accredited persons during meals and at event venues. The LOC will accommodate specific diet and food restrictions, which will be specified following Phase 2 registration for participants.

Accredited persons will receive 3 meals per day:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## HOSPITALS

Medical care will be provided to all accredited persons; there will be doctors with medical equipment present at every field of play.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Listed are relevant information regarding Greece:  
General information on country

- Language: Serbian
- Currency: Serbian Dinar (1 EUR = 117 RSD)
- Weather: Continental climate
- Temperature in May: 15° - 22° Celsius
- Electrical socket: The electric socket used is the European "Shuko" wall outlet
- Tap water is drinkable

## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

We would love for you to help us support the young athletes participating at ESSF events.

- Follow the official Instagram page/and other social networks
- Use the official ESSF hashtags
- Follow news on ESSF's website
- Share ESSF content on your national federation's profile

# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION



Contact information: [info@europeanschoolsport.com](mailto:info@europeanschoolsport.com)



The official results and information can be found at: <https://europeanschoolsport.com/>

## SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Spread the word on ESSF European Open School Championship Basketball & Volleyball U18



The official Instagram page: @ESSFSPTS

Use the official event hashtags: #ESSFBasketballVolleyball

Follow news on websites:

<https://europeanschoolsport.com/>

**Looking forward to meeting you in SERBIA  
on 04 – 10 April 2025!**



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