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INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT
Plovdiv, 14th November 2026

Promoter: **Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation – WT**
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Dates: 14th November 2026 (Saturday)

Place: **Sports complex "Sila";**
ul. "Trakia" 50, 4000 Tsentar, Plovdiv
Map: https://goo.gl/maps/eVoZdq94nH3pqc9x7

Application Deadline: 23:59 Bulgarian time on 8th November 2026
Application modification: no later than 23:59 Bulgarian time on 9th November

Online Registration: https://tpss2021.eu GAL/GOL is not required

Entry fee and Payment: 70 € per applied competitor paid in cash at Registration desk;

If an athlete registered online through the Registration system does not take part in the competition for some reason, but he/she has not been removed from the list of participants before the deadline (08.11.2026), his/her team official must fully (100%) pay his/her entry fee for participation. The entry fee is not refundable at any time after the deadline.

Change of category: *Change of category – free of charge until 09.11.2026; Change of category will be possible during the Registration and Weigh-in – an additional fee of **30** € for each change will be charged.*

Competition Rules: The last WT Competition rules will apply

PSS: **WT-approved PSS (Daedo Generation 3) will be used.**

The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) and the head protector to the participating contestants. Participating contestants are required to bring their own groin guards, mouthpieces, gloves, sensor socks, shin and forearm guards for their personal use. All competitors must use WT-approved equipment.

Instant Video Replay will apply only to the matches in class A.

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Conditions of participation

Proof of membership by valid national Federation passport with WTE/WT membership. All contestants have to prove their age and nationality by presenting a national ID or passport at the weigh-in.
Those who are not recognized as adults by law in their own country must submit a passport or identification card together with written consent (liability declaration) of their parents or lawful guardian accepting the participation and all parts of the official invitation. Registration must be done in advance. Entry fees are obligated at all times.

System of competition: Single elimination
Duration of the contest: Best of three system

Age Groups:
Seniors: born in 2009 and older;
Juniors: born in 2009, 2010, 2011;
Cadets: born in 2012, 2013 and 2014;
Children II: born in 2015 and 2016;
Children I: born in 2017; 2018 and 2019
Baby: born in 2020 and 2021

*Athletes born in 2009 could compete in Juniors **OR** in Seniors age group.*

Competition classes: **A class** – Olympic rules;
B class – Kicks to the head are not allowed;

*Athletes can compete **ONLY in one** competition class*

Categories:

Seniors Male (Class A): -54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg;
Seniors Male (Class B): -58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +80kg;
Seniors Female (Class A): -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, +73kg;
Seniors Female (Class B): -49kg, -57kg, -67kg, +67kg;
Juniors Male (Class A): -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg;
Juniors Male (Class B): -48kg, -55kg, -63kg, -73kg, +73kg;
Junior Female (Class A): -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68kg;
Junior Female (Class B): -44kg, -49kg, -55kg, -63kg, +63 kg;
Cadets Male (Class A and Class B): -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg;
Cadets Female (Class A and Class B): -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59 kg;
Children II Male and Female (Class A and Class B): -27kg, -30kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg.;
Children I Male and Female (Class A and Class B): -21kg, -23kg, -25kg, -27kg,

-29kg, -31g, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, +40kg.;
Baby Male and Female (Class B): -16kg., -18kg., -20kg., -22kg., -24kg.; +24kg.

Match duration:

- *Seniors, Juniors Cadets (Class A): 3(2) x 1,5 min (30 sec. break);*
- *Children I and II (Class A) and All age classes (**Class B**): 3(2) x 1 min (30 sec. break)*

The contest's duration is subject to change by the Organizing Committee.

Liability

All competitors participate at their own risk. The online registration implies that the competitors agree to assume all responsibility for themselves and to release all other parties from any and all liability which may directly or indirectly result. The organizer is in no way responsible for any damage caused to a person or their belongings.

Awards

Medals for the places 1 to 3 individual results.
Team cups will be awarded to the three best teams in each division.

The team ranking is based on the following point system:

For each Gold Medal – 120 points

For each Silver Medal – 50 points

For each Bronze Medal – 20 points

For each contestant who entered the competition area after passing the general weigh-in – 1 point

For each win – 1 point

Coaches

For every five contestants within the same team, one coach is granted free admission, with a maximum of 4 (four) coaches. Every additional coach above the maximum allowed number should pay **25 euro** admission. Coaches can enter the competition area only with proper sport shoes and proper tracksuit.

Protest

Only the official coach is allowed to protest, immediately after the end of the contest. An amount of € 100 (Euro) will have to be paid for each protest. The decision of the referee chairman is final.

Referees

Referees wishing to participate should send an e-mail to office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org no later than 3rd November 2026 with their first and last names and their class of qualification

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(International Referee, National Referee 1 or 2).
Participating teams could suggest 1 referee per every 10 participating athletes. The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation at a 3-star hotel near the competition venue and remuneration.

Visa

All teams who require a visa invitation should send a written request to the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation (office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org).

Accommodation

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates for the official hotels of the championship. For accommodation assistance please refer to: tonchev_mediator@yahoo.com

Venue access:

Tickets will be sold to all spectators at the price of 5 euro per person. Tickets will be available at the venue gates.

EVENT SCHEDULE

13th November 2026 (Friday):

16:00 – 20:00 – Registration and Weigh-in, **Sports complex "SILA" (**https://goo.gl/maps/eVoZdq94nH3pqc9x7**)**

14th November 2026 (Saturday):

08:00 – Referee meeting

08:30 – Head–of–Team Meeting

08:45 – Inspection area opens and starts checking the athletes for the first matches

09:00 – Start of matches for all ages in class A

12:30 – 13:30 – Official opening ceremony & Lunch break

13:30 – 17:00 – Start of matches for all ages in class B

17:00 – 20:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony

The OC will review all registered athletes after the deadline and may revise the event schedule based on the number of participants in class A and class B.

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DECLARATION OF CONSENT

As legal guardian I herewith declare my consent that my son/my daughter may participate as an active player at the following championship:

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I do know that Taekwondo is a Full Contact Competition Sport, where injuries cannot be excluded. Neither the organizer nor the promoter of the event can be held responsible for any damages, illness, or injuries and therefore I declare that there exists a valid insurance that will cover the costs of possible injuries for my son/my daughter or that I will accept all costs in connection with possible injuries or damages by myself.

Name of Guardian *Point of Relationship*

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Date Signature *Signature*

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