



INVITATION

**To the President / General Secretary
of the EWF Affiliated Weightlifting Federations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great pleasure and sincere pride that we welcome all EWF Member Federations once again to Batumi, Georgia, for the 104th European Weightlifting Championships 2026.

For Georgia, weightlifting is more than a sport—it is part of our national identity, built through generations of champions, coaches, and supporters. Hosting the European weightlifting community in Batumi is a special honor, and we are fully dedicated to making this championship exceptional — both on the platform and beyond it.

Batumi will greet you with Black Sea charm, modern venues, and the renowned Georgian hospitality. Alongside world-class sport, we hope you will enjoy our culture, cuisine, and the warm spirit of our people.

We look forward to welcoming you, sharing unforgettable moments together, and writing a new European weightlifting story—in Batumi 2026.

See you in Batumi!

Lasha Talakhadze

President, GEOWF

Three-Time Olympic Champion

Lasha Talakhadze





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EWF SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. KEY DATES

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Whereabouts information of Athletes wishing to compete at European championships must be properly submitted three months before the European championships and throughout the whole competition	19 JANUARY 2026
Technical Officials nomination	23-27 JANUARY 2026
Information about selected Technical Officials	03 FEBRUARY 2026
Preliminary Entries Max 8 Main Athletes for female Max 8 Reserve Athletes for female Max 8 Main Athletes for male Max 8 Reserve Athletes for male	16-19 FEBRUARY 2026
Final Entries Max 8 Main Athletes for female Max 2 Reserve Athletes for female Max 8 Main Athletes for male Max 2 Reserve Athletes for male	16-19 MARCH 2026
Team receives Invoices	23-31 MARCH 2026
Online Final Verification Max 8 Main Athletes for female Max 8 Main Athletes for male Max two athletes for each gender	30 MARCH 2026 (09:00 AM CET) - 31 MARCH 2026 (09:00 PM CET)
Team Payment by bank transfer	1-3 APRIL 2026
Publishing Start Book	10 APRIL 2026
Selected Technical Officials' arrival day	16 APRIL 2026
EWF Seminar for Competition Doctors	16 APRIL 2026



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EWF Ordinary Congress Registration	17 APRIL 2026 09:00-09:30 Local time
EWF ORDINARY CONGRESS	17 APRIL 2026 09:30-13:00 Local time
EWF Extraordinary Partial Electoral Congress Registration	17 APRIL 2026 14:30-15:00 Local time
EWF EXTRAORDINARY PARTIAL ELECTORAL CONGRESS	17 APRIL 2026 15:00 Local time
EWF Anti-doping & Fair Play Seminar	18 APRIL 2026 10:00-11:30 Local time
EWF Committees, Commissions	18 APRIL 2026: 13:30-15:30 Local time
ITOs Briefing in Competition Hall	18 APRIL 2026 17:00 Local time
OPENING CEREMONY	18 APRIL 2026
Award Ceremony 2026 The Best European Weightlifter	18:00 Local time
COMPETITION	19 - 26 APRIL 2026
FIRST DAY OF THE COMPETITION:	19 APRIL 2026
EWF EB meeting	21 APRIL 2026
Halfway meeting for Technical Officials	22 APRIL 2026
LAST DAY OF THE COMPETITION:	26 APRIL 2026
Departure day	27 APRIL 2026



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2. ACCOMMODATION AND FEES

Team's / TO / VIP Hotel:
Hilton Batumi 40 Rustaveli Ave, Batumi 6010

Team's Hotels
New Wave Hotel 10 Shartava Ave, Batumi 6010
Colosseum Marina 18 Sherif Khimshiashvili Str, Batumi 6000
Courtyard by Marriott Batumi 5 Sherif Khimshiashvili Str, Batumi 6000
La Quinta by Wyndham 1 Adlia Str. Batumi 6010
Hampton By Hilton 20 Rustaveli Street, Batumi 6010
Best Western Plus 13 b Agmashenebeli St, Batumi 6000

Check-in: 14:00, Check-out: 12:00

The Accreditation Centre is located at the competition venue.

Accommodation prices:

- €160 per person, per day – Single occupancy
- €140 per person, per day – Twin/Double occupancy

Entry Fee:

200 € per person.

IWF Special Anti-Doping Fee:

100 USD, paid by athletes only.

Transportation fee:

20 € per person, Batumi International Airport - Hotel - Batumi International Airport.

40 € per person, Kutaisi International Airport - Hotel - Kutaisi International Airport.



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Important rules for Bank transactions:

100% of the total payment (accommodation, entry fee, transportation fee, IWF Special Anti-Doping fee) must be transferred by April 3rd, 2026 to the Bank Account of the Local Organizing Committee.

Please contact your bank and keep in mind that the transfer will only be considered received once it has been duly credited to the LOC's bank account by the deadline.

We kindly ask that you send a bank swift confirming the bank transfer you made to the LOC's bank account to Batumi2026@ewf.sport

Details for the bank wires

The Bank: Bank of Georgia

Bank Address: 29a Gagarin Street, Tbilisi 0160, Georgia

SWIFT: BAGAGE22

Beneficiary: GEORGIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

Currency: EUR / USD

IBAN Number: GE76BG0000000611142316

The minimum stay for each delegation member is four (4) nights.

No accommodation will be guaranteed unless full payment is received before April 3, 2026.

No-show charges: If one or more delegation members do not arrive on the date specified in the Accommodation and Transportation Form and the Organizing Committee is not informed before April 3, 2026, the delegation will be charged a no-show fee per person, equal to the accommodation rate per day.

If one or more participants arrive one or more days late, the delegation must pay for all days indicated in the submitted forms.

After the submission of the Accommodation & Transportation Form, not later than March 31, 2026, at 09:00

PM CET, should you require any additional hotel rooms, the LOC will try their best to accommodate your additional team members in the same hotel, however, this cannot be guaranteed.

Cancellations will not be accepted after 31 March, 2026 and no refunds will be given.

3. COMPETITION AND TRAINING VENUE

Competition and training hall:

Batum Sport Palace

27 Lado Asatiani str, Batumi 6004

Shuttles will be available for transportation between hotels and the competition/training hall every 30min.



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4. ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the European Senior Championships is limited to weightlifters and team officials from the National Federation which are full members of the EWF.

Participating athletes must be 15 years of age or older (born in 2011 or earlier).

In accordance with Article 5.5.16 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, the Whereabouts information of the weightlifters participating in the European Senior Championships shall be submitted at a minimum of three months prior to the Event (for Q1 2026: by 19th January 2026 and for Q2: by 31 March 2026). If you have any problems submitting your Whereabouts, please contact IMMEDIATELY iwf@ita.sport and/or antidoping@iwf.sport

All athletes participating are recommended to complete the WADA ADeL online course for athletes before competing. The following link will take you to the ADEL International Level Athletes Program course:

<https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/learning-plans/1/international-level-athletes-education-program-english/>

The certificate can be sent to: weightlifting.education@ita.sport

Please contact WADA at adel@wada-ama.org if athletes and athlete support personnel (coaches, team doctors, etc.) have any issues with the registration procedure.

5. COMPETITION RULES

The Championships will be held according to the current IWF Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations (IWF TCRR).

ELEIKO will be used in competitions as well as in training.

6. REGISTRATION

Participants' Registration will be conducted through the EWF e-entry system.

National Federations may access the system via the following link: <https://ewf.sportentries.com/>

Preliminary entries must be submitted during the period of February 16–19, 2026.

A maximum of 16 athletes per gender may be registered. After this date, no additions or changes will be allowed.



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Coaches: All coaches from participating member federations must be registered in the IWF's International Coach License (ICL) database.

Final entries must be submitted during the period of March 16–19, 2026.

Only athletes registered during the preliminary phase may be confirmed. The final list may include up to 10 athletes per gender (8 athletes + 2 reserves).

All coaches must be listed on the final entry form. If a coach is not registered in the ICL database, the IWF will notify the member federation and require it to register the coach without delay or remove the coach from the final entry form.

Final verification will be conducted online during the period from March 30, 2026 (09:00 AM CET) to March 31, 2026 (09:00 PM CET).

If you have any questions about the ICL database registration, contact the IWF at coachinglicence@iwf.sport

National Federations must declare the number of officials participating per delegation.

The following documents must be completed in the EWF e-entry system no later than March 31, 2026, at 09:00 PM CET:

- Accommodation and Transportation Form
- Copy of passport and accreditation photos

7. DOPING CONTROL

Doping Control will be carried out by the Sample Collection Authority appointed by ITA on behalf of IWF in accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping Rules.

8. INSURANCE

Participating Federations must accept full moral and financial responsibility for their respective delegations. Before departing their homeland, all participants must be covered by their respective Federations for travel and accident/injury/illness.

In accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Tourism", starting from January 01, 2026, all tourists entering Georgia are required to hold a valid health and accident insurance policy. Any tourist entering the territory of Georgia must present a valid health and accident insurance policy in either physical or electronic form and must be available in Georgian or English.

For more details: <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>



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9. EVENT CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

Women: 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, 77kg, 86kg, +86kg

Men: 60kg, 65kg, 71kg, 79kg, 88kg, 94kg, 110kg, +110kg

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded in the Snatch, the Clean & Jerk, and the Total in each bodyweight category. Trophies will be awarded to the best male and female athletes, as well as to the top six men's and women's teams, according to the IWF Team Classification. Diplomas will be awarded to all participants.

10. VISAS

Most European citizens, especially from the EU, UK, and Schengen Area, can travel visa-free to Georgia for up to a year, however it is crucial to check in advance

<https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>

For those nations requiring a visa, it is crucial to contact LOC before February 18th, 2026.

11. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATING

Accredited Participants – athletes, team officials, technical officials (TO), media, guests, etc. must:

- Acknowledge and fully comply with EWF / IWF Constitution & Rules, IWF TCRR, IWF Anti- Doping Rules (ADR);
- Abide by all reasonable directions given by the EWF, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), TOs;
- Should accept any prize or award given by EWF and/or LOC/Sponsors and will attend all special award ceremonies where prizes or awards are presented.
- Should attend the Press Conference upon request of EWF / LOC.
- Should not participate in, support, or promote illegal betting.
- Should be responsible for all property they bring into the Event – the EWF and/or LOC shall have no responsibility for any loss or damage of this property.
- Should irrevocably release EWF & LOC from liability for any loss, injury, or damage that they may suffer in relation to their participation in the Event.
- Should guarantee that they participate in the Event with the permission of their parent(s) or guardian(s) in case they are minors.
- Should acknowledge that by not following the above-mentioned terms and conditions, sanctions may be imposed.



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- Agree that entry is subject to payment of all fees inclusive of entry, anti-doping, accommodation, food, and transportation payment prior to use of any LOC or EWF facility, or for airport transfers.
- Should acknowledge that no accommodation or arrangement is guaranteed until full payment is received in advance.

All participating Federations should undertake full moral and financial responsibility of their registered/accredited delegates with regard to their health and wellness, and in the case of accidents or damages not attributable to the LOC.

All participating federations and their members, upon receipt of accreditation, expressly consent to the use by the EWF of any recorded material in which they are present, for EWF purposes and without compensation.

12. COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUALIFICATION EVENT

The 2026 EWF European Championships serve as a qualification event for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

As such, athletes from Commonwealth Sport Nations, including the Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland), the Crown Dependencies (Guernsey Jersey, and the Isle of Man), and the British Overseas Territories (Gibraltar) under the jurisdiction of British Weightlifting may participate, even if they don't represent an EWF Full Member Federation.

Their participation is solely for Commonwealth Games ranking purposes, and their results will not be included in the official 2026 EWF European Championships results.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE

All times listed below are GET, local 'Batum' time = CET + 3 = GMT + 4

Date	Local time	Activity			
18.04.2026.	18:00	Opening Ceremony & 2024 The Best European Weightlifter Award Ceremony			
COMPETITION					
1 st Competition Day					
19.04.2026.	10:00	Women	SE 48B 53B 58C		
	13:00	Women	SE 58B		
	16:00	Women	SE 48A		
	19:00	Women	SE 53A		
2 nd Competition Day					
20.04.2026.	10:00	Men	SE 60B 65B		
	13:00	Men	SE 60A		
	16:00	Men	SE 65A		
	19:00	Women	SE 58A		
3 rd Competition Day					
21.04.2026.	10:00	Women	SE 63B		
	13:00	Men	SE 71B		
	16:00	Women	SE 63A		
	19:00	Men	SE 71A		
4 th Competition Day					
22.04.2026.	10:00	Women	SE 69B		
	13:00	Men	SE 79B		
	16:00	Women	SE 69A		
	19:00	Men	SE 79A		



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5 th Competition Day			
23.04.2026.	09:00	Men	SE 88C
	11:00	Women	SE 77B
	13:00	Men	SE 88B
	16:00	Men	SE 88A
	19:00	Women	SE 77A
6 th Competition Day			
24.04.2026.	10:00	Women	SE 86B
	13:00	Men	SE 94B
	16:00	Men	SE 94A
	19:00	Women	SE 86A
7 th Competition Day			
25.04.2026.	10:00	Men	SE 110B
	13:00	Men	SE +110B
	16:00	Women	SE +86B
	19:00	Men	SE 110A
8 th Competition Day			
26.04.2026.	13:00	Women	SE +86A
	16:00	Men	SE +110A
	19:30	Closing Ceremony	
27.04.2026	---	Departure Day	

* Please note: The competition schedule is subject to change after the Online Verification of Final Entries