

## 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 **104<sup>th</sup> European Weightlifting Championships**.

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!**

President  
Three Time Olympic Champion  
Lasha Talakhadze

REGULATIONS:  
**19-26 APRIL**



**BATUMI 2026**  
EMF SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 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

<b>EWF Ordinary Congress Registration</b>	<b>17 APRIL 2026</b> <b>09:00-09:30 Local time</b>
<b>EWF ORDINARY CONGRESS</b>	<b>17 APRIL 2026</b> <b>09:30-13:00 Local time</b>
<b>EWF Extraordinary Partial Electoral Congress Registration</b>	<b>17 APRIL 2026</b> <b>14:30-15:00 Local time</b>
<b>EWF EXTRAORDINARY PARTIAL ELECTORAL CONGRESS</b>	<b>17 APRIL 2026</b> <b>15:00 Local time</b>
<b>EWF Anti-doping &amp; Fair Play Seminar</b>	<b>18 APRIL 2026</b> <b>10:00-11:30 Local time</b>
<b>EWF Committees, Commissions</b>	<b>18 APRIL 2026:</b> <b>13:30-15:30 Local time</b>
<b>ITOs Briefing in Competition Hall</b>	<b>18 APRIL 2026</b> <b>17:00 Local time</b>
<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>19 - 26 APRIL 2026</b>
<b>FIRST DAY OF THE COMPETITION:</b>	<b>19 APRIL 2026</b>
<b>OPENING CEREMONY &amp; Award Ceremony 2025 The Best European Weightlifter</b>	<b>20 APRIL 2026</b> <b>21:00 local time</b>
<b>EWF EB meeting</b>	<b>21 APRIL 2026</b>
<b>Halfway meeting for Technical Officials - Hilton</b>	<b>22 APRIL 2026</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF THE COMPETITION:</b>	<b>26 APRIL 2026</b>
<b>Departure day</b>	<b>27 APRIL 2026</b>

## 2. ACCOMMODATION AND FEES

<b>TO / VIP Hotel:</b>
<b>Hilton Batumi</b> 40 Rustaveli Ave, Batumi 6010

<b>Team's Hotels</b>
<b>New Wave Hotel</b> 10 Shartava Ave, Batumi 6010
<b>Colosseum Marina</b> 18 Sherif Khimshiashvili Str, Batumi 6000
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Batumi</b> 5 Sherif Khimshiashvili Str, Batumi 6000

**Check-in: 15:00, Check-out: 12:00**

**Accommodation prices:**

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

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**.

**Entry Fee: €200 / per person.**

**IWF Special Anti-Doping Fee: 100USD / 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.**

Should transportation to/from Tbilisi International Airport be required, the respective team is kindly requested to contact the Organizing Committee in due time for the necessary arrangements to be made individually.

### Important rules for Bank transactions:

Please note that “DISCOVERY” LTD, as a **partner company of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**,

will manage all related inquiries and bank transfers, including those concerning **accommodation, transportation, accreditation, and anti-doping fees.**

**100% of the total payment** (accommodation, entry fee, transportation fee, and IWF Special Anti-Doping fee) must be transferred by **April 3rd, 2026.**

All payments must be made to the designated bank account and will be considered received only once they have been duly credited to the account by the deadline. **All bank charges, transfer fees, and any other transaction-related costs shall be borne entirely by the participating teams,** so that the full required amount is received.

We kindly ask that you send a **bank SWIFT confirmation** of the transfer made to the LOC's bank account to: **Batumi2026@ewf.sport**

### Details for the bank wires:

Beneficiary Bank	JSC TBC Bank
Bank Code	TBCBGE22
Beneficiary's IBAN	GE87TB1100000361200052
Name of Beneficiary	'DISCOVERY' LTD
Currency:	EUR / USD

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. ACCREDITATION - Online Registration of Delegation Members

**IMPORTANT:** In order to ensure a smooth and efficient accreditation process, **all Member Federations** are kindly requested to register their **full delegation** through the official online registration system after submission of the Accommodation & Transportation Form, **not later than April 3, 2026.**

Access to the online registration system <https://geowf.ge/> shall be strictly limited to the official email address of the Member Federation.

Please contact [batumi2026@ewf.sport](mailto:batumi2026@ewf.sport) if you have any issues with the registration procedure.

**The Accreditation Centre will be located at the Competition Venue.**

### 4. COMPETITION AND TRAINING VENUE

#### Competition and training hall:

Batumi Sport Palace

27 Lado Asatiani str, Batumi 6004

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

### 5. ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the Senior European 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](mailto:iwf@ita.sport) and/or [antidoping@iwf.sport](mailto: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](mailto:weightlifting.education@ita.sport)

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

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

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](mailto: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

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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>

## 10. 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.

### Prize Money

**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH BODYWEIGHT CATEGORY FOR THE SNATCH, CLEAN & JERK, AND TOTAL RESULTS INDIVIDUALLY, AS FOLLOWS:**

- **1st place: EUR 1,500.00**
- **2nd place: EUR 1,000.00**
- **3rd place: EUR 500.00**

## 11. VISA

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.

## 12. 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
- 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 regarding their health and wellness, and in the case of accidents or damage 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.

## 13. 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.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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2026 EWF SENIOR  
EUROPEAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Batumi (GEO) - 19-26 April 2026



### TIME TABLE

Sess.	Gender	Category	Athletes	Date	Start	Jury	Refer.	Doctor	Secr.	Chief Marsh.	Tec. Contr.	Time Kip.	Speak.
1	Women	SE 48B 53C	10 (6/4)	19/04	09:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Women	SE 53B	10	19/04	11:00	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Women	SE 58B	9	19/04	13:00	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Women	SE 48A	11	19/04	16:00	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	Women	SE 53A	10	19/04	19:00	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
6	Men	SE 60B 65B	6 (4/2)	20/04	09:30	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	Men	SE 60A	10	20/04	12:00	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
8	Men	SE 65A	10	20/04	15:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	Women	SE 58A	11	20/04	18:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	Women	SE 63C	6	21/04	10:00	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	Women	SE 63B	10	21/04	12:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	Men	SE 71B	5	21/04	14:00	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
13	Women	SE 63A	12	21/04	16:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
14	Men	SE 71A	10	21/04	19:00	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
15	Women	SE 69C	12	22/04	09:00	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
16	Men	SE 79B	14	22/04	11:00	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
17	Women	SE 69B	10	22/04	13:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
18	Women	SE 69A	12	22/04	16:00	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	Men	SE 79A	11	22/04	19:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
20	Men	SE 88C	5	23/04	08:30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	Women	SE 77C	12	23/04	10:00	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	Men	SE 88B	12	23/04	12:00	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
23	Women	SE 77B	10	23/04	14:00	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
24	Men	SE 88A	12	23/04	16:00	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
25	Women	SE 77A	10	23/04	19:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
26	Women	SE 86B	7	24/04	11:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
27	Men	SE 94B	14	24/04	13:00	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
28	Men	SE 94A	13	24/04	16:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
29	Women	SE 86A	12	24/04	19:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30	Men	SE 110C +110C	9 (8/1)	25/04	09:00	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
31	Men	SE 110B	11	25/04	11:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
32	Men	SE +110B	11	25/04	13:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
33	Women	SE +86B	8	25/04	16:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
34	Men	SE 110A	10	25/04	19:00	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
35	Women	SE +86A	11	26/04	13:00	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
36	Men	SE +110A	12	26/04	16:00	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2