EUROPEAN BOXING U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS

POREČ 2026 CROATIA

Handbook



EUROPEAN BOXING

Dear boxers, coaches, officials and boxing leaders across Europe,

On behalf of European Boxing, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Poreč for the **European Boxing U23 Championships** and the Mixed Team Test Event.

The European Boxing U23 Championships represent an important stage in the development of our continent's most promising boxers. For many athletes, this competition is a significant step towards the elite level and an opportunity to gain valuable international experience. I am confident that we will witness outstanding performances, fair competition and the determination that defines European Boxing.

Alongside the Championships, the Mixed Team Test Event gives us an opportunity to explore an innovative competition format. Its purpose is to gather practical experience, receive feedback from participating teams and assess its potential for the future. Participation in this test event is not mandatory and I would like to thank all delegations that have chosen to contribute to this initiative.

We are delighted to stage these events together with the **Croatian Boxing Federation**, a highly experienced organiser of major international boxing competitions. Its expertise, professionalism and proven organisational capabilities provide an excellent foundation for successful and memorable events in Poreč.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Croatian Boxing Federation, the Local Organising Committee, the city of Poreč, our officials, referees and judges, volunteers, partners and everyone working behind the scenes to make these events possible.

"This competition is a significant step towards the elite level and an opportunity to gain valuable international experience."

To all athletes: compete with courage, respect your opponents and enjoy this important moment in your sporting journey. I wish every delegation a successful and memorable stay in Poreč.

Welcome to Croatia, and best of luck to everyone!



Yours in boxing,
Lars Brovil

HRVATSKI BOKSAČKI SAVEZ
CROATIAN BOXING FEDERATION



Dear Team Delegations, Dear Friends,

Croatian Boxing Federation is honored to be entrusted by European Boxing and World Boxing with hosting European Boxing Championships for women and men under the age of 23 years this year, an important event for our youngest elite generation of male and female boxers, featuring the best U23 men and women boxers from European nations.

"An important event for our youngest elite generation of male and female boxers."

The host city of this outstanding competition is Poreč, which has already hosted numerous significant national and international competitions in various sports in the recent years, as well as the very successful European championships for U22 in 2022 and for U19 and 2024.

This lovely town in Istria can be considered one of the Croatian Sport Capitals, thanks to the huge support provided by the local, provincial and regional authorities and thanks to the great sport infrastructure as well as hotel accommodation.

I would like to thank the European Boxing and President Lars Brovil for entrusting us with the organization of this event, which will take place as a result of joint efforts in bringing you the best competition conditions.

I conclude my greetings with best wishes for all boxers, coaches, ITO's, R&J's and all others who will take part in this edition of the European Boxing U23 Championships.

With kind regards,

Mr. Bono Bošnjak
President Croatian Boxing Federation

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About The Event



ORGANIZATION & RULES

Host National Federation

The **Croatian Boxing Federation**, affiliated with World Boxing and European Boxing, is the Host National Federation of the European Boxing U23 Championships 2026 and is responsible for organizing the event.

Name	Croatian Boxing Federation
Address	Ljudevita Posavskog 3, Zagreb 10360,
Phone	+00385953012333
Email	hbs@boks-savez.hr
Website	www.boks-savez.hr

Local Organizing Committee (LOC) & Key Event Contacts

LOC address	Ljudevita Posavskog 3, 10360 Zagreb, Sesvete
LOC phone	+00385953012333
LOC email	hbs@boks-savez.hr
Competition and sports	sports@europeanboxing.org
Entries for teams	Via Xempower database
Accreditation	ecu23croatia@gmail.com
Visa and entry to the host country	ecu23croatia@gmail.com
Accommodation	https://forms.gle/M2D7qLJ1dCfvsXyQA
Transportation/Arrivals	https://forms.gle/CLcfsfeedTDCsfaU6
Medical services	ecu23croatia@gmail.com
Training venue	ecu23croatia@gmail.com
Press & media	ecu23croatia@gmail.com

Competition Rules & Format

This event will be conducted in accordance with the World Boxing Competition Rules. The Mixed Team Test Event will be conducted by the European Boxing Competition Rules for Mixed Team.

Event category	European U23 Men and Woman Championships 2026
Event category	European Boxing U23 Mixed Team Test Event
Age category	U23 Men and Women, born from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2007
Men's weight categories	M50kg, M55kg, M60kg, M65kg, M70kg, M75kg, M80Kg, M85Kg, M90kg, M90+Kg
Women's weight categories	W48kg, W51kg, W54kg, W57kg, W60kg, W65kg, W70kg, W75kg, W80kg, W80+kg
Mixed Team Test Event	W54kg, M70kg, W60kg, M90+kg. The Participation in the Mixed Team Test Event is not mandatory.
Entries acceptance criteria	The European Championships Elite is an open-entry competition to all NF's affiliated to European Boxing. NF's will be allowed to register one (1) primary boxer and one (1) reserve boxer per weight category.
Entries acceptance criteria for the European Boxing Mixed Team Test Event	The European Boxing Mixed Team Test Event is an open-entry competition to all NF's affiliated to European Boxing. NF who want to take part in the Mixed Team Test Event will be allowed to register two (2) primary boxer and two (2) reserve boxer in the weight classes 54 Women, 70 Men, 60 Women and 90+ Men.
Ranking points	Not applied.
Number of rings	Two rings will be required for the Preliminary rounds, and the event will transition to one ring for finals
Scoring and timing	Xempower
Equipment and Hand Wrapping	Boxing gloves, headguards, and bandages provided by STING
Technical Officials	World Boxing and European Boxing certified
Boxing Entries Check	Mandatory for inclusion into the draw, appointment set prior to arrival

Team Delegation Members

Each Team Delegation can register the following number of Team Delegation Members, besides boxers:

- 1 Team Manager
- 1 Team Doctor
- 1 Physiotherapist
- 1 Cut Technician
- 1 Dietitian / Nutritionist
- Number of coaches according to the table below:

1 – 3 boxers	Up to 3 coaches
4 – 8 boxers	Up to 6 coaches
9 – 13 boxers	Up to 8 coaches

It is the responsibility of the respective National Delegations to ensure that all Team Delegations Members are qualified to perform their duties.

Competition Officials

These Championships are a continental, World Boxing-sanctioned event and will be officiated by World Boxing-certified technical officials, referees and judges.



EVENT SCHEDULE

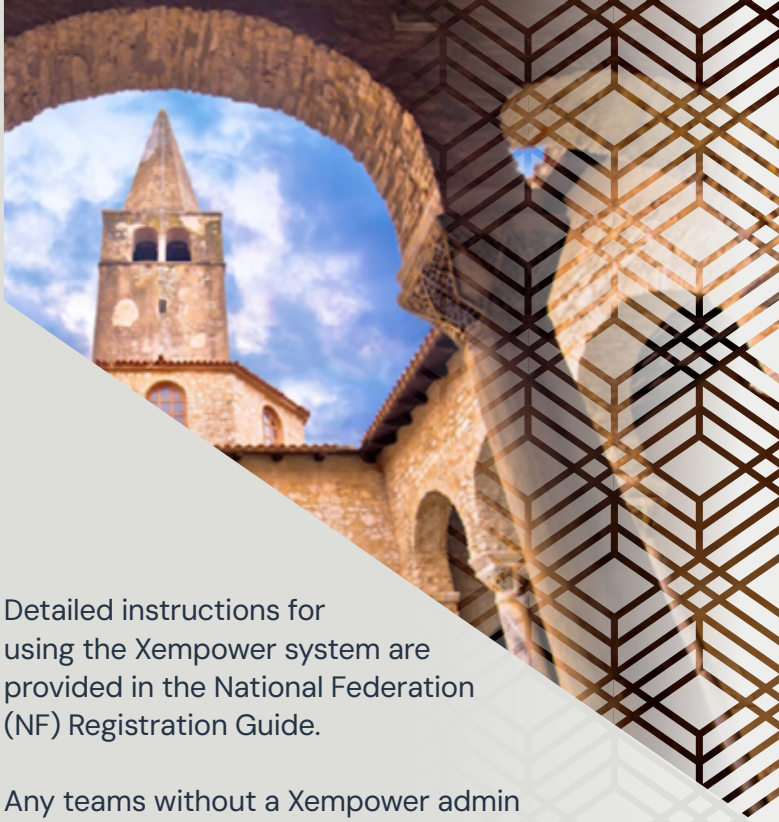
Event period
14 — 25 November 2026

Competition period
16 — 24 November 2026

Date *	Time	Activity	Location	Notes
Saturday 14 November	All Day	Team Arrivals		
	14:00 - 19:00	Sport Entries Check	Hotel Albatros	
Sunday 15 November	09:00 - 12:00	Sport Entries Check	Hotel Albatros	
	18:00	Technical Meeting	Hotel Albatros	
	18:30	Official Draw	Hotel Albatros	
Monday 16 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	TBC	Opening Ceremony	Intersport Hall	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
Tuesday 17 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
Wednesday 18 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
Thursday 19 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Preliminaries
Friday 20 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Quarterfinals
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Quarterfinals
Saturday 21 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Quarterfinals
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Quarterfinals
Sunday 22 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:30 - 16:30	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Semifinals
	18:00 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Semifinals
Monday 23 November		REST DAY		
Tuesday 24 November	07:00-08:00	Daily weigh-in and medical	Hotel Albatros	
	13:00 - 16:00	Afternoon Session	Intersport Hall	Finals
	17:30 - 21:00	Evening Session	Intersport Hall	Finals
Wednesday 25 November	All Day	DEPARTURES		

** All dates and times are subject to change due to operational requirements, sport-specific considerations, or circumstances beyond our control (force majeure).*

ENTRY PROCESS



National Federations must confirm the technical and medical standards of the boxers and other Team Members.

Participating National Federations are also responsible for submitting the personal data on behalf of each member of their Team, and for ensuring that the personal information provided during the entry process is accurate.

All entries, including reserve boxers, must be submitted via the World Boxing Xempower Database. Entries submitted by email will not be accepted as valid. The Xempower entry process consists of two stages: (1) Creation and verification of athlete and team official profiles. Once uploaded, World Boxing-staff will validate the information. World Boxing aims to validate new profiles within 24 hours of being uploaded. (2) Registration of verified profiles for the competition.

Only athletes and team members approved by the European Boxing in the system will be available for selection in the competition registration. All entries are subject to validation by European Boxing following submission.



Detailed instructions for using the Xempower system are provided in the National Federation (NF) Registration Guide.

Any teams without a Xempower admin account must request access by email to sports@europeanboxing.org.

Registration Process

Step 1 — REGISTRATION

1. Log in to the World Boxing Xempower Database
2. Register all athletes, coaches, and team officials for the European Boxing U23 Championships 2026
3. Athlete validation will be completed by European Boxing.

Deadline: 7 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Step 2 - ACCOMMODATION INFO

Send information for accommodation using google link: https://forms.gle/M2D7qLJ1dCfvsXyQA. The LOC will send the Invoices for the accommodation and registration fee to the participating NF.

Deadline: 7 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Step 3 - INVOICE PAYMENT

All outstanding invoices must be paid in full by **20 October 2026**. Accreditation will only be issued upon full payment of accommodation costs.

Step 4 - TRAVEL INFO

All arrival and departure details should be submitted to the LOC using google link: https://forms.gle/CLcfsfeedTDCsfaU

Deadline: 20 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Step 5 - ACCREDITATION

Accreditation info must be send by email to ecu23croatia@gmail.com. Name, surname, role and photo in jpg or pdf format.

Deadline: 25 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the European Boxing U23 Championships Poreč 2026 is € 100 per person.

The registration fee applies to boxers, coaches, team officials, and additional National Federation (NF) officials.

The Croatian Boxing Federation office will issue an invoice for the registration fee, which must be paid prior to the Championships.



Sport Entries Check

The Boxing Entries Check is the final part of the event entry process. Exact appointment times and locations will be communicated to teams in advance and displayed at the event hotel.

The Boxing Entries Check is mandatory for all Teams, and teams should make all necessary arrangements to arrive on time for their respective appointment.

	Process	Means	Deadline / Contact
1	**Final Entries**	Register all athletes, coaches, and team officials on the World Boxing Xempower Database. Reserve Boxers must also be added to the competition section.	**7 October 2026** via Xempower database
2	**Rooming List**	Teams should submit the rooming list to the LOC.	**7 October 2026** via Google forms link
3	**Invoice for the Accommodation and Registration Fee**	The LOC will send the invoices to the NF.	**10 October 2026** via LOC email
4	**Mixed Team Test Event entries**	On-site registration. See the information box below.	On-site See box below
5	**Final Payment**	Final Payment for all Invoices to be made to the LOC.	**20 October 2026** Bank transfers to LOC agency
6	**Arrival and Departure info to the LOC**	All arrival and departure details should be submitted to the LOC	**20 October 2026** via Google forms link
7	**Accreditations info**	Send all informations to LOC.	**25 October 2026** via LOC email
8	**Visa invitations letters**	Send all required info to LOC.	**30 September 2026** via LOC email

Each Team may appoint a maximum of two people to attend its Boxing Entries check (e.g., Team Manager and the Team Doctor).

MIXED TEAM TEST EVENT - ON-SITE REGISTRATION

The Mixed Team Test Event will take place alongside the European Boxing U23 Championships. Participation is voluntary and open only to athletes who have been eliminated from the Championships.

Interested athletes can register on-site. Further details regarding registration and the event schedule will be provided during the Championships.

In order to be cleared for the competition, teams must provide the following documents for each boxer, signed and completed as required:

- Passport
- Record Book (with annual medical examination completed within the previous 12 months).
- Medical Certificate issued within the previous 3 months, signed by the National Federation doctor.
- Declaration of Non-Pregnancy Form (Women boxers only), signed by the boxer/legal guardian.
- Uniforms (red and blue) per World Boxing Competition Rules.
- Gender Test for Men and Women (Older than 18 years as per the World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy).

All National Federations are strongly advised to complete the required gender testing in their home country prior to arrival. Gender testing is not possible to be completed on site.



VISA & ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Visa

Those countries that need entry visas for Croatia must send a letter trough their National federation's email with the following details:

- Names of participants
- Birth dates
- Passport numbers
- Copies of passport

Send all info not later than 30 September 2026, and contact the Embassy of Croatia in your countries in advance or the nearest Consulate of Croatia in neighboring countries. The Organizing Committee will provide all necessary facilities for participating countries to enter Croatia.

To ensure and speed up the visa application process, please respect the dates in this handbook. LOC cannot guarantee the acquisition of visas by Team Delegations.

Passports of all Championships participants must be valid for at least six months from the date of arrival and must contain blank page(s) for visa(s) and stamps.

Please keep in mind that Republic of Croatia is already part of the Schengen area, so we cannot expedite the approval process.

International Transportation

The airport of arrival and departure will be Pula International Airport (PUY). All delegations, accredited members, and participants will be welcomed by a representative of the LOC.

There is a possibility to organize a transport to and from Zagreb Airport (Croatia), Trieste Airport, Venezia Airport (Italy), or Ljubljana airport (Slovenia) (calculation of the cost upon inquiry to ecu23croatia@gmail.com.

Deadline to submit arrival and departure information: 20 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Ground Transportation

Local transportation / Shuttle service will be provided by the organizers to and from the arrival Pula Croatia airport. Transportation between teams hotel is not needed due to proximity of the venue.

Guidance information and timetables for departures will be displayed on information boards in the lobby of each Team Hotel, at the Venue Info point, and on the official WhatsApp channel.

COMPETITION & TRAINING VENUES

Intersport Hall

Located ath the Zelena Resort in Poreč, within walking distance from the main teams hotel (3 and 5 minute walk).

Address Zelena laguna 52440, Poreč



ACCOMMODATION / EVENT HOTELS

All participating teams are required to book and pay for accommodation for the entire Championship period, from **14 – 25 November 2026 (11 nights)**.

Teams may indicate their preferred hotel and room type in the **Accommodation Form**. Accommodation requests will be processed on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to availability. The final hotel allocation will be confirmed by the **Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**.

Accommodation reservations must be made exclusively through the LOC. Direct bookings with the hotels will not be accepted.

All National Federations are requested to submit their completed **Accommodation Form** and **Rooming List** using google forms link: https://forms.gle/CLcfsfeedTDCsfaU6.

Deadline: 20 October 2026 (23:59 CET)

Only accredited participants of the Championships will be permitted to stay in the official event hotels.

Accommodation Package

The accommodation package includes:

- Accommodation for 11 nights
- Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

All meals will be served at the respective official hotel where the delegation is accommodated. Delegation members may dine only at their assigned hotel.

Additional Expenses

Additional expenses, including but not limited to minibar consumption, telephone charges, laundry, parking, room service, and any damages to hotel property, are the responsibility of the respective National Federation and must be settled directly with the hotel before departure.

Early Arrival

In the event of an early arrival or a request for early check-in, the LOC must be informed in advance by email. Early check-in cannot be guaranteed and is subject to hotel availability.



Team Delegation Hotels

1. HOTEL ALBATROS ****

www.plavalaguna.com/hr/smjestaj/hotel-albatros

Single Room	€ 160
Twin Room	€ 130
Triple Room	€ 100

2. HOTEL PLAVI ***

www.plavalaguna.com/hr/smjestaj/hotel-plavi

Single Room	€ 130
Twin Room	€ 100
Triple Room	€ 70

3. HOTEL MOLINDRIO **** ITO'S AND R&J'S HOTEL

www.plavalaguna.com/hr/smjestaj/hotel-molindrio

Single Room	€ 160
Twin Room	€ 130

4. HOTEL PARENTIUM ***** VIP HOTEL

www.plavalaguna.com/accommodation/hotel-parentium

Single Room	€ 180
Twin Room	€ 150

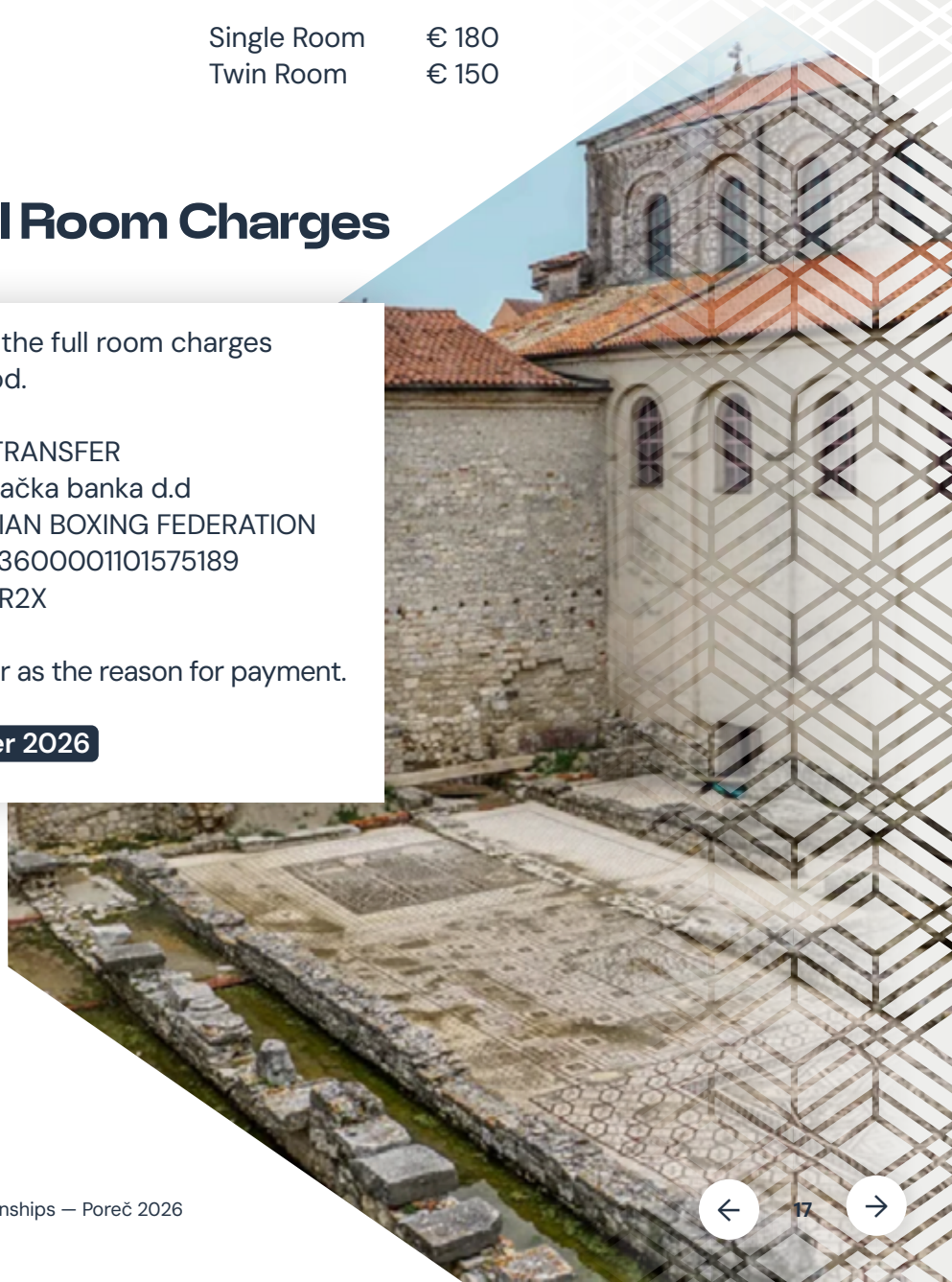
Payment of Hotel Room Charges

All Team Delegations must pay the full room charges for the entire tournament period.

Payment method	BANK TRANSFER
Bank Name	Zagrebačka banka d.d
Beneficary	CROATIAN BOXING FEDERATION
IBAN	HR3023600001101575189
BIC / SWIFT	ZABAHR2X

Please state your invoice number as the reason for payment.

Payment deadline: 20 October 2026



ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Image Rights & Video Recording

The LOC will film the event for broadcast, and promotional videos and official event photographers will take still images of boxers before and during the event.

All training sessions will be open to the accredited media unless a Team specifically requests otherwise. By participating in the event, each Team Member agrees to release his/her image rights to European Boxing and the LOC.

Video recording of bouts for any broadcasting purposes (including social media) will not be allowed. National Federations may be allowed to record bouts of their boxers using only one camera per ring, exclusively for technical purposes. A specific location in the venue will be reserved for this purpose.

Medical Services

The LOC will provide first aid to any participant who sustains a sports injury during the event.

Anti-Doping

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with World Boxing Anti-Doping Rules and World Anti-Doping Code. According to WADA regulations, blood testing may be conducted during World Boxing and European Boxing Competitions.

Insurance

All accredited participants must have their own travel, medical, repatriation, and liability insurance covering the entire event and travel period.



About the Host Country



ABOUT REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



Republic of Croatia is a unitary democratic parliamentary republic at the crossroads of Central Europe, Balkans, and the Mediterranean. Its capital and largest city is Zagreb. The country is divided into 20 counties and the City of Zagreb.

Croatia covers 56,594 square kilometers (21,851 square miles) and has diverse, mostly continental and Mediterranean climates.

Croatia's Adriatic Sea coast contains more than a thousand islands. The country's population is 3.9 million, most of whom are Croats, with the most common religious denomination being Roman Catholicism. Croatia became the 28th member state of the European Union 1 July 2013.

The Croats arrived in the area of present-day Croatia during the early part of the 7th century. They organized the state into two duchies by the 9th century.

Tomislav became the first king by 925 AD, elevating Croatia to the status of a kingdom. The Kingdom of Croatia retained its sovereignty for nearly two centuries, reaching its peak during the rule of Kings Peter Krešimir IV and Dmitar Zvonimir. Croatia entered a personal union with Hungary in 1102. In 1527, faced with Ottoman conquest the Croatian Parliament elected Ferdinand I of the House of Habsburg to the Croatian throne.





In 1918, after World War I, Croatia was included in the unrecognized State of Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs which seceded from Austria–Hungary and merged into the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. A state existed during World War II. After the war, Croatia became a founding member and a federal constituent of Yugoslavia, a socialist state. In June 1991, Croatia declared independence, which came into effect on 8 October of the same year. The Croatian War of Independence was fought successfully during the four years following the declaration.

The service sector dominates Croatia's economy, followed by the industrial sector and agriculture. Tourism is a significant source of revenue during the summer, with Croatia ranked the 18th most popular tourist destination in the world. The state controls a part of the economy, with substantial government expenditure. The European Union is Croatia's most important trading partner.

Since 2000, the Croatian government has invested in infrastructure, especially transport routes and facilities along the Pan-European corridors. Internal sources produce a significant portion of energy in Croatia; the rest is imported. Croatia provides a universal health care system and free primary and secondary education, while supporting culture through numerous public institutions and through corporate investments in media and publishing.

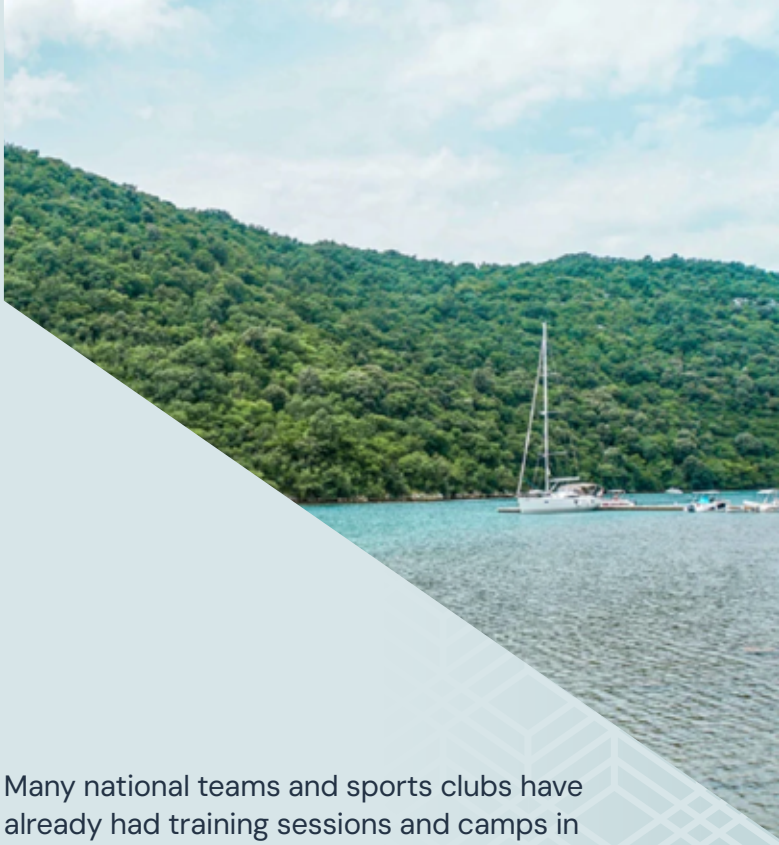
CULTURE

Because of its geographic position, Croatia represents a blend of four different cultural spheres. It has been a crossroad of influences of the western culture and the east—ever since division of the Western Roman Empire and the Byzantine Empire—as well as of the Mitteleuropa and the Mediterranean culture.

The Illyrian movement was the most significant period of national cultural history, as the 19th-century period proved crucial in emancipation of the Croatian language and saw unprecedented developments in all fields of art and culture, giving rise to a number of historical figures.



POREČ



Poreč is a city of a more then a thousand years history in Croatia, Istria county. It developed on a small symmetrical peninsula long before the arrival of the Histrians, an Illyrian tribe. Today the center of the old city is located on this small peninsula. With the arrival of the Histrians the area surrounding the present-day city was settled, and thanks to a naturally protected harbor the construction of a harbor-center was enabled and Poreč could develop unhindered. Preserved records by Ancient Greek historians and geographers from the 6th and 4th centuries BC mention a small fishing village, and archaeological findings tell us of the homes of the people of the time.

The peninsula on which the Poreč's rich old city developed and was preserved has been inhabited for thousands of years and is today often called a cultural landmark. The historical center, once encircled by walls and towers is today conserved in valuable remains.

Poreč and its surroundings have strong links to active holidays, sport and recreation tailored to all ages. Poreč's climate is favorable for outdoor sporting activities almost all year round whilst in hotels you have fitness rooms, wellness, saunas, gyms and in-door swimming-pools at your disposal.

Many national teams and sports clubs have already had training sessions and camps in Poreč where they have access to the best infrastructure, world-class accommodation and a comfortable climate. Poreč often hosts international sporting events and tournaments.

PRACTICAL INFO

Average temperature in November between 11°C and 16°C
Sea temperature 13°C
Currency Euro
Local time CET
Electricity 220
Local emergency number 112



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