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REGULATIONS

European Sambo Cup

**Sport sambo among Adults (M/W), Combat sambo among Adults (M)
Dubrovnik, Republic of Croatia, 16 - 19 January 2026**

1. General terms.

- 1.1 The European Sambo Cup 2026 (sport sambo among men and women and combat sambo among men) (from now on referred to as the European Sambo Cup) shall be held in accordance with the current International Sambo Rules approved by the International Sambo Federation (FIAS).
- 1.2 The European Sambo Cup will be held in accordance with the current regulations of the European Sambo Federation (ESF) and the International Sambo Federation (FIAS).
- 1.3 The European Sambo Cup will be organized by the European Sambo Federation (ESF) and the Croatian Sambo Federation.
- 1.4 The European Sambo Cup is held to popularize and develop the sport of sambo in Europe and to strengthen international sporting relations between the members of the European Sambo Federation (ESF) in Europe.

2. Competition organizers.

- 2.1 General management of the organization and holding of the European Sambo Cup shall be the responsibility of the European Sambo Federation (ESF) and the Croatian Sambo Federation.
- 2.2 Information about the competition organizers:

European Sambo Federation (ESF):

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Croatian Sambo Federation:

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3. Dates and venue.

- 3.1 The European Sambo Cup shall be held from January 16 to 19, 2026.
- 3.2 Competition venue: **Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia.**
- 3.3 Accreditation of the participants of the European Sambo Cup will be held at the hotel: **Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- 3.4 The participants of the European Sambo Cup will be accommodated in: **Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- 3.5 The referee panel of the European Sambo Cup will be accommodated in **Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia**

4. Terms of participation.

- 4.1 The National Sambo Federations (NSF), affiliated with the European Sambo Federation (ESF), have the right to participate in the European Sambo Cup.
- 4.2 Each National Sambo Federation must pay an annual membership fee to the European Sambo Federation in accordance with the rules of the European Sambo Federation (ESF) in the amount of 500 euros. National Sambo Federations that do not pay the annual fee will not be allowed to participate in the competitions.
- 4.3 No more than 2 athlete in each weight category from the National Sambo Federations is allowed to participate in the competition.
- 4.4 No more than 4 athlete in each weight category from the Croatian Sambo Federation hosting the European Sambo Cup is allowed to participate in the competition.
- 4.5 Registration of delegations to the European Sambo Championship 2025 shall be done through the electronic system SMOOTHCOMP.
- 4.6 The deadline for registration in the Database is 15.01.2026.
- 4.7 Each athlete of the National Sambo Federation must pay a membership fee of 35 EURO to the European Sambo Federation prior the competition. Payment of the annual fee shall be made by the National Sambo Federation and (or) the athlete.
- 4.8 The official delegation to the European Sambo Cup:
Head of delegation – 1, administrator – 2, coach – 6, doctor – 2, masseur – 2, referee – 2, athletes – 42.
Total: 55 people.
- 4.9 Age and weight categories:
Adults: 18 years and older:
Sports Sambo (men) – 58 kg, 64 kg, 71 kg, 79 kg, 88 kg, 98 kg, over 98 kg;
Sports Sambo (women)– 50 kg, 54 kg, 59 kg, 65 kg, 72 kg, 80 kg, over 80 kg;
Combat Sambo (Men)– 58 kg, 64 kg, 71 kg, 79 kg, 88 kg, 98 kg, over 98 kg
- 4.9 The delegation of each National Sambo Federation must bring at least 1 referee, if the number of athletes in the delegation exceeds 5 people.

5. Technical specifications.

- 5.1 The Championship shall be held in accordance with ESF Sports and Organization Rules and the International SAMBO Competition Rules.
- 5.2 The competitions shall be officiated by the panel of referees approved by Chairman of the Technical Commission of the European Sambo Federation (ESF).
- 5.3 Only international category referees can referee the competitions.
- 5.4 The draw will be conducted automatically.
- 5.5 Sport SAMBO official competitions shall be held with the system of distribution into groups, elimination and repechage bouts from finalists.
- 5.6 Combat SAMBO official competitions shall be held with the system of distribution into groups and elimination without repechage bouts.
- 5.7 Team medal count is conducted unofficially according to the Olympic principle (without awards).
- 5.8 The Organizing Committee guarantees to provide all the participants with first aid (if necessary).
- 5.9 Each athlete must undergo a medical examination before leaving for the competition, and the results of the medical examination must be included in the application or medical certificate.
- 5.10 Each athlete must provide to the accreditation commission a copy of life insurance policy against accidents (abroad). Insurance of the participants is carried out at the expense of the sending organizations.
- 5.11 Each athlete must have a sambo uniform (red/blue) with a FIAS license and a backnumber (in full compliance with FIAS requirements) on the back of his sambo uniform consisting of his surname and the abbreviation of his country's name or FIAS abbreviation as decided by FIAS.

5.12 Athletes who have discrepancies between the sambo uniform and the backnumber on the back of their uniform with the requirements of the FIAS International Rules are not allowed to participate in the competitions.

5.13 During accreditation, delegates of all countries must provide the Organising Committee with a short version (not more than 30 seconds) of the respective anthem in electronic form and two 2x1m national flags.

6. Applications.

6.1 The Organizing Committee of the competitions will provide accommodation with breakfast and dinner (only in the specified official hotels) and transfer for the National Sambo Federations that submit their application by **December 15, 2025**.

6.2 In case the application for accommodation with breakfast and dinner (only in the specified official hotels) and transfer from the National Sambo Federation is submitted later than **December 15, 2025**, the competition's Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse to provide accommodation and transfers.

6.3 Changes to the application for accommodation can be sent until **December 15, 2025**. If the information is not received at the right time, the Organizing Committee has the right to refuse to change the application and impose a penalty for failure to notify about the changes.

6.4 Applications for booking accommodation and transfers shall be submitted to the Competition Organizing Committee in accordance with Annex No.1 and Annex No.2.

6.5 All participants who require a visa to enter the Republic of Croatia must apply for a visa at the Consular sections of the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia in their country. The visa fee for entry to the Republic of Croatia, which can be arranged for each participant, must be paid independently by the National Sambo Federation or the individual participant. The cost of the visa fee may vary from country to country. **Croatian Sambo Federation will provide the necessary visa support, subject to prior notification, until December 10, 2025.**

6.6 Applications for visa support shall be submitted to the Competition Organizing Committee in accordance with Annex No. 3.

7. Financial conditions.

7.1 The Croatian Sambo Federation provides transfers from the airport (Dubrovnik Ruđer Bošković Airport) to the official hotel and back, as well as transfers from the official hotel to the competition venue and back at a price of 50.00 Euros per participant.

7.2 The Croatian Sambo Federation provides accommodation in a hotel with breakfast and dinner (only in the specified official hotels) at the rate of 100.00 Euros per participant per day (double occupancy and meals twice a day) and 150 euros per participant per day (single occupancy and meals twice a day) for the whole period of the European Sambo Cup.

7.3 Other additional expenses for food and accommodation are paid by each participant independently.

7.4 The accommodation period is 2 days minimum for each delegation member (official hotels only).

7.5 The Heads of Delegations shall settle all financial issues and meet accreditation requirements on the day of arrival.

7.6 In case the delegation participating in the competitions or members of the delegation who are not officials organize their accommodation and meals (accommodation not in official hotels), the National Sambo Federation shall pay an accreditation fee of 150 (one hundred and fifty) Euros for each member of the delegation to the Organizing Committee of the competitions. **No transfer is provided to the participants in this case.**

7.7 The Organizing Committee provides transfers, meals, and accommodation for the President of the European Sambo Federation (ESF), Secretary General of the European Sambo Federation (ESF), Chairman of the Referee Commission of the European Sambo Federation (ESF), Chief Referee, Chief Secretary, 3 Deputy Chief referees and 10 referees in accordance with the rules of the European Sambo Federation (ESF).

7.8 Payment of the salaries of the referees included in the official list of referees (chief referee, chief secretary, 13 referees) shall be provided by the European Sambo Federation (ESF).

7.9 Payment for the fare of the Chief referee, Chief secretary, 3 Deputy Chief referees shall be provided by the European Sambo Federation (ESF).

8. Bank details.

Payment details for international transfers via Zagrebačka banka:

- Account holder: Croation Sambo Federation
 - Bank: Zagrebačka banka d.d.
 - Bank address: Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 10, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
 - IBAN: HR5823600001102252812
 - SWIFT/BIC: ZABHR2X
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9. Awarding.

9.1 Athletes who win prizes are awarded medals and diplomas.

9.2 A red SAMBO uniform is required at the official ceremonies.

9.3 The national anthem will be played and the flag will be raised or the FIAS anthem and flag as decided by FIAS.

Programme of the European Sambo Cup 2026
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Friday, January 16: Day 1		
10:00 – 16:30	Arrival of delegations, Accreditation, Registration	Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia
17:00 – 18:00	Weigh-in Sport Sambo (W): 50, 59, 72, +80kg Sport Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98kg Combat Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg	Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia
18:00 – 19:00	Meeting of representatives and coaches, draw	Hotel Lero, Iva Vojnovića 14, 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia
Saturday, January 17: Day 2		
10:00	Preliminary: Sport Sambo (W): 50, 59, 72, +80kg Sport Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98kg Combat Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
15:00 – 16:00	Weigh-in: Sport Sambo (W): 54, 65, 80kg Sport Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg Combat Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98 kg	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
16:30 – 17:00	Opening Ceremony	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
17:00	Finals and awarding ceremony: Sport Sambo (W): 50, 59, 72, +80kg Sport Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98kg Combat Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
Sunday, January 18: Day 3		
10:00	Preliminary: Sport Sambo (W): 54, 65, 80 kg Sport Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg Combat Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98 kg	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
16:00	Finals and awarding ceremony Sport Sambo (W): 54, 65, 80 kg Sport Sambo (M): 58, 71, 88, +98kg Combat Sambo (M): 64, 79, 98 kg	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
	Closing ceremony	Sports Hall, Župa Dubrovačka, Croatia
Monday, January 19: Day 4		
	Departure of delegations	