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REGULATIONS
IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026
Sport sambo among Cadets (M/W)
Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria
10-13 July 2026

1. General terms.

- 1.1 Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” shall be held in accordance with the current International Sambo Rules approved by the International Sambo Federation (FIAS).
- 1.2 Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” will be held in accordance with the current regulations of the European Sambo Federation (ESF) and the International Sambo Federation (FIAS).
- 1.3 Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” will be organized by the European Sambo Federation (ESF), the Bulgarian Sambo Federation (BSF) and the Balkan Sambo Association (BSA).
- 1.4 Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” 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 Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” shall be the responsibility of the European Sambo Federation (ESF), the Bulgarian Sambo Federation (BSF) and the Balkan Sambo Association (BSA).

2.2 Information about the competition organizers:

European Sambo Federation (ESF):

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Balkan Sambo Association (BSA):

Address: 9 Balkandzhi Yovo Str., 1612 Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria

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3. Dates and venue.

- 3.1 The Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” shall be held from July 10 to 13, 2026.
- 3.2 Competition venue: Sofia Hall, Republic of Bulgaria (25 Nezabravka Street, Sofia 1113, Republic of Bulgaria).
- 3.3 Accommodation of the participants: Park Hotel “Moscow” (25 Nezabravka Street, Sofia 1113, Republic of Bulgaria).
- 3.4 Accreditation of the participants and weigh-in will be held at the: Park Hotel “Moscow” (25 Nezabravka Street, Sofia 1113, Republic of Bulgaria).
- 3.5 The referee panel will be accommodated: Park Hotel “Moscow” (25 Nezabravka Street, Sofia 1113, Republic of Bulgaria).

4. Terms of participation.

4.1 The National Sambo Federations (NSF), affiliated with the International Sambo Federation (FIAS), have the right to participate in the Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026”.

4.2 Each National Sambo Federation, affiliated with the European 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 Registration of delegations to the Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” shall be done through the electronic system SMOOTHCOMP.

4.4 The deadline for registration in the Database is 7 July 2026.

4.5 The delegation of each National Sambo Federation must bring at least 1 referee, if the number of athletes in the delegation exceeds 5 people

4.6 Age and weight categories:

Cadets: 14-16 years old (born 2010 – 2012):

Sports Sambo (boys) – 46 kg, 49 kg, 53 kg, 58 kg, 64 kg, 71 kg, 79 kg, 88 kg, over 88 kg;

Sports Sambo (girls) – 41 kg, 44 kg, 47 kg, 50 kg, 54 kg, 59 kg, 65 kg, 72 kg, over 72 kg.

4.7 Official delegation for the Competition shall include:

Team leader - 1

Coach - 1

Referee - 1

Athletes - 18

TOTAL: 21

5. Technical specifications.

5.1 The Open sambo tournament “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026” shall be held in accordance with ESF Sports and Organization Rules and the International Sambo Competition Rules (FIAS).

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 Draw & Competition will be conducted automatically.

5.4 The Organizing Committee guarantees to provide all the participants with first aid (if necessary).

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 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.

5.8 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 National Sambo Federations should submit their entries **not later than 25 June 2026** to the e-mail address office@bulsambo.com.

6.2 All participants who require a visa to enter the Republic of Bulgaria must apply for a visa at the Consular sections of the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in their country. The visa fee for entry to the Republic of Bulgaria, 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.

6.3 Applications for visa support shall be submitted to the Competition Organizing Committee in accordance with Annex No. 1.

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

6.5 Applications for transport services shall be submitted to the Competition Organizing Committee in accordance with Annex No. 3.

7. Financial conditions.

7.1 International team athletes (10 people) are provided with accommodation, breakfast, and dinner for a maximum of two (2) days (in period 10 – 13 July 2026) per participant at the organizers' expense.

Note: The organizer will only cover expenses for two calendar days. Any stay beyond this period is at the expense of the sending organisation or individual athlete.

7.2 Each member of the delegation in excess of the quota provided by the organizing committee, must pay the Organizational Fee to the Organizing Committee at the amount of 60 Euro/person/day (included accommodation, 2 times a day meals (breakfast and dinner)). Accommodation period is 2 days minimum for each delegation member.

7.3 Transportation from and to airports at the expense of the organizing committee of the competition.

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

7.5 The Organizing Committee provides transfers, meals, and accommodation for the Chief Referee, Chief Secretary, 2 Deputy Chief Referees.

7.6 Payment of the salaries of the referees included in the official list of referees (chief referee, chief secretary, 2 Deputy Chief Referees) shall be provided by the European Sambo Federation (ESF).

7.7 Payment for the fare of the Chief referee, Chief secretary, 2 Deputy Chief Referees shall be provided by the European Sambo Federation (ESF).

8. Awarding.

8.1 Athletes who win prizes are awarded medals and diplomas.

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

8.3 The national anthem will be played and the flag will be raised.

Programme of the OPEN SAMBO TOURNAMENT “IVAN DOCTOROV TOURNAMENT 2026”.
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10 JULY 2026, Day 1	
17:00-18:00	Weighing of all weight categories: Cadets
20:00	Meeting of representatives and coaches, draw
11 JULY 2026, Day 2	
10:00	Preliminary meetings of all weight categories: Cadets
13:00	Opening ceremony
16:00	Finals
17:00	Awarding ceremony
12 JULY 2026, Day 2, Day 3	
	Departure of delegations