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REGULATIONS

2026 BALKAN SAMBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sport SAMBO - Children, Pre-Cadets, Cadets and Youth (Boys/Girls)

Kozani, Greece | 28-30 August 2026

1. GENERAL TERMS

1.1 The 2026 Balkan SAMBO Championships for Children, Pre-Cadets, Cadets and Youth (boys and girls), hereinafter referred to as the Championships, shall be conducted in accordance with the current International SAMBO Rules approved by the International SAMBO Federation (FIAS) and the applicable regulations of the European SAMBO Federation (ESF).

1.2 The Championships shall be organised by the Balkan SAMBO Association (BSA) and the Hellenic SAMBO Federation, with the approval of the European SAMBO Federation (ESF).

1.3 The Championships are held to determine individual and team winners in each age group, promote and develop SAMBO in the Balkan region, and strengthen international sporting relations.

2. COMPETITION ORGANISERS

2.1 General management and organisation of the Championships shall be the responsibility of the Balkan SAMBO Association (BSA) and the Hellenic SAMBO Federation.

2.2 Contact details of the organisers:

Balkan SAMBO Association (BSA)	Hellenic SAMBO Federation
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3. DATES AND VENUE

3.1 The Championships shall be held from 28 to 30 August 2026.

3.2 Competition venue: Lefkovrysi Municipal Indoor Sports Hall "Vasilis Flegkas", Lefkovrysi, Kozani 501 00, Greece.

3.3 Official hotel: Aliakmon Hotel, 38 Eleftheriou Venizelou Street, Kozani 501 00, Greece.

3.4 Accreditation and financial settlement shall be conducted at the official hotel. The exact location of each official weigh-in shall be confirmed in the final information bulletin sent to participating federations.

3.5 The Congress of the Balkan SAMBO Association (BSA) shall be held at the official hotel on 28 August 2026.

4. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

4.1 National SAMBO Federations from Balkan countries affiliated with FIAS and ESF have the right to participate in the Championships.

4.2 Each National Federation may enter a maximum of four athletes in each weight category.

4.3 Every athlete must present a valid passport or identity document, a valid medical certificate authorising participation, and valid accident insurance covering the period of the Championships.

4.4 Age and weight categories:

Age group	Boys	Girls
Children 11-12 years Born 2014-2015	-32, -35, -38, -42, -46, -49, -53, -58, -64, +64 kg	-32, -35, -38, -41, -44, -47, -50, -54, -59, +59 kg
Pre-Cadets 13-14 years Born 2012-2013	-35, -38, -42, -46, -49, -53, -58, -64, +64 kg	-35, -38, -41, -44, -47, -50, -54, -59, +59 kg
Cadets 14-16 years Born 2010-2012	-46, -49, -53, -58, -64, -71, -79, -88, +88 kg	-41, -44, -47, -50, -54, -59, -65, -72, +72 kg
Youth 16-18 years Born 2008-2010	-53, -58, -64, -71, -79, -88, -98, +98 kg	-47, -50, -54, -59, -65, -72, -80, +80 kg

4.5 Athletes born in 2012 may also be admitted to the Cadets category, and athletes born in 2010 may also be admitted to the Youth category. Registration and weigh-in shall be completed separately for each age group in which an athlete competes.

4.6 The official delegation of each National Federation may include: Head of Delegation - 1; Coaches - up to 4; Referee - 1; Doctor - 1; Athletes - up to four in each weight category.

4.7 During accreditation, each delegation must provide the Organising Committee with a short version of its national anthem (not longer than 30 seconds) in electronic format and two national flags measuring 2 x 1 metres.

5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the ESF Sports and Organisation Rules and the current International SAMBO Competition Rules (FIAS).

5.2 The competitions shall be officiated by a referee panel approved by the Chair of the ESF Referee Commission.

5.3 The draw shall be conducted after the official weigh-in by means of the official competition software.

5.4 Sport SAMBO competitions shall be conducted using the group distribution and elimination system with repechage bouts from the finalists, in accordance with the current FIAS Rules.

5.5 Team standings shall be determined according to the Olympic medal-table principle: number of gold medals, followed by silver medals and then bronze medals.

5.6 The Organising Committee shall provide first aid and medical assistance at the competition venue.

5.7 Each athlete must have red and blue FIAS-licensed SAMBO uniforms and a backnumber fully compliant with FIAS requirements.

5.8 The Championships are subject to the FIAS Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code. Any doping control shall be conducted by an authorised anti-doping organisation or sample collection provider.

6. REGISTRATION AND APPLICATIONS

6.1 Official entry forms, stamped by the National Federation and signed by its President or authorised representative, must be submitted no later than 10 August 2026 to: hellas.sambo.kurash@gmail.com.

6.2 The following forms shall be submitted as applicable:

- Annex 1 - Entry by Number;
- Annex 2 - Visa Support Form;
- Annex 3 - Accommodation Reservation Form;
- Annex 4 - Travel Details.

6.3 All participants who require a visa to enter Greece shall apply through the competent Greek diplomatic or consular mission. Visa fees and related expenses shall be borne by the relevant National Federation or participant.

6.4 The Organising Committee shall provide visa support upon receipt of a complete Annex 2 within the registration deadline.

6.5 Changes submitted after the deadline are subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

7. FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1 The official accommodation package is EUR 65 per person per night. The price includes accommodation at the official hotel, breakfast, dinner, and the applicable accommodation tax of EUR 5.

7.2 Travel to and from Kozani shall be covered by the participating National Federations or participants.

7.3 Payment shall be made in euros, either by bank transfer before arrival or in cash during accreditation. The Head of Delegation is responsible for settling all financial matters and completing the accreditation requirements.

7.4 Bank details:

Beneficiary	Hellenic Sambo, Kurash, Tsidaoba Federation
Bank	National Bank of Greece
Account Number	21229700071
IBAN	GR61 0110 2120 0000 2122 9700 071
SWIFT / BIC	ETHNGRAA
Currency	EUR
Bank charges	All bank charges shall be paid by the payer.

7.5 The Organising Committee shall provide accommodation and meals for the Chief Referee, Chief Secretary and up to ten referees approved for the Championships.

8. AWARDING

8.1 Athletes placed first, second and third shall be awarded medals, certificates and commemorative gifts.

8.2 Athletes must wear a red SAMBO uniform during official award ceremonies.

8.3 The national anthem of the winner shall be played and the national flags of the medal winners shall be raised.

8.4 The top three teams in the overall team standings shall be awarded cups and certificates.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to make necessary changes to the programme depending on the final number of participants, subject to coordination with the European SAMBO Federation. All participating federations shall be informed promptly of any approved changes.

10. PROGRAMME

Date / Time	Activity
Friday, 28 August 2026	Arrival of delegations
09:00-17:00	Accreditation, registration and financial settlement
16:00-17:00	Referees' meeting
17:00-18:00	Official weigh-in: Children (Boys/Girls) and Cadets (Boys/Girls)
18:00-19:00	Meeting of representatives and coaches; draw for Children and Cadets
19:00	Congress of the Balkan SAMBO Association (BSA)
Saturday, 29 August 2026	Competition Day 1
10:00-15:00	Preliminary bouts: Children (Boys/Girls) and Cadets (Boys/Girls)
15:30-16:00	Opening Ceremony
16:00-18:00	Finals and award ceremonies: Children and Cadets
18:00-19:00	Official weigh-in: Pre-Cadets (Boys/Girls) and Youth (Boys/Girls)
19:00-19:30	Meeting of representatives and coaches; draw for Pre-Cadets and Youth
Sunday, 30 August 2026	Competition Day 2
10:00-15:00	Preliminary bouts: Pre-Cadets (Boys/Girls) and Youth (Boys/Girls)
16:00-18:00	Finals and award ceremonies: Pre-Cadets and Youth
30 August-1 September	Departure of delegations according to travel arrangements

The present Regulations enter into force upon approval by the European SAMBO Federation.

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