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18th USPE
European Police Championships
Wrestling



22nd - 25th November 2025, Zagreb/Croatia

Invitation to Enter

The the Croatian Police Sports Federation was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 18th USPE European Police Championships Wrestling in Zagreb / Croatia from 22nd November 2025 to 25th November 2025.

The following regulations are issued for the USPE European Police Championships Wrestling 2025.

They have been adopted on the basis of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, Competition Rules and Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE.

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1. General organiser

Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)

2. Organiser

The Croatian Police Sports Federation

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3. Date

Arrival: 22nd November 2025
Departure: 25th November 2025

4. Venue

The competition will take place at

The Novi Jelkovec Hall. It is located at Vladimira Stahuljaka 1a. The hall is spread over 4 600 m².



5. Accommodation/Travelling

All participants will be accommodated in the
Hotel Novi Zagreb ***
Ul. Ive Robića 2, 10000, Zagreb
<https://hotel-novi-zagreb.hr/>



Conveniently located in the Blato district of Zagreb, this property places you close to attractions and interesting restaurants. This 3-star property is packed with interior amenities that enhance the quality and enjoyment of our competitors' stay.

The organiser will provide the shuttle service from the "Franjo Tuđman" Airport Zagreb (Ulica Rudolfa Fizira 21, Velika Gorica) and the Zagreb Main Train Station (King Tomislav Square 12), according to the travelling details of the delegations.

The distance from the "Franjo Tuđman" Airport to the venue is 19,2 km (20 min). The distance from the Main Train Station to the venue is 6 km (17 min).

Teams arriving with their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the hotel. Free parking available.

Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the host in time.

When submitting documents to the Croatian Embassy in the corresponding country one should indicate the purpose of the visit – USPE Championships organized by the Ministry of the Interior - Croatian Police.

Therefore the organiser needs from each delegation:

- **the full names of all participants**
- **the dates of birth of all participants**
- **the passport number of each participant**
- **specifically mark delegates, coaches and competitors**

Shuttle service during the USPE Championships:

The organiser will provide all shuttle services during the EPC. The exact schedules will be given on the arrival day.

6. Safety Requirements

The organiser has to make sure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sport discipline.

The organiser has to ensure that a medical first aid responder will be present during the competitions.

The organiser is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during the USPE EPC to determine the necessary precautions and measures necessary.

7. **Insurance**

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC is responsible for his/her own insurance cover.

The participating member countries are responsible for and undertake to ensure that all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) is in place for members travelling in their entire delegation. This will be at their own expense for the duration of the USPE EPC.

The USPE will not accept responsibility for any damage, accident or loss incurred by any person attending this USPE EPC.

8. **Competition Rules**

The rules and regulations laid down by United World Wrestling (UWW) shall apply, unless otherwise stipulated below or provided for in the Invitation to Enter.

The championship shall comprise the following styles: Greco- Roman and Freestyle wrestling.

Greco-Roman: -67 kg, -72 kg, -77 kg, -82 kg, -87 kg, -97 kg, -130 kg.

Freestyle: -70 kg, -74 kg, -79 kg, -86 kg, -92 kg, -97 kg, -125 kg.

Weight Tolerance

In accordance with the current official UWW Rules, no weight tolerance will be permitted at the official weigh-in.

Minimum Entries per Weight Category

Any weight category with fewer than four (4) registered wrestlers will be cancelled. Wrestlers entered in a cancelled category may, at their discretion, compete in the next higher weight category.

Notification of Final Weight Categories

The Organisers and the USPE Office will notify all participants of the final list of weight categories no later than 10 September 2025.

9. Event

9.1 Competition area

The sports hall where the tournament will be held is located in the Novi Jelkovec neighborhood of Zagreb, at the eastern entrance to the city. The three-part sports hall with supporting spaces and equipment on the ground floor and the trim cabinet, gym, gymnastics area and changing rooms, which are located in the basement, covers an area of 4,600 m². The hall has stands with a capacity of 700 seats and was opened for use in May 2017, which means that it is quite new. The competitions will be held on two wrestling mats simultaneously, will be recorded and a "challenge" will be enabled.

9.2 Participants

Each member union may only nominate one competitor per wrestling style and weight category. Up to four attendants may be nominated. However, the number of attendants must not exceed the number of sportsmen.

10. Referees

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, item 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring a sufficient number of referees.

The minimum standard for referees shall be the highest national level.

Exceptions must be approved by the responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

11. Provisional Timetable

Saturday, 22 November 2025

During the afternoon - Arrival of the teams

During the afternoon,

right after arriving at the hotel - Accreditation of the teams

18:30 – 19:00 Technical meeting
19:00 – 19:30 Draw for the Greek-Roman Style
19:30 – 21:00 Dinner

Sunday, 23 November 2025

07:00 – 08:00 Medical control, official weighing for the Greek – Roman style competitors
08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast
09:30 Departure from the hotel to the sports hall
11:00 Opening Ceremony
11:00 – 15:00 Preliminary Fights, Finals for the Greek – Roman Style competitors
Lunch Lunch packages in the sports hall - food packages collected from the hotel (meal time of choice)
16:30 Award Ceremony
19:00 Draw for the Freestyle
19:30 – 21:00 Dinner

Monday, 24 November, 2025

07:00 – 08:00 Medical control, official weighing for the Freestyle competitors
08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast
09:30 Departure from the hotel to the sports hall
11:00 – 15:00 Preliminary Fights, Finals for the Freestyle competitors
Lunch Lunch packages in the sports hall - food packages collected from the hotel (meal time of choice)
15:30 Award Ceremony
16:00 Closing Ceremony
19:00 Final Banquet

Tuesday, 25 November 2025

07:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

During the morning - Departure of the teams

12. Jury of Appeal

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply.

The appeal jury is installed at each European Police Championship. It is responsible for all appeals concerning the organisation and the regular course of events of the championship in question.

It is comprised of:

- the USPE Secretary General or their appointed deputy as chairperson,
- the competent member of the USPE Technical Commission,
- two representatives from the host country: one of them will not be a member of the police, but a sports expert involved in the work of the national or international sports federation covering the respective sport.

In case of a hung decision the vote of the chairperson shall be final. All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question **within one hour** of the results being displayed or the publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid.

The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified.

If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited is retained by the USPE.

The appeal fee will be a total of 100.00 €, paid in cash.

13. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the USPE Statutes, the USPE Rules and Regulations, the USPE Competition Rules as well as the USPE Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply.

Participation in championships is restricted to athletes, who:

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. actually provide police service at the time of the championship or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the championships (including preliminary rounds),
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration,
7. and submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

The Rules and Regulations of the USPE specify the conditions for participation in competitions.

The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

Military police, members of the military, members of the fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from the European Police Championships.

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

14. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Delegate of the USPE. In case of a document deficiency, the permission to start may be refused.

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without the Declaration the participation in the USPE EPC is not possible!

The competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Johannes Daxbacher, will supervise the verification during the accreditation.

To ensure a smooth accreditation procedure, the teams MUST complete the Declaration of Participation Form PRIOR to accreditation.

15. Anti-Doping

Doping tests (urine and/or blood) will be conducted during the USPE Championships, with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable. (www.wada-ama.org).

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Anti-Doping Declaration for each athlete, coach and delegate who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without this Declaration the participation in the USPE EPC is not possible!

Each Athlete can apply for TUE, i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances or methods contained in the list of prohibited substances or methods where use would otherwise be prohibited.

More information are available on the USPE website under:

<https://www.uspe.org/regulations.php>

16. Financial provisions**16.1 Travelling expenses**

Each member union will pay its own travelling expenses.

16.2 Board and lodging**Delegate**

The organiser will pay the expenses incurred by the delegate (USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 11) of the participating member union.

Team

For every other participant (athlete/attendant) 60.00 € per person/per night must be paid to the organiser (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).

Guests

In case a member country intends to be accompanied by guests and the organiser is able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest must cover their actual expenses by themselves.

Each accompanying guest is required to pay the actual costs at the hotel reception prior to check-out, and the organiser will ensure they receive a discounted accommodation rate.

16.3 Registration fee

Prior to USPE Championships, each participating country has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE.

This fee has to be paid before the opening of the Championships.

Registration fee for each start: 40.00 €

The USPE will send the respective invoices in time.

17. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to enter the following information within the following deadlines in the USPE Online Registration Tool for this EPC

1. The Croatian Police Sport Federation ([link](mailto:sluzba.za.policjski.trening@mup.hr) to e-mail) sluzba.za.policjski.trening@mup.hr and a copy of the message in CC to ibiletic@mup.hr
2. Office of the USPE Secretary General (office@uspe.org)
3. USPE Technical Delegate for Wrestling, Mr. Johannes Daxbacher ([link](mailto:hannesdaxbacher@t-online.de) to e-mail) hannesdaxbacher@t-online.de

Please meet the following deadlines

Number of participants

01st September 2025

Names of the participants

15th September 2025

Travelling details

01st October 2025

18. Restriction of personality rights

The personal details and data of all participants has been obtained and provided to USPE by the participating member country. Art. 6 par. 1 lit. a, and art. 7 of European General Data protection Regulation 'GDPR' refers. This allows for the use of personal data before, during and after the competition, as well as subsequent documents, photographs and videos that may be produced for example by the USPE.

It is the responsibility of the participating member country to ensure that every participant from their member country has consented to the GDPR agreement and the original consent document should be held by the member country.

19. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download on the USPE website:

<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>

It is in the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the USPE Technical Delegate during the accreditation.

20. Disclaimer

The USPE and the hosts shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

21. Notes

One contestant per team has to wear the **police uniform** of their respective country at the Opening Ceremony.

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

As to the Final Banquet all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue jeans).

Signed in the original

Ivo Velchev
USPE Secretary General

Mario Culej
President of the
Croatian Police Sports Federation