

Sofia, 05rd December 2026



12th USPE European Police Championship Volleyball Men

27th September – 4th October 2026 in Sofia/Bulgaria

Invitation to Enter

Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior (SA – MVR) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 12th USPE European Police Championship Volleyball Men from 27th September to 04th October 2026 in Sofia/Bulgaria.

The following regulations are issued for the 12th USPE European Police Championship Volleyball Men.

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**

Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior (SA – MVR)

- Chairman: Chavdar Atanasov
- Contact person: Simeon Gugalov
- Email: office@sa-mvr.com
- Phone: +359 89 8782 556

3. **Date**

- Arrival: 17th September 2026
- Departure: 04th October 2026

4. **Venue**

The competition takes place at: Sofia, Bulgaria

The venue-arena is sports hall „Hristo Botev“, "John Lenon" str., Sofia, Bulgaria, 1700

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5. **Accommodation**

All participants, delegates and guests will be accommodated in:

Hotel: "Hotel Vitosha or Park Hotel Sofia".

Address: 1700 Sofia, Students Complex, "Rosario" 1

Website: <https://www.vitoshaparkhotel.com/>

Website: <https://parkhotelmoskva.net/>

The shuttles for the delegates and guests will be provided by the organiser.

The meals for the teams will start with dinner on 27th September 2026 and end with breakfast on 04th October 2026. The eating schedule will be specified

in the information "Welcome" upon arrival.

6. Travel Information / Visa procedure

6.1 Travel information

The organiser will provide the shuttle from Sofia Airport "Vassil Levski" according to the travelling details of the delegations. Teams arriving by their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the Hotel.

6.2 Shuttle service during the USPE EPC Volleyball Men

The organiser will provide all shuttles during the EPC. The exact schedules will be given to delegations on arrival day.

6.3 Visa procedure

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

7. Safety Requirements

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

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

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

8. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC Volleyball Men is responsible for his/her own insurance cover. The participating member countries are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) for their whole delegation members at their own expense for the whole duration of this USPE EPC.

Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

9. Competition rules

The USPE Competition Rules, item 4.4 Volleyball, shall apply.

https://www.uspe.org/statuten/2023_01_01_USPE_Competitions_Rules_ENG.pdf

10. **Event**

10.1 **Draw**

Preliminary Round

The USPE member countries that declare their participation will compete against one another in the qualification phase. The structure and number of qualification rounds leading up to the Final Round will depend on the total number of countries that apply.

The draw to determine the opponents and the hosts for the qualification matches will take place between 21 and 23 January 2026 at the USPE Office in Sofia, Bulgaria.

All qualification matches must be played by 10 August 2026.

Note: The exact date and time of its online broadcast will be communicated in due course by letter to all parties that have submitted their applications within the prescribed deadline.

Final Round

The reigning champion of the previous championship, Germany, the finalist, Greece, as well as the host nation, Bulgaria, earn direct qualification to the Final round.

The draw for the Final Round will be conducted at the USPE Office in Sofia, after all qualification matches have been completed, within the period from 01st to 04th September.

Note: The exact date and time of its online broadcast will be communicated in due course by letter to all parties that have submitted their applications within the prescribed deadline.

Germany, as the reigning champion, is formally designated as A1; Bulgaria, as the host nation, is respectfully assigned to position B1; and Greece, as the finalist, is placed in position B2.

The remaining positions will be determined through an official draw among the five teams that have successfully qualified from the qualification phase.

The Final Round will be played on a group stage considered of two groups of four teams each playing against each other in their group. After the group stage, the first two teams of each group will play crossover in the Semi-Finals for the Bronze Final and Final.



The two teams placed 3rd will play for 5th place. The two teams placed 4th will play for 7th place.

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Draw - Final Round

September 2026 in USPE Office, Sofia/Bulgaria



	Group A		Group B
A1	Germany	B1	Bulgaria
A2	n.n.	B2	Greece
A3	n.n.	B3	n.n.
A4	n.n.	B4	n.n.

10.2 Competition area

The venue-arena is :
Sports hall „Hristo Botev”,
"John Lenon" str., Sofia, Bulgaria, 1700

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10.3 Participants

According to item 4.4.2 of the USPE Competition Rules:

For the Preliminary Round/Qualification Match, every team will be able to engage a maximum of 14 players and up to three attendants.

For the Final Round, every team will be able to engage a maximum of 14 players and up to four attendants.

The list of the players is closed during the technical meeting. No changes will be allowed after the technical meeting.

10.4 Team Sport equipment

The official ball for the Final round will be the "Mikasa".

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

The jerseys of the players of the Final round must have numbers according to the international rules.

Every player has to play with the same number during the whole Final round. Teams must have a minimum of two kits in different colours. The "libero" must wear a kit in a colour that clearly contrasts with the rest of the players.

10.5 Official Training

Depending on the arrival schedule of the teams on 27 September, a timetable for the official training session will be prepared.

10.6 Decorations and honours

The winner of the Final round of the 12th USPE European Police Championship Volleyball Men is "European Police Champion".

Medals:

Teams taking the first, second and third place are awarded with medals.

Other awards:

The organiser will hand over special awards.

11. Referees

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

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there are a sufficiently number of referees. He is supported in this by the BVF.

The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level.

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

According to item 2.4.2 of the USPE Competition Rules in Volleyball, each country qualified for the Final Round must provide a referee. In case of non-compliance, the respective country has to pay an additional fee to USPE.

This fee will be transferred to the organiser to pay for a substitute referee. The amount of the fee (500,00 €) is fixed by the USPE Executive Committee.



12. Provisional Timetable

Sunday, 27th September 2026

During the day	Arrival, Accreditation, Training (Depends on the arrival of the teams)
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner
21:00 – 22:00	Technical Meeting

Monday, 28th September 2026

09:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 12:00	A1-A4
12:30 – 14:30	B2-B3
15:00 – 17:00	A2-A3
17:30 – 19:30	B1-B4

Tuesday, 29th September 2026

09:30 – 11:30	A4-A3
12:00 – 14:00	B4-B3
14:30 – 16:30	A1-A2
17:00 – 19:00	B1-B2

Wednesday, 30th September 2026

09:30 – 11:30	A2-A4
12:00 – 14:00	B2-B4
14:30 – 16:30	A3-A1
17:00 – 19:00	B3-B1

Thursday, 01st October 2026

Free day

Friday, 02nd October 2026

09:30 – 11:30	Match for the 7 th place (4 th Group A-4 th Group B)
12:00 – 14:00	Match for the 5 th place (3 rd Group A-3 rd Group B)
14:30 – 16:30	Semi-Final 1 1 st Group A – 2 nd Group B
17:00 – 19:00	Semi-Final 2 1 st Group b – 2 nd Group A



Saturday, 03rd October 2026

14:00 – 16:00	Bronze Final	Looser SF1 – Looser SF2
16:30 – 18:30	Final	Winner SF1 – Winner SF2
18:45 – 19:30	Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony	
20:30	Gala Dinner	

Sunday, 04th October 2026

Departure

13. 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:

1. USPE Secretary General Velchev Ivo or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
2. the responsible USPE Technical Delegate for Volleyball, Mr. Duccio Maschio,
3. A member of the Referees Technical Committee, from the Bulgarian Volleyball Federation
4. Mr. Simeon Gugalov, from the Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior

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 less than an hour after the end of the fixing or publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify differently.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal 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.

14. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the Statutes, the Rules and Regulations, the Competition Rules as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE shall apply. They must satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the USPE Statutes.

Participation in USPE Championships and Preliminary Rounds 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 is a member of police organisation/force 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 or the Preliminary Rounds,
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration and
7. submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

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 and the Preliminary Rounds. 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.

15. 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, 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 participation in the Final Round is not possible!

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

To ensure an effortless procedure, the teams must complete the Declaration of Participation Form prior to accreditation.

16. Anti-Doping

Doping tests will be conducted during the USPE EPC Volleyball Men with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable (www.wada-ama.org).

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating athletes must present the self-signed USPE Anti-Doping Declaration.

Without this Declaration participation in the Final Round is not possible!

Please note the data protection notices for the Anti-Doping Declaration:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Data_protection_notices_USPE_Anti_Doping_Declaration.pdf.

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.

Please note the data protection notices for the TUE Application Form:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Template_USPE_TUE_Application_Form.pdf.

More information is available on the USPE website under: www.uspe.org.

17. Financial provisions

17.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay for its own travelling expenses.

17.2 Board and lodging

•Delegate

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

•Team

For every other participant (athlete/attendant) 60,00 Euro 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 has to pay the actual costs incurred by themselves. The amount of accommodation for the guests will be 250 € per person / per night (single / double room with three meals a day). SA – MVR will send the respective invoices on time.

Each Team and guest are obligated to indicate a billing address (e-mail) to the organiser of this USPE EPC.



17.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee in the amount of 500,00 € to the USPE before the opening of the championship.

The USPE General Treasurer will send the respective invoices in time.

18. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms by e-mail to:

1. Sports Association of the Bulgarian MoI: office@sa-mvr.com
2. Office of the USPE Secretary General: office@uspe.org
3. USPE Technical Delegate for Volleyball, Mr. Duccio Maschio
(duccio.maschio@comune.fi.it)

For the **qualifications** - Please meet the following deadlines:

Declaration of participation	20th January 2026
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For the **Final round** - Please meet the following deadlines:

Number of participants	15th August 2026
Names of the participants	15th August 2026
Travelling details	10th September 2026

Data protection notice:

The member countries are responsible for the data protection of their participants' data. Sending these forms by unencrypted e-mail is not a secure way of transmission. It is recommended to send the forms by post, fax or encrypted e-mail.

19. Restriction of personality rights

The corresponding agreement (art. 6, par. 1 lit, and art. 7 European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) of all participants (athletes, delegates, attendants) allowing the use of personal data during the competition, during the preparation for the competition, as well as after the competition and follow-up documentation of the competition in pictures and video sequences as PR procedures, for example by the USPE, has been obtained by the participating member country and is at hand in the original.

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

https://www.uspe.org/data_protection.php.



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.

20. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download on the USPE website below:
<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>.

It is the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the responsible USPE Technical Delegate for Volleyball, Mr. Duccio Maschio, during the accreditation.

21. 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.

22. Notes

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

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

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

Signed in the original

Ivo Velchev
USPE Secretary General

Chavdar Atanasov
SA – MVR-
Chairman