

EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION

ESF Junior Circuit Guidelines

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ESF Juniors Circuit Tournament

Slovak Junior Open 2026

European Junior Open Event

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Date, Event category

This European Junior event will be held from 18th September to 20st September 2026. The tournament will start on Friday at 9:00am.

Closing date for entries

6th September.2026

Venue(s)

IMET SQUASH CENTER

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Courts available: 3+3 (Tournament will be held in both centers, if entries exceed 85 players.

Max entries: 150

Categories

Boys U19 Girls U 19

Boys U 17 Girls U 17

Boys U 15 Girls U 15

Boys U13 Girls U 13

Boys U 11 Girls U 11

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The TD reserves the right to amalgamate age groups if there are insufficient entries to make a workable draw. Players are only allowed to enter one category.

Eligibility

Any player shall be entitled to enter providing that he/she is under the age of 13/15/17/19/ (according to the category entered on the closing date of the tournament. As specified by the European Squash Federation; to compete in all ESF registered events, all players, coaches, managers and other officials must be registered with ESF. This must be approved and validated by the relevant MNF.

The MNF is responsible for ensuring that all players, coaches, managers and other officials are registered with ESF prior to entry, and their entry is fully supported.

Players can register for ESID with ESF through the ESF tournament software website:

<https://esf.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/97fa1b06-eebf-4b46-9d7a-6d8f2727b2ba>

Coaches

All team or individual player coaches designated by their Nation as part of their event onsite management team(solely or in attendance with an appointed team manager)at any Championship held under the auspices of ESF must be ESF registered, i.e. have an ESID, as their licence to attend as a formal representative. This is required at the time of them being registered to attend by their National federation.

Seeding

The seeding and draw will be carried out using current ESF rankings valid at the tournament closing date, in accordance with the ESF Junior Circuit Guidelines Section D.

The seeding will be published online a week prior to the event using the current ESF Junior Ranking, together with the starting times of each age group. The draw will be published 2 days before the event.

Matches

All matches played will consist of the best of five games, under the rules of the WSF. All players are guaranteed a minimum of three matches. PAR 11 scoring (to 2 clear points) will be used.

Draws

Maximum draw size: 64 (3 day event).

Maximum draw size: 128 (4 day event).

Refereeing

Both players will be expected to mark and referee matches.

Clothing

Players must wear suitable squash attire including non-marking shoes

Eye Protection

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It is mandatory for approved eye protection to be worn at all times during competition play, including the knock up at this event. Players will not be allowed to compete without approved eye protection

Recording of matches/Web Publishing/Live Streaming

The recording of matches for coaching/performance analysis purposes is acceptable provided the player and/or their parents/coaches do not object.

The Junior Open will be publishing draws, results, photos of players as well as live streaming.

Prizes

To be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Insurance

Players enter and play in the tournament at their own risk. Neither the organisers nor the ESF will accept responsibility for any claims including for injury or accident. Suitable insurance must be organised by the player or the participating federation.

Hotel

Recommendation:

Hotel max inn

address: Pri Suchom mlyne 7

contact: repcia@maxinn.sk

Hotel Družba

address: Botanická 25

contact: repcia@druzba-uniba.sk

Reservations can only be made by coaches or parents.

Transport

Not available during this tournament.

Entries

All entries must be endorsed by the players National Association. All entries will be confirm after online payment to bank account:

SK91 7500 0000 0040 3447 8668

note: name + surname

Payment

The fees and packages, as detailed below, along with the ranking levy of €5 per player must be paid to the host by the closing date.

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Event fee: 65€

Draws

The seeding lists and time of the first matches for specific age groups will be published at least 5 days prior to the start date, or alternatively a date and time for all participants to report to the TD will be stated.

Evaluation

A link to an online survey will be sent to all participants after the tournament has taken place. Responses are anonymous and will be collated by the ESF office.

Safeguarding, health and safety

Adults interacting with juniors in the organisation and running of ESF Junior Circuit events are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that junior players are treated fairly, with respect, and given suitable support. Tournaments should be run in a safe, positive and encouraging environment. The host Organising Committee, including Tournament Director and Tournament Referee should be trained in safeguarding children according to the host MNF national standards. The health and safety of all persons (players, officials, spectators, tournament staff) involved in or attending a tournament is of paramount importance. The Organising Committee, via the host MNF is responsible for ensuring an appropriate plan is in place for the tournament.

ESF Regulations & Penalties

The tournament is part of the ESF Junior Circuit and will be run in accordance with the ESF Junior Guidelines, a copy of which is available on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com. MNFs should make sure that all relevant people (including coaches, managers and players) are aware of the Guidelines and their requirements.

The tournament will be run under the terms and conditions as set out in ESF Regulations: Code of Conduct - The tournament will be run under the terms and conditions as set out in EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION PRIVACY POLICY as published on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com

A late withdrawal is a withdrawal made 2 days or less before the start date of the tournament. Ranking penalties may be applied to the records of the players who fail to turn up or who make a late withdrawal not supported by a medical certificate.

Please note: The medical certificate must clearly state the players name, date of birth and nature of the illness/injury the certificate must cover the date of the relevant tournament and must be sent to the ESF Office within 2 days after the final day of the tournament.

If a player:

- a) Has entered a tournament and fails to turn up, he/she will receive zero ranking points for the tournament

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- b) Fails to play out all scheduled matches for any reason other than illness or injury, he/she may receive zero ranking points for the tournament
- c) If zero points are awarded the points will count as one of the players 4 best results for the rolling 12 month period and will be taken into account when dividing the points to obtain the ranking average. This penalty will be applied automatically
- d) Commits either of these offence for a second time within a 12 month period, he/she may be banned from the ESF Juniors Circuit for a period of 12 months