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Dear Masters, Instructors, Competitors

On behalf of ITF Taekwon-Do Finland and All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation we have the great pleasure to invite you to the

31st Senior & 22nd Junior European Taekwon-Do Championships 2016

which will be held in Tampere, Finland 28th of April to 1st of May 2016. The event shall be held in the Hakametsä Stadium.

We sincerely hope that the European Championships will be a success for all competitors, coaches, umpires, VIPs and supporters.

Looking forward to welcoming all of you in Finland in April 2016!

Yours in Taekwon-Do,

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Place and time of event

The 31st Senior and 22nd Junior European Taekwon-Do Championships will take place from the 28th of April – 1st of May 2016, in Hakametsä Stadium, Keltinkatu 2, 33530 Tampere, Finland. Tampere is located 19 km from Tampere-Pirkkala airport and 172 km from Helsinki-Vantaa airport.

Organizers

All European Taekwon-Do Federation (AETF), ITF Taekwon-Do Finland (National Association) in co-operation with Black Eagle Taekwon-Do Club Tampere, Tampere Taekwon-Do Club and the City of Tampere.

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Address: Euros2016, c/o Tampere Taekwon-Do Club, P.O. Box 10, 33211 Tampere, Finland

Internet: www.tkdeuros2016.fi

Arrival dates and meeting point

Delegations must arrive in Tampere **before or on Wednesday 27th of April 2016 before 21.00** and must proceed directly to the meeting point Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu (Koskikatu 5, 33100 Tampere) for accreditation and payments. Note! Delegations arriving on Wednesday will have to pay all AETF fees in advance via bank transfer.

Delegations arriving before Wednesday 27th of April 2016 may proceed to Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu, (Koskikatu 5, 33100 Tampere) on Tuesday 26th of April, 2016 from 15.00 – 19.30 for registration of accommodation and possible competition fees payments.

Each country will be responsible for their own expenses whilst attending the Championships.



Registration of the Competitors

Registration of competitors, Coaches, VIPs, Supporters and others will be coordinated by All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation.

From **18th of January 2016**, delegations must apply for the credentials through the A.E.T.F registration page from the following link: <http://euros2016.pztkd.lublin.pl/registration.php>.

Once you receive your credentials, you will be able to login your delegation's participants from this link: <http://euros2016.pztkd.lublin.pl/registration.php>

In case of any problem, countries may contact the Online Register Team via e-mail address: champ@pztkd.lublin.pl

Other important information might be found at the following websites:

www.itfeurope.org / www.tkdeuros2016.fi

Competition rules

Competition rules will be the official International Taekwon-Do Federation Tournament rules.

Weigh In

The Weigh In shall take place on Wednesday April 27th, 2016 **from 10.00 to 13.00 and from 19.00 to 22.00** according to the Weigh In time table per country in the Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu (Koskikatu 5, 33100 Tampere). All competitors must find their own way to be present at the Weigh In.

All competitors must be present at the Weigh In regardless of the event they compete in. They must also be in possession of a valid identification document (passport, national ID), Euros 2016 official ID cards, ITF small black belt card.

All competitors must make the weight in their ITF approved dobok trousers and T- or polo shirt. A maximum of 500 gram margin over the indicated weight division is permitted.

Competitors not making their weight at the 1st attempt will have one (1) hour to present themselves for the 2nd and last attempt. If he/she doesn't make the weight then he/she shall be removed from the sparring competition category and shall not be allowed to enter any other weight category.



Divisions

- The championships will be performed separately for Seniors and Juniors.
- Juniors must be 14 years old on the first day of the competition.
- Competitors born in the year 1998 must participate as Juniors.
- Competitors born on 1997 or before are seniors.

Equipment regulations

All competitors have to wear the official ITF dobok and protection gear from the sponsors as shown at the ITF website (www.tkd-itf.org) under "Approved equipment".

All competitors in sparring competition must use protection gear in red or blue color depending on the draw.

Entry fees

Competitors entry fee (both individuals and/or team members): **100 €** per person

Team entry fee: **50 €** per team

The competitor's entry fees can be transferred electronically and must be cleared by **3rd of April** 2016 to the AETF Bank Account.

Please remember to pay the transfer costs from your side, if the AETF has to pay for the transfer costs then you will need to pay this back on arrival.

Incumbent: All Europe Taekwon-do Federation

Incumbent address: 5/B Milenijna, 20-884 Lublin, Poland

Bank: BPS SA. o/ Lublin

Bank address: 4 Karłowicza, 20-027 Lublin, Poland

Account: PL 04 1930 1709 2001 0021 0584 0001

SWIFT: POLU PL PR

The competition fees can also be paid in cash **ONLY** on arrival directly at the AETF registration point. Credit/debit or other card payments will not be accepted.



Insurance

The Organizing Committee of the European Championships 2016 will **NOT** be financially or morally responsible for any possible injuries caused during the competition. All competitors must have full insurance coverage by their own organization/country.

Free training facilities

On Tuesday 26th of April and Wednesday 27th of April 2016 free training facilities are available at the Sport hall "Näashalli" (Näsijärvenkatu 8, 33210 Tampere, Näashalli is located underground) according to the following training schedule:

- Tuesday 14.00 – 19.00 hrs
- Wednesday 9.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 19.00 hrs.

Sport hall "Näashalli" is located 1,3 km from competitors' hotel.

During the competition Warming-up Hall "Hakametsä 2" (next to competition hall) is available.

Accommodation - Competitors, Coaches and/or Others

Booking of accommodation should be made by the person in charge of each country. Please note that the Organizing Committee will not handle any bookings from individuals.

We offer three different levels of accommodation during the championships. You can choose between **ECONOMY** (breakfast), **HALF BOARD 1** (breakfast and lunch), **HALF BOARD 2** (breakfast and dinner), **FULL BOARD** (breakfast, lunch and dinner). In each level there are rooms for 1 up to 3 persons.

Lunch will be served in the arena on competition days (Thursday to Sunday) otherwise at the hotel. The lunch will consist of a hot meal and will be adapted for "sportsmen". Non-alcoholic beverage is included.

Dinner will be served at the hotels. The dinner will be adapted for "sportsmen". Non-alcoholic beverage is included.

For those booking half board or full board, accommodation starts with lunch on arrival day and ends with breakfast on departure day with no exceptions.



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We will also help with alternative dishes for persons with allergies or special diets if you state this in your application.

The price also includes free training facilities during Tuesday and Wednesday, transport from the hotel to the arena, medical assistance during the competition and free admission to the Euros 2016 party.

Below are the prices for the different types of accommodation **for competitors, coaches and supporters**. The prices are per person per night.

Type of room	ECONOMY	HALF BOARD 1 ¹	HALF BOARD 2 ²	FULL BOARD ³
Single room	92 €	104 €	111 €	123 €
Double/twin room	61 €	73 €	80 €	92 €
Triple room ⁴	55 €	67 €	74 €	86 €

¹ Breakfast and lunch

² Breakfast and dinner

³ Breakfast, lunch and dinner

⁴ Double/twin room with extra bed

Below are the prices for the different types of accommodation **for VIPs**. The prices are per person per night.

Type of room	ECONOMY	HALF BOARD 1 ¹	HALF BOARD 2 ²	FULL BOARD ³
Single room	95 €	107 €	114 €	126 €
Double/twin room	63 €	75 €	82 €	94 €
Triple room ⁴	57 €	69 €	76 €	88 €

¹ Breakfast and lunch

² Breakfast and dinner

³ Breakfast, lunch and dinner

⁴ Double/twin room with extra bed

Please note that the number of different types of rooms is limited! We will handle applications in the order they are received. This means that those who send their applications first will have priority.

If you wish to stay for a holiday after the competition it is possible to book extra nights with Economy level accommodation. Please fill in the "Hotel Booking Application Form" accordingly.



Follow these steps to start the process of booking your accommodation:

Step 1

Fill in and send the form "Hotel Booking Application Form" **on or before 28th of February 2016**. After this date we cannot guarantee places in the hotel or the above mentioned prices.

Send the form via e-mail to: hotels@tkdeuros2016.fi (with copy to info@tkdeuros2016.fi).

The organizers will check your booking and send you an invoice for prepayment of 50% of the total amount for each person list in the form.

Please note that the booking will not be confirmed until the requested amount has been registered in the organizer's account. Please remember to pay the transfer costs from your side, if the Organizing Committee has to pay for the transfer costs then you will need to pay this back on arrival.

Those countries and their participants **NOT** booking their hotel accommodation through the Organizing Committee shall pay 100 € per person to obtain the competition ID card in advance via bank transfer. The Organizing Committee will send an invoice to the delegation.

Step 2

After the amount has been accounted, your booking will be officially accepted. This will be confirmed to the responsible person of each delegation.

Step 3

The accommodation balance must be paid **on or before 3rd of April 2016**. You may pay the whole accommodation amount in advance if you wish to do so.

Note! All hotel payments must be made electronically to the organizer's account according to the due dates. No cash payments will be accepted.

Step 4

It is possible to make **small changes** in the hotel accommodation reservation until **3rd of April 2016**. After this date it is not possible to change the reservations and the accommodation form will be used as the base of calculating the accommodation cost for each country delegation.



Umpires

- Umpires must arrive before or on **Wednesday 27th of April 2016 before 13.00** and depart on Monday 2nd of May, 2016.
- ITF Taekwon-Do Finland will pay a 6 days/5 nights hotel accommodation including full board (beverages not included) from Wednesday 27th of April to Monday 2nd of May 2016 for a maximum of 50 umpires.
- Umpires will be accommodated in twin/double (2 persons) rooms.
- Umpires wishing to share a room with another person than the one assigned by the organizer (example spouse), will be required to pay 63 € (economy), 75 € (half board) **OR** 94 € (full board) in accordance with the VIP accommodation pricing.
- Umpires wishing a single room shall pay 40 € per person per day.
- Umpires not selected, but wishing to participate and approved by the AETF Tournament & Umpire Committee, must cover their hotel accommodation according to above mentioned arrangements and will not receive any expense reimbursement by the AETF.
- Umpires must attend the **Umpire meeting on Wednesday 27th of April, 2016** from 15.00 – 17.30 in the Hakametsä Stadium.
- Umpires not present at the above mentioned umpire meeting shall be removed from the umpire list and shall pay their own accommodation expenses.

Countries must send the “**2016 AETF EC UMPIRE application form**” to the AETF Tournament and Umpire Committee **on or before 14th of February** to Mr. Attila Solti at: soltiattilazsolt@gmail.com (and copy to champ@pztkd.lublin.pl) order to apply for their Umpires to be selected for the AETF European Championships 2016.

The AETF Tournament & Umpire Committee shall provide the Umpire booking list to hotels@tkdeuros2016.fi, **on or before 28th of February** 2016, in order to take care of the required hotel accommodation.

Coaches

Please note that coaches are invited to the **coach meeting** held at the Hakametsä Stadium on **Wednesday 27th of April at 17.30 – 19.00 hrs.** Countries may participate in the coaches meeting with a maximum of 4 coaches.

It is the Coach's responsibility to make sure that competitors who are not competing remain in the stands. Competitors found in the competition area when not called in the competition categories will have their ID card withdrawn by the AETF Tournament and Umpire Committee! It will be returned to the Coach after the payment of a fine of 100 €.



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Coach must wear a T/polo shirt or tracksuit jacket with their country name written at the back.

Supporters

Supporters accommodated in the organizer's hotel will receive a competition ID card free of charge. The ID card includes free entry to the competition and the after party. Tickets to the Championships for other spectators are sold at the door.

Press

The organization has its own Press staff. Those who wish to apply for a Press Badge can do so by sending application to info@tkdeuros2016.fi . A maximum of five (5) press passes will be allocated. Cost of this is 50 €.

How to get to Tampere

By plane

The nearest airport is Tampere–Pirkkala Airport, which is located 19 km from Tampere city center. You can take a bus from there to the city center.

Distance from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Tampere city center is 172 km. You can take a bus or a train to Tampere.

Transport for the teams can also be arranged to and from both of the airports, please contact hotels@tkdeuros2016.fi for a quote.

By train

Tampere has good connections by railway from Helsinki and Turku harbor. It takes approximately 2 hours from Helsinki / Turku to Tampere by train. You can easily book train tickets at this site: <https://www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/frontpage>

By car

There are difficulties in travelling comfortably by car in Finland. Most of the roads are of very good standard, no matter the weather conditions.



Currency

The currency used in Finland is the Euro. If you have not exchanged your currency before arriving to Tampere, you can inquire the locations of the Forex Bank branches close by from the organizers.

Visa

The national federation of the country needing a visa must send the Organizing Committee by e-mail (info@tkdeuros2016.fi) the names of the competitors/coaches/umpires/VIP's/supporters/etc. attending the championship. The list must also include their passport number and date of birth. The Organizing Committee will then provide an official invitation that can be presented to the Finnish Embassy. It is recommended to apply well in advance.

Other matters

- The Organizing Committee of the championships will arrange free transportation to Hakametsä Stadium in the morning and back to the hotels after the competition day.
- However, there is good public transportation connections from competition hall to city centre so participants may buy from Organizing Committee a 4 day bus card 10 € (valid for the whole duration of the competition Thursday -Sunday) or individual tickets for 3 € from the bus driver.
- Please note that Anti-Doping Commission is expected during the Championships.
- The official European Championships after party will be arranged in the same venue for seniors and juniors but in different parts of the venue. In the part for juniors there will be NO selling of alcoholic beverages. All participants free admission to the official EC 2016 party.
- Please note that 1st of May is a holiday called "Vappu" (Labor day) in Finland so there will be a lot of celebrators in the city center on Saturday night and during the day on Sunday.

Extraordinary circumstances

The Organizing Committee of the European Championships 2016 is NOT responsible for ANY consequences caused by possible delays or cancellations of flights or other transportation used by the participating teams travelling to Finland. Therefore the prepayment for hotel accommodation made before the Championships will not be refunded.



Arrivals and Program

The schedule for the European Championships 2016 is as follows:

Tuesday 26th of April 2016

13.00 – 15.00 – Lunch

14.00 – 19.00 – Training facilities are open in the sport hall “Näëshalli”

15.00 – 19.30 – Registration for accommodation and competition in Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu (Koskikatu 5, 33100 Tampere)

19.30 – 21.30 – Dinner

Wednesday 27th of April 2016 (or before)

Arrivals of teams (at the latest 20.00 hrs)

09.00 – 21.00 – Registration for accommodation and competition in Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu

09.00 – 12.00 / 14.00-19.00 – Training facilities are open in the sport hall “Näëshalli”

10.00 – 13.00 / 19.00 – 22.00 – Weigh In – Hotel Cumulus Koskikatu

13.00 – 15.00 – Lunch

15.00 – 17.30 – Umpire meeting – Competition hall Hakametsä Stadium

17.30 – 19.00 – Coach meeting – Competition hall Hakametsä Stadium

19.30 – 21.30 – Dinner

Thursday, 28th of April 2016 – Competition day 1

07.15 – Breakfast

09.00 – 10.00 – Opening Ceremony

10.00 – 13.00 – Competition

13.00 – 15.00 – Lunch in competition hall

15.00 – 19.00 – Competition

19.30 – 21.30 – Dinner



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Friday, 29th of April, 2016 – Competition day 2

07.15 – Breakfast

09.00 – 13.00 – Competition

13.00 – 14.30 – Lunch in competition hall

No afternoon competition

15.00 – 19.00 – AETF Congress

19.30 – 21.30 – Dinner*

*The city of Tampere invites Congress participants as well as competition sponsors and partners to dinner which is served after the congress at the congress location.

Saturday, 30th of April, 2016 – Competition day 3

07.15 – Breakfast

09.00 – 13.00 – Competition

13.00 – 15.00 – Lunch in competition hall

15.00 – 20.00 – Competition

20.00 – 22.00 – Dinner

Sunday, 1st of May, 2016 – Competition day 4

07.15 – Breakfast

09.00 – 13.00 – Competition

13.00 – 15.00 – Lunch in competition hall

15.00 – 18.30 – Competition & Closing Ceremony

19.00 – 21.00 – Dinner

20.30 – Euros 2016 Party!

Monday, 2nd of May, 2016

Departure or stay for a holiday.



After Party

The after party will be located 5-10 mins walk from hotels. The venue is called "Klubi", Tullikamarin aukio 2, 33100 Tampere.

Important dates

February

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| 14 th of February 2016 | Submit the "2016 AETF EC UMPIRE Application Form" to the AETF T&U Committee |
| 28 th of February 2016 | Submit the "Accommodation form" and pay 50% deposit of the total amount due for the entire delegation. |

March

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| 6 th of March 2016 | First term to add all competitors (individual and team) to the applications in Online Registration (for organizational reasons) |
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April

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| 3 rd of April 2016 | Last date to request small changes/corrections in your hotel booking. |
| 3 rd of April 2016 | Final date to pay hotel accommodation balance.
Final date to pay the entry fee by bank transfer. |
| 17 th of April 2016 | Deadline for adding or changing participants in the Online Registration. |
| 28 th of April to 1 st of May, 2016 | European Championships in Tampere |