



**SKOPJE**

EUROPEAN  
TEQBALL TOUR

**26-29  
JANUARY**

SPORTS CENTER  
„JANE SANDANSKI“



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# Event Guide



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## WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ), we offer our warmest welcome to all the athletes, coaches and technical officials, as well as delegates participating in the European Teqball Tour in Skopje, North Macedonia. The second qualifier for the European Games 2023 will feature the world's leading men's singles, women's singles; men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles players in a milestone event for FITEQ in Skopje.

This event will provide the 155 athletes from 27 countries with opportunities to win \$30,000 prize money and to obtain world ranking points as well, whilst giving fans all over the world a unique sporting experience. We believe that the European Teqball Tour in Skopje will be memorable and exciting for both the participants and the wider sporting community, as well as for the spectators.

FITEQ would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to thank Dafanews for their support towards this event. We wish you all a fantastic competition!

**Viktor Huszár**  
Chairman  
FITEQ

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## II. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### EVENTS

- Men' Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

### ACCREDITATION

- SPORTS CENTER "JANE SANDANSKI"; Skopje, North Macedonia
- 25 January from 15:00 to 16:30 PM and from 17:30 to 20:00 PM (local time)
- 26 January from 08:00 to 08:30 AM
- 27 January from 08:00 to 08:30 AM

### TECHNICAL MEETING

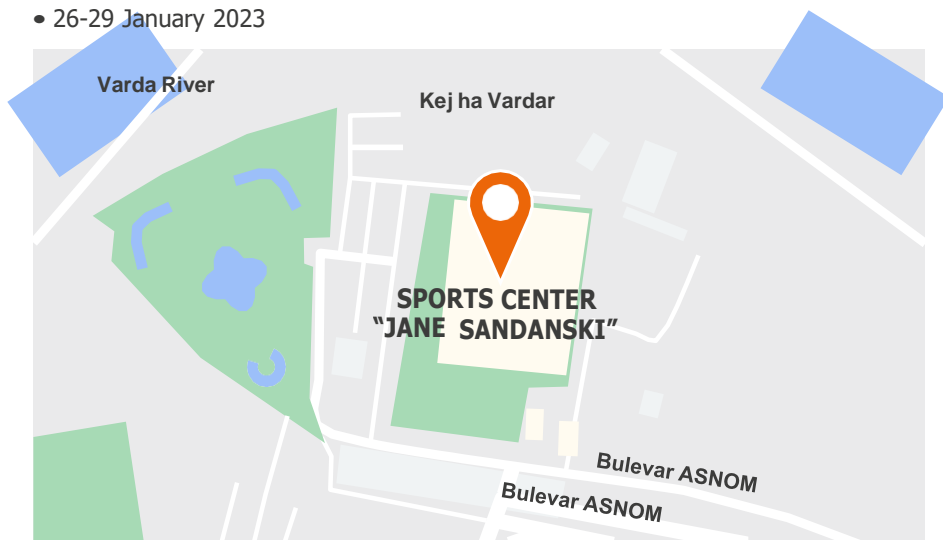
- Technical meeting will be held on 25 January from 17:00 to 17:30 PM

### COMPETITION VENUE

- SPORTS CENTER "JANE SANDANSKI"
- Blvd. ASNOM, Skopje MK MK, 1000, North Macedonia

### DATE

- 26-29 January 2023



## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### 25 JANUARY

15:00-16:30

17:00-17:30

17:30-20:00

ACCREDITATION

TECHNICAL MEETING

PRACTICE SESSION (Hall B) + ACCREDITATION

### 26 JANUARY

09:00-20:00

MEN'S SINGLES – GROUP STAGE

WOMEN'S SINGLES – GROUP STAGE

WOMEN'S DOUBLES – GROUP STAGE

### 27 JANUARY

09:00-18:45

MEN'S DOUBLES – GROUP STAGE

MIXED DOUBLES – GROUP STAGE

MEN'S SINGLES – KNOCKOUT STAGE

### 28 JANUARY

09:00-18:50

ALL CATEGORIES – KNOCKOUT STAGE  
(BRONZE MATCHES INCLUDED)

### 29 JANUARY

10:00-

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WOMEN'S SINGLES – FINAL

MEN'S SINGLES – FINAL

WOMEN'S DOUBLES – FINAL

MIXED DOUBLES – FINAL

MEN'S DOUBLES – FINAL

AWARD CEREMONY

## **TOURNAMENT SYSTEM**

The tournament will consist of a group stage and a knockout stage in all categories.

### **GROUP STAGE**

- Best of 3 set games - the first team to reach 12 points, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.

### **KNOCKOUT STAGE**

- Best of 3 sets games, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.
- Bronze game will be played by the losers of the semi-finals.
- Final will be played by the winners of the semi-finals

### **QUALIFICATION RULES**

In case of the same results between the teams the following guidelines and rules shall be applied to decide which team finishes higher:

- Direct result (in case of 2 teams);
- Results against each other with better set difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against each other with better point difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against the other teams of the group (sets, points);
- In case every result is the same, a coin toss will be made, and the winner finishes hi

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### Men's Singles:

80 athletes have been registered in the Men's Singles category.

According to the current Men's Singles World Ranking, the top 8 athletes have been seeded and will proceed to the Knockout stage (KO 32) without playing in the Group stage.

The rest of the athletes (72) have been drawn into 24 groups of 3 with the best one athlete from each group proceeding to the Knockout stage (KO 32).

### Women's Singles:

29 athletes have been registered in the Women's Singles category.

According to the current Women's Singles World Ranking, the top 2 athletes have been seeded and will proceed to the Knockout stage (KO 16) without playing in the Group stage. The rest of the athletes (27) have been drawn into 1 group of 4 and 7 groups of 3, with the best two athletes from each group proceeding to the Knockout stage (KO 16).

### Men's Doubles:

43 doubles have been registered for the Men's Doubles category.

According to the current Men's Doubles World Ranking, the top 4 doubles have been seeded and will proceed to the Knockout stage (KO 16) without playing in the Group stage. The rest of the teams (39) have been drawn into 3 groups of 4 and 9 groups of 3. The best team from each group proceeding to the Knockout stage (KO 16).

### Mixed Doubles:

29 doubles have been registered for the Mixed Doubles category.

According to the current Mixed Doubles World Ranking, the top 2 teams have been seeded and will proceed to the Knockout stage (KO 16) without playing in the Group stage. The rest of the teams (27) have been drawn into 6 groups of 4 and 1 group of 3. The best two teams from each group will proceed to the KO 16.

### Women's Doubles:

12 doubles have been registered for the Women's Doubles category.

The teams have been drawn into 4 groups of 3. The best two teams from each group will proceed to the QF.

## **ADDITIONAL RULES**

- Warm-up time before the game: 1 MINUTE.
- Time out: ONCE every game. The teams/players do not change side after time-out but remain on their own half as before the Time-out.
- Break between the sets: 1 MINUTE. By entering the event, players agree to abide by The FITEQ Rules and Regulation of Teqball (can be found at [www.fiteq.org](http://www.fiteq.org)).
- Call room/area: every athlete must be present there 10 minutes prior to their match otherwise they will receive a warning. After 3 warnings a walkover will be the penalty.
- The Official Rules and Regulations have been updated, including but not limited to the following areas:

### **10 - THE SERVICE**

- 10.3.2 The point of touch with the ball must be above the lowest level of the playing surface. – **flat service excluded.**

### **12 - THE ORDER OF PLAY**

- 12.2.3 Before the final set the sides and serving are selected by the players after a coin toss made by the Main Referee (see: Coin toss, 18). Players also select their roles regarding the serving and receiving players, just like before the first set. **The player/team who earned more points during the first two sets should be considered as the winner of the coin toss. If the points are equal, a coin toss must be made.**

### **17 - ILLEGAL ATTACK**

- **The rule regarding the bicycle kicks has been excluded, therefore there are no restrictions on these types of movements.**

### **33 - DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - updated**

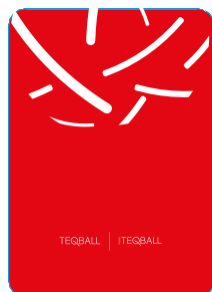
- 33.3 **SANCTIONS AND THE CARD SYSTEM**
- **Updated, including the referee cards and more detailed disciplinary actions.**



## NEW WARNING SYSTEM

During the competition, referees will use cards to demonstrate disciplinary actions, to ensure visibility and understanding of the procedures. Disciplinary actions remain the same according to the rulebook:

- Unsporting conduct occurs when a player makes any inappropriate verbal remark or non-verbal gesture to the opponent players, team officials, referees, spectators or any other stakeholders who are part of the match/tournament.
- If the Main Referee considers the player's conduct to be unsporting, they may sanction the player according to the following three steps:
- Verbal warning – for unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee must issue a verbal warning to the offending player or team official, without awarding a point, unless the opposing player/team is clearly going to win the point. If the opposing player/ team wins the point after unsporting conduct, the point must be awarded, and a verbal warning must be issued afterwards. The Main Referee may use their own words to explain the type of unsporting behaviour and then must warn the player that for the next similar action, a point will be awarded to the opponent player/ team. – **WARNING CARD**
- Point awarded to the opponent player/team – in teqball, referees do not use coloured cards. Where an unsporting behaviour takes place for a second time by the player/ team or team official, the Main Referee must award a point to the opponent player/ team and call out: "Second warning! Point to the opponent!" This step may be used several times if a player continues with unsporting behaviour. – **POINT TO THE OPPONENT CARD**
- Dismissal – in the case of an extreme offence or continuous unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee may dismiss a player by reporting them to the Competition Manager and/or the Chief Referee. The dismissal must be made by either the Competition Manager or the Chief Referee. After the dismissal, the opposing player/ team wins the match, but all previously earned points by the dismissed player remain valid.
- A warning or penalty incurred by any member of a team shall apply to the whole team.



## WORLD RANKING

World Ranking points will be awarded as per Teqball Tour event with the bonus points system implemented as per the FITEQ World Ranking Policy.

## Participating Nations

ALG, ARM, BUL, CAN, CMR, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ITA, KGZ, KOS, MKD, MNE, NOR, PAN, POL, POR, ROU, SRB, SVK, TPE, TUN, UKR

## Accreditation/registration

Athletes and delegations will receive an official accreditation pass to the Skopje Teqball Tour venues, and competition areas. The accreditation must be worn at all times and the holder of the accreditation can be asked to prove their identity during the competition at any time. **Attending in the accreditation is mandatory for all the athletes.**

**Every athlete must present a valid ID card/passport and must submit the jerseys/shorts as well for approval.**

## Practice opportunity – warm-up area

Warm-up area will be available in Hall B during the whole competition where athletes can practice on two tables.

Please only use the warm-up facilities 60 minutes prior to your match in order to allow everyone to have enough time and space to practice.

## Prize Money Allocation

According to FITEQ's new policy, 100% of the prize money won is allocated to the players.

Please note that if your Payment Details are still missing in the FITEQ system after the deadline (18 January), your **ETT – Skopje Prize Money** will be postponed to March 2023.

Prize money will be transferred by the 15th of February latest.

## Uniforms and accessories

All players and teams must provide their own sports clothing.

All players and teams must have a minimum of two (2) sets of shirts/jerseys, each of a different shade. Prior to each game, teams shall agree on their uniform. 'Home' team chooses first which jersey to wear. If no agreement is reached there will be a coin toss by the referee, after which the winning team shall choose their preferred colour. Team members must wear matching playing uniforms i.e. both players must wear the same type and colour shorts and jerseys as one another. Headbands, sweat-bands and religious headwear are permitted. Sunglasses and hats are not permitted. All uniforms must be in line with the Equipment Regulations.

## III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Catering

Please kindly note that catering is not provided during the event, so please prepare accordingly. This does not apply to drinking water, which will be available for all accredited members.

Athletes have the possibility to have lunch/dinner in Hotel Russia's restaurant.

### Medical room

FITEQ will provide a physiotherapist available for free of charge at the competition venue during competition hours.

### Accreditation

25 January (Wednesday) - from 15:00 to 16:30 and from 17:30 to 20:00

26 January (Thursday) – from 08:00 to 08:30

27 January (Friday) – from 08:00 to 08:30

### Coaches and team officials

An athlete/team can bring maximum two coaches and one team official to their matches.

### Other

Most of the taxi services only accept cash payment. FITEQ does not provide transfer towards the competition venue.

There will be no broadcast in the final day. During the competition days, Youtube (TEQ TV) stream will be available on table number 1.

The 6 competition tables are divided in two different halls. In Hall A there are 4 competition tables, in Hall B there are 2 competition and 2 warm-up tables.

**Official draw: 23 January 2023, latest 23:59 (CET).**

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