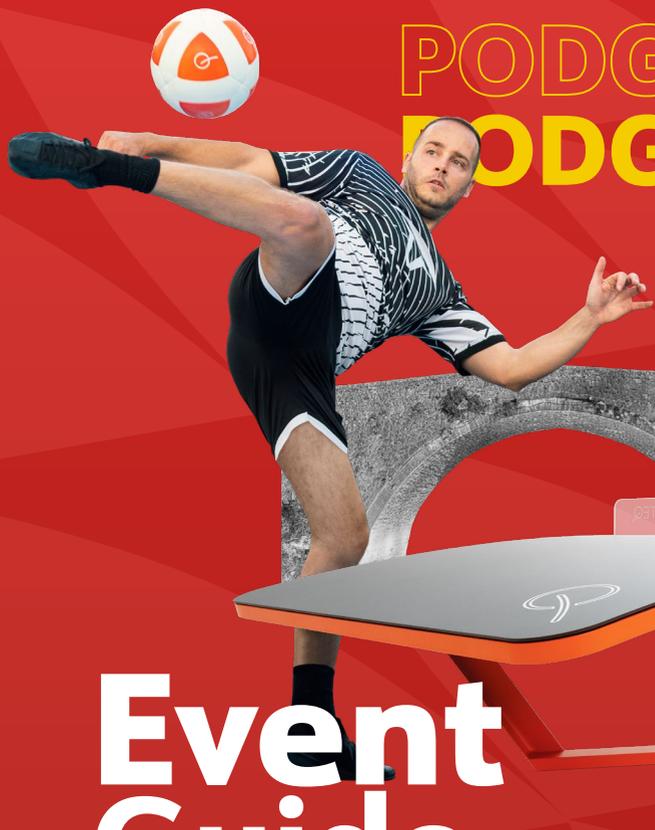


PODGORICA!

TEQBALL TOUR

MARCH 28-31

VERDE COMPLEX;
OKTOIH 2



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Event Guide



WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ), we offer our warmest welcome to all the athletes, coaches and team officials, as well as delegates participating in the European Teqball Tour in Podgorica, Montenegro. The world's best men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles players will compete against each other in a milestone event for FITEQ in Podgorica.

This event will provide the 149 athletes 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 Podgorica 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, Teqmne, Ministry of Sports and Youth, National Tourism and Intersport for their support towards this event. We wish you all a fantastic competition!

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I. ORGANISER AND KEY CONTACTS

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II. COMPETITION INFORMATION

EVENTS

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

ACCREDITATION

- Verde Complex
- 27 March from 17:00 to 20:00 PM (local time) (+ training time)
- 28 March from 08:30 to 09:00 AM (local time)

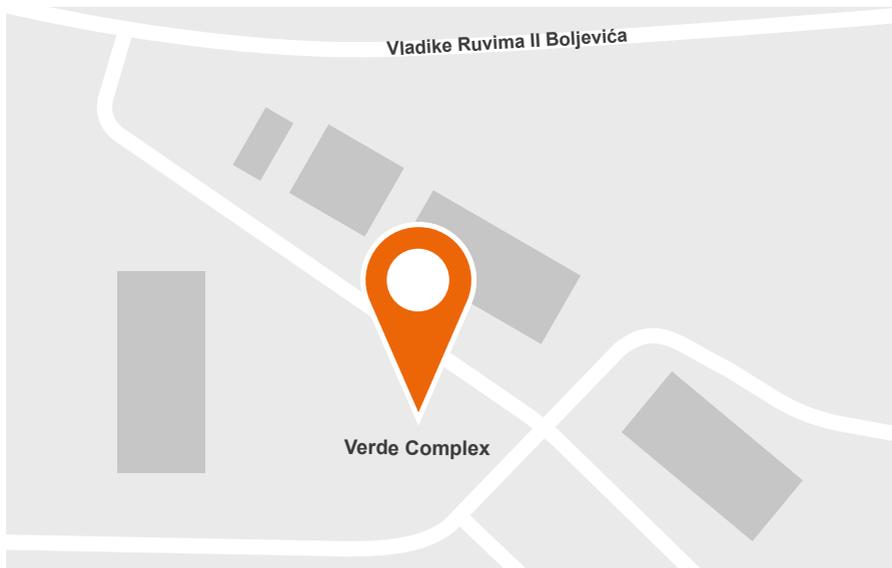
COMPETITION VENUE

Verde Complex

- Oktoih 2, Podgorica, Montenegro

DATE

- 28-31 March 2023



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

27 MARCH

17:00-20:00 ACCREDITATION
17:00-20:00 TRAINING SESSION

28 MARCH

08:30-09:00 ACCREDITATION
15:00-15:30 ACCREDITATION
09:00-16:00 MEN'S SINGLES GROUP STAGE
16:00-18:00 WOMEN'S SINGLES GROUP STAGE
19:30-20:00 ACCREDITATION
18:00-20:30 WOMEN'S DOUBLES GROUP STAGE
21:00 OFFICIAL DRAW

29 MARCH

09:00-12:30 MEN'S DOUBLES GROUP STAGE
13:30-16:00 MIXED DOUBLES GROUP STAGE
16:00-17:45 MEN'S SINGLES KO 32
17:10-18:20 WOMEN'S SINGLES KO 32
18:20-19:30 MIXED DOUBLES KO 16
19:30-20:40 MEN'S DOUBLES KO 16
19:30-20:40 WOMEN'S DOUBLES QUARTER FINAL

30 MARCH

09:00-13:05 SINGLES KO STAGE (INCLUDING BRONZE MATCHES)
14:00-17:30 DOUBLES KO STAGE (INCLUDING BRONZE MATCHES)

31 MARCH

14:00-FOLLOWED BY- WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY MEN'S SINGLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY MIXED DOUBLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

The tournament will consist of a group stage and a knockout stage in the following categories: men's singles women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles.

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 higher.

Lucky losers (best 3rd placed teams):

- Lucky losers are selected from the players, teams finished on second position in the groups.
- They are selected based on performance, and not by random draw

To determine the best 2nd places, we check the following principles:

1. Most match points
2. Better set difference
3. Most sets won
4. Better point difference
5. Most points won
6. Strength of groups as per the World Ranking of the teams

COMPETITION FORMAT

Men's Singles:

72 athletes have been registered for the Men's Singles category. According to the current Men's Singles World Ranking, the top 16 athletes have been seeded and the remaining 56 athletes have been drawn into 8 groups of 3 and 8 groups of 4. The best athlete from each group proceeds to the Knockout stage (KO 32).

MEN'S SINGLES SEEDED PLAYERS (16)

1	Apor Gyorgydeak	ROU
2	Adam Blazsovics	HUN
3	Adrian Duszak	POL
4	Balazs Katz	HUN
5	Hugo Rabeux	FRA
6	Martin Csereklye	HUN
7	Yassine Sahli	TUN
8	Ahmad Arabi	LBN
9	Brian Mengel Thomsen	DEN
10	Patryk Kaminski	POL
11	Matej Kubovy	CZE
12	Oleh Usychenko	UKR
13	Stoycho Zhekov	BUL
14	Lionel Beyer	FRA
15	Barna Kovacsfi	HUN
16	Bartlomiej Franczuk	POL

Women's Singles:

29 athletes have been registered for the Women's Singles category. According to the current Women's Singles World Ranking, the top 8 athletes have been seeded and the remaining 21 athletes have been drawn into 7 groups of 3. The best athlete from each group proceeds to the knockout stage (KO 16), while the one (1) best second-placed athlete proceed as lucky losers.

WOMEN'S SINGLES SEEDED PLAYERS (8)

1	Anna Izsak	HUN
2	Carolyn Greco	USA
3	Amelie Julian	FRA
4	Zsanett Janicsek	HUN
5	Kinga Barabasi	ROU
6	Gabriella Kota	HUN
7	Zsofia Dezsényi	HUN
8	Kateryna Fesenko	UKR

Men's Doubles:

44 doubles have been registered for the Men's Doubles category. According to the current Men's Doubles World Ranking, the top 2 teams have been seeded and the remaining 42 teams have been drawn into 14 groups of 3. The best team from each group proceeds to the Knockout stage (KO 16).

MEN'S DOUBLES SEEDED PLAYERS (2)

1	Bogdan Marojevic / Nikola Mitro	SRB
2	Csaba Banyik / Balazs Katz	HUN

Women's Doubles:

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

Teams (17) have been drawn into 3 groups of 4 and 1 group of 5. The best two teams from each group proceed to the knockout stage (Quarter finals).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES SEEDED PLAYERS (0)

Mixed Doubles:

30 doubles have been registered for the Mixed Doubles category. Teams (30) have been drawn into 10 groups of 3. The best team from each group will proceed to the KO 16. six (6) best second-placed teams proceeding to the knockout stage as lucky losers.

MIXED DOUBLES SEEDED PLAYERS (0)

ADDITIONAL RULES

- Warmup 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).
- 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:

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

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.

ILLEGAL ATTACK

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

• 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

ALB, ALG, ARM, AUT, BEL, BIH, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, IND, ITA, KOS, KUW, LBN, LTU, MAR, MDA, MNE, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, SLO, SRB, SVK, TPE, TUN, UKR, USA

Accreditation /registration

Athletes and delegations will receive an official accreditation pass to the Madrid 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 where athletes can practice on four 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 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 by 27th of March), your **ETT – Podgorica Prize Money** will be postponed.

Prize money will be transferred by the 15th of April 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.

COLOURS

The following colours and patterns are forbidden (not to interfere on broadcast screens and to differentiate from the referees' outfit):

- white
- small polka dots
- small dots
- thin striped



III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Catering

Please kindly note that catering is not provided during the event, so please prepare accordingly.

Please bring a flask with you because water stations will be available during the competitions where you can refill your bottle or flask.

Medical room

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

Coaches and team officials

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

Other

Final day will be broadcasted.

During the competition days, Youtube (TEQ TV) stream will be available on table number 1.

During the competition days, selected games on table number 2 will be streamed on TEQBALL's social media platforms.

Due to current tax legislation FITEQ requires to sign a tax declaration, in which the player acknowledges, that he/she is a tax resident outside of the jurisdiction of Hungary.

As well as the player acknowledges and accepts that, in case he/she become entitled to any monetary prize due to his/her result at the competition, he/she will, without delay, but in any case no later than December 31 of this calendar year submit to FITEQ an official tax residency certificate issued by the tax authority of his/her tax residency country.

PRIZE MONEY

	SINGLES	DOUBLES
1ST	1200 USD	2400 USD
2ND	700 USD	1400 USD
3RD	500 USD	1000 USD
4TH	300 USD	600 USD
5TH-8TH	150 USD	300 USD
9TH-16TH	75 USD	100 USD

TEQBALL TOUR - PODGORICA
GENERAL SCHEDULE
DAY 1 - 28 MARCH

START	END	TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4	TABLE 5	TABLE 6	
9:00	9:30	Men's Singles Qual						
9:30	10:00	Men's Singles Qual						
10:00	10:30	Men's Singles Qual						
10:30	11:00	Men's Singles Qual						
11:00	11:30	Men's Singles Qual						
11:30	12:00	Men's Singles Qual						
12:00	12:30	Men's Singles Qual						
12:30	13:30	LUNCH BREAK						
13:30	14:00	Men's Singles Qual						
14:00	14:30	Men's Singles Qual						
14:30	15:00	Men's Singles Qual						
15:00	15:30	Men's Singles Qual						
15:30	16:00	Men's Singles Qual						
16:00	16:30	Women's Singles Qual						
16:30	17:00	Women's Singles Qual						
17:00	17:30	Women's Singles Qual						
17:30	18:00	Women's Singles Qual	Women's Singles Qual	Women's Singles Qual				
18:00	18:30	Women's Doubles Qual						
18:30	19:00	Women's Doubles Qual						
19:00	19:30	Women's Doubles Qual						
19:30	20:00	Women's Doubles Qual						
20:00	20:30	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual	Women's Doubles Qual			
20:30		END OF DAY 1						

TEQBALL TOUR - PODGORICA
GENERAL SCHEDULE
DAY 2 - 29 MARCH

START	END	TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4	TABLE 5	TABLE 6	
9:00	9:30	Men's Doubles Qual						
9:30	10:00	Men's Doubles Qual						
10:00	10:30	Men's Doubles Qual						
10:30	11:00	Men's Doubles Qual						
11:00	11:30	Men's Doubles Qual						
11:30	12:00	Men's Doubles Qual						
12:00	12:30	Men's Doubles Qual						
12:30	13:30	LUNCH BREAK						
13:30	14:00	Mixed Doubles Qual						
14:00	14:30	Mixed Doubles Qual						
14:30	15:00	Mixed Doubles Qual						
15:00	15:30	Mixed Doubles Qual						
15:30	16:00	Mixed Doubles Qual						
16:00	16:35	Men's Singles KO 32						
16:35	17:10	Men's Singles KO 32						
17:10	17:45	Men's Singles KO 32	Women's Singles KO 16	Women's Singles KO 16				
17:45	18:20	Women's Singles KO 16						
18:20	18:55	Mixed Doubles KO 16						
18:55	19:30	Mixed Doubles KO 16						
19:30	20:05	Men's Doubles KO 16	Women's Doubles QF	Women's Doubles QF				
20:05	20:40	Men's Doubles KO 16	Women's Doubles QF	Women's Doubles QF				
20:40		END OF DAY 2						

TEQBALL TOUR - PODGORICA
GENERAL SCHEDULE
DAY 3 - 30 MARCH

START	END	TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4	TABLE 5	TABLE 6
9:00	9:35	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16		
9:35	10:10	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16	Men's Singles KO 16		
10:10	10:45	Women's Singles QF	Women's Singles QF	Women's Singles QF	Women's Singles QF		
10:45	11:20	Men's Singles QF	Men's Singles QF	Men's Singles QF	Men's Singles QF		
11:20	11:55	Women's Singles SF	Women's Singles SF				
11:55	12:30	Men's Singles SF	Men's Singles SF				
12:30	13:05	Men's Singles Bronze	Women's Singles Bronze				
13:05	14:00	LUNCH BREAK					
14:00	14:35	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF	Men's Doubles QF		
14:35	15:10	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF	Mixed Doubles QF		
15:10	15:45	Men's Doubles SF	Men's Doubles SF	Women's Doubles SF	Women's Doubles SF		
15:45	16:20	Mixed Doubles SF	Mixed Doubles SF				
16:20	16:55	Men's Doubles Bronze	Women's Doubles Bronze				
16:55	17:30	Mixed Doubles Bronze					
17:30		END OF DAY 3					

TEQBALL TOUR - PODGORICA
GENERAL SCHEDULE
DAY 4 - 31 MARCH

START	END	TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4	TABLE 5	TABLE 6
14:00		Women's Singles KO Final					
Followed by		Men's Singles KO Final					
Followed by		Women's Doubles KO Final					
Followed by		Mixed Doubles KO Final					
Followed by		Men's Doubles KO Final					

END OF DAY 4

WELCOME TO PODGORICA

The capital city of Podgorica is the administrative, university, cultural, and economic center of Montenegro. It is located on five rivers: Moraca, Zeta, Ribnica, Cijevna, and Sitnica, surrounded by three lakes: Skadar, Bukumirsko, and Rikavac, and 15 mountain peaks over 2000m above sea level in the hinterland.

Its exceptional geographical location, mild Mediterranean climate, good transportation connections to the coastal (50km) and mountainous (50km) areas, and relatively short distance to airports: Podgorica Airport (12 km), Tivat Airport (81 km), Cilipi-Dubrovnik Airport (153 km) make Podgorica an attractive tourist destination. Podgorica is characterized by diverse flora and fauna, as well as the richness of green areas and park zones. The city is known for its rich gastronomy, which combines national and Mediterranean cuisine, as well as a diverse wine offer. It is also the venue for numerous cultural, theatrical, film, and sports events and international festivals.

Podgorica is characterized by exceptional positioning and easy accessibility to coastal centers in the south and mountainous ones in the north, especially with the opening of the first section of the highway to Kolasin. It is also the country's main airport, making it additionally attractive for tourist visits.



ABOUT PODGORICA

Area: 1500 km²

Location: Northern part of the Zeta valley

Elevation: 44.5 m

Coordinates: 42°26' north latitude,
19°16' east longitude

Population: 187,085

Language: Montenegrin

Currency: Euro (€)

Electric system: 220 V/50 HZ



NUMBERS TO KNOW

Country Code: +382

City Code: 20

Police: 122

Ambulance: 124

Fire station: 123

Podgorica International Airport: 19880



Time zone: GMT + 1

Average temperature: 22°C

Number of sunny days per year: about 240

Climate:

at 120 m above sea level - Mediterranean

at 600 m above sea level - Mountain



VISIT IN PODGORICA



Skadar Lake: The wealth of flora and fauna, and habitat for rare endangered bird species such as the curly pelican make it unique in the region and beyond. It offers visitors many pleasures and opportunities for recreation.



Duklja: The remains of the ancient Duklja from the first decade of the new era are located on a wide plateau between the Morača, Zeta, and Širaliya rivers, 4 km from the center of Podgorica.



Stara Varoš and the Clock Tower: Stara Varoš was the nucleus of Podgorica during the Ottoman rule (1474-1879) in the urban and architectural forms of the city, customs, way of life, and oriental characteristics. The symbol of Stara Varoš is the Clock Tower, a building located in Bećirbeg Osmanagić Square.



Royal Complex: The former winter palace of King Nikola I Petrović is surrounded by a beautiful forest park and during the summer months, it represents a kind of artistic and exhibition scene, and is one of the favorite places of the city residents.



The vineyard “Plantaže 13. jul”: It is one of the largest and most beautiful vineyards in Europe, covering an area of 2,300 hectares, with around 11.5 million grapevines.



Museums and galleries: The Museum of Podgorica was founded on April 8, 1950. Through integration with the Modern Gallery and the Risto Stijović Gallery in 1974, this institution exists as the Museums and Galleries of Podgorica. The permanent exhibition contains a rich collection of archaeological, cultural-historical, ethnographic, and historical artifacts.

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