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From the President



Dear friends,
There are four months left before the most prestigious competition of the year – the 13th Open European WKC Cup for Children, Cadets, Juniors, Seniors and Veterans.

The Championship will take place in Timisoara, Romania, from the 3rd to the 5th October 2025.

Mr Marian Meşinschi and his team, who were twice the most successful hosts in Resita, are doing their best to make this event a success and I am very thankful for their hard work and efforts so far.

I take this opportunity to inform you on several important things:

All teams needing Romanian entry visa, please contact the Organizing Committee: Prof. Eng. Marian Meşinschi
Email: sportstaranina@gmail.com
Tel: (+40) 72 98 50 188

You should write the names of the team members with passport numbers, dates of birth and position in the team in order to get an invitation letter.

I believe we will have a successful tournament and we will also enjoy our visit to the magnificent country, Romania,

See you soon!
Marko Nicovic
President



From the President of the Organizing Committee

Dear friends,



I am sure we have met many times before at many WKC events. However, this will be the first time that we meet in the beautiful city of Timisoara, on the occasion of the biggest WKC event in 2025 – the 13th Open European WKC Cup for Children, Cadets, Juniors, Seniors and Veterans.

I am very excited and honored that my sports association SPORTSTAR ANINA will be hosting such a prestigious tournament and I have a great responsibility for the success of the event. I am sure that you will feel very welcome in my country and that you will take many pleasant memories home with you!

Marian Meşinschi

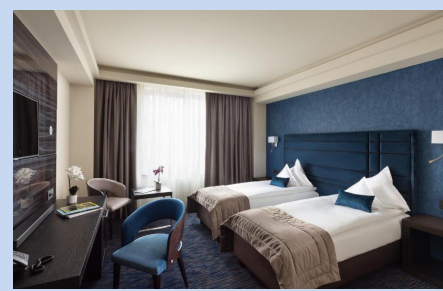
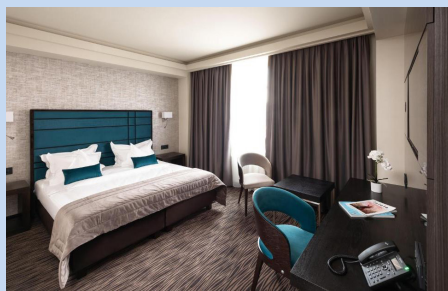
Chief of the Organizing Committee

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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| Friday, 3 rd October | REGISTRATION | Old Town Hotel |
| Friday, 3 rd October | COACH AND REFEREE SEMINAR | Old Town Hotel |
| Friday, 3 rd October | DAN GRADING | Old Town Hotel |
| Friday, 3 rd October | WKC PRESIDENTIAL MEETING | Old Town Hotel |
| Saturday 4 th October | All children 6-13 yrs. kata and kumite individual and teams | Sport Hall |
| Sunday 5 th October | All cadet, junior and senior events individual and teams | Sport Hall |

Official Hotel: Old Town Hotel

Address: Strada Emanoil Ungureanu 2, Timișoara 300079



REGISTRATION

Registration for the 13th Open European WKC Cup for Children, Cadets, Juniors, Seniors and Veterans will be open from September 5th to September 20th 2025.

Instructions on how to use the system and the registration link will be sent in our next newsletter.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

We have attached the invoice for the annual membership for 2025. Please settle the fee of 350 euro as soon as possible.

About the city of Timișoara

Timișoara is a university city and industrial centre in western Romania.

It is described as the most cosmopolitan city in Romania.

Timișoara is known for Secessionist architecture. The central square, Piața Victoriei, is surrounded by baroque buildings and the Metropolitan Orthodox Cathedral, with its mosaic-patterned roof tiles and icon gallery. Nearby is the Habsburg-era square Piața Unirii and the Memorial Museum of the 1989 Revolution. The museum houses uniforms, documents and a film on the Ceaușescu dictatorship.

With its rich history, vibrant cultural scene, lively terraces, cafés, and robust student population - Timișoara is the 2021 European Capital of Culture, Romania's must-visit city right now.



How to get to Timișoara

By plane

Romania's third-largest airport, located 12 km (7.5 mi) from Timișoara Traian Vuia International Airport. There are direct flights to 19 international destinations and 3 domestic destinations. Please check all available air companies and book your tickets. Many flights to Timisoara have been operated by: Tarom, Lufthansa, Wizz Air, Ryanair and Blue Air.

There will not be the organized transport Airport – hotel – Airport, since the airport is very close to the town center and taxi service is rather cheap (10-15 euro per a ride).

By car / bus

Belgrade (Serbia) is 162 km away (a 2 hours drive).

Budapest (Hungary) is 314 km away (a 3 hours drive).

Timișoara is one of the most important educational centers in Romania, with around 40,000 students enrolled in the city's six universities. Nicknamed the "Little Vienna" or the "City of Roses", Timișoara is noted for its large number of historical monuments and its 36 parks and green spaces. Timișoara has an active cultural scene due to the city's three state theaters, opera, philharmonic and many other cultural institutions. In 2016, Timișoara was the first Romanian Youth Capital, and in 2023 it held the title of European Capital of Culture.

15th WKC CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUP, SHEFFIELD

Our past event, the 15th WKC CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUP, SHEFFIELD (Great Britain), held on the 5th-8th of September 2024, was without a doubt the best organized championship ever. We have had many excellent organizers in the 27 yrs history of the WKC, but this level of dedication, attention to details and perfection, demonstrated by our Vice President and EKA President, Mr. Pete Lindley and his fantastic EKA team surpassed all predecessors. Therefore we must say a big THANK YOU, it was an absolute privilege to be in Sheffield!



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