



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

The World Governing Body for Muaythai

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IFMA Member National Federation

Dear President,

It is with great pleasure to send you the official invitation for the 2023 IFMA Youth World Championships and U23 World Cup held from 29th September until 7th of October.

The event registration will be open from 23rd June 2023, when we will invite your delegation administrators to register your Youth Teams and Officials on the ifmalive.com platform.

These World Championships will include both the Combat and Cultural Disciplines of Wai Kru and Mai Muay. The Age divisions that are included in the Youth World Championship includes all Youth divisions (10 until 17 years) and for the Cultural Disciplines, all Youth divisions (8 until 17 years).

The U23 World Cup will be held in tandem to provide more opportunities at high level international competitions to this developmental stage division to prepare young athletes towards the senior elite. The event will also include both the Combat and Cultural Divisions of Wai Kru & Mai Muay.

For further details on age and weight divisions, kindly refer to the [IFMA Rules & Regulations for International Competitions](#).

This year's event will bring us back to Antalya, and this time to the district of Kemer, the gateway to Turkey's southern Mediterranean region, known as the Turquoise Coast for its blue waters. Turkey once again will set the stage for what is sure to be another great tournament and event.

We would like to thank the Turkish Muaythai Federation under the presidency of Mr. Hasan Yildiz who will give its famous Turkish welcome to the IFMA Muaythai teams.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Kemer Antalya Turkey, for the 2023 IFMA Youth World Championships!

Sincerely,

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IFMA President

Hasan Yildiz

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Registration // Participation Fees // Dates



All YWC 2023 participants are obliged to stay at the official event hotels in order to receive accreditation. The minimum period of stay to proceed with registration for this event is 8 nights.



All participants must be registered to the event via the registration platform (ifmalive.com) and must have a valid IFMA membership on the platform (\$10 USD/year for Youth & \$20USD/year for Adults).



Official Event Dates: 29 September to 07 October 2023

29th SEP	Official Arrival Day
30th SEP	Team Manager Meeting
1st SEP	Opening Ceremony & First Day of Bouts
2nd-5th SEP	Bouts
6th OCT	Rest Day // Cultural Programme
7th OCT	Finals and Medal ceremonies
8th OCT	Official Departure Day



Accommodation Event Rates



For all registrations completed by 1st of August and paid by 10th August 2023 enjoy Early Bird Rates:

Early bird Twin/Triple room per pax: 95 EUR (110 USD)
Early bird Single Room: 140 EUR (162 USD)



Payments/Registration made after 10th of August and for all CASH payments on arrival, standard rates will apply and charged in EUR only:

Standard Twin/Triple room per pax: 100 EUR (116 USD)
Standard Single Room: 150 EUR (175 USD)



** Rates include:

- Full board (no alcohol)
- Access to Sauna, Gym, indoor and outdoor pools & private hotel beach
- Cultural Excursion



Transfer Rates

All Transfers to/from Antalya Airport to the official hotel will be charged at 40 EUR (46 USD) per person round trip.



Tournament Uniform

You must purchase one uniform for each athlete registered in your delegation. The uniform fee is \$60 USD for all orders made by the deadline of 1st of August.

Any additional uniforms purchased on-site outside of the order placed on time will be charged at \$70USD per set.



Uniform Set will include:

- 2 Tournament singlets (Red & Blue)
- 1 pair of Muaythai Shorts
- 1 pair of Hand wraps



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Deadlines:

Estimated Team Number on EBN FORM	16th JUNE 2023
Uniform Order on ifmalive.com registration	1st AUGUST 2023
Early Bird Rates Advanced Payment & Registration	10th AUGUST 2023
Therapeutic Use Exemption Applications	29th AUGUST 2023
Registration Closes	10th SEPTEMBER 2023

*No additional registrations permitted after this date.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made fifteen (15) or more days prior to the date of arrival will incur a 10% charge.
Cancellations made less than two (2) days prior to the arrival date will incur a 100% charge.

Method of Submission:

Team Registration & Uniform Orders (Open from 23 JUN 2023) ifmalive.com

Visa Entry Requirement

All participants will need to check whether they are required to obtain a visa to enter Turkiye. To check if you are eligible for visa on arrival, please check the MFA Website of Turkiye:

<https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Rules & Regulations // YWC2023

The Rules and Regulations presented hereafter are in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board of IFMA.

Participating Teams

- National teams of all IFMA Members (*with membership fees paid up to 2023) are invited to participate at the championships.
 - Each country is allowed to send only one national team to participate in the championships.
 - Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each weight category of each combat discipline division (male, female).
 - Each team is allowed to send only one contestant for each division of the Wai Kru division (Male/Female)
 - Each team is allowed to send only one duo in each of the Mai Muay divisions (Male/Female)
 - For every 6 athletes entered, each team MUST enter at least 1 Team Referee (R&J)
- **A Technical Official Surcharge of \$500 USD shall be imposed for every 6 athletes registered on a team delegation if no Team R&J is registered, with a Maximum surcharge of \$2000 per delegation. This will be invoiced and charged to the National Federation after the close of registration on the 12th of April after delegation registrations have been reviewed.**

Divisions of the Competition

Combat Discipline divisions as per the IFMA Rules and Regulations (Rule 2)

**Note: If there are less than 3 entries in any division, the competition will not be held for that division. Please observe the registration deadlines to ascertain whether there will be sufficient number of athletes in a division to proceed with a competition in that category.

Wai Kru Discipline divisions: Individual Male, Individual Female (as per IFMA rules and regulations Rule 30)
Mai Muay Discipline divisions: Duo Male, Duo Female (as per IFMA rules and regulations Rule 33)

Changing Weight Divisions

The deadline to change division in which an athlete has been registered is 12 noon on 30th September at the registration desk or by communicating directly with the event Technical Delegate.

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Drawing of Names

The Division Rosters shall be communicated to all Team Managers latest by the evening of the Official Arrival Day, and any discrepancies or errors must be informed to the Technical Delegate. The Draw will be published at the Team Manager Meeting. During this, the team manager or coach or a selected representative from each country must be present.



Competition Conduct

All contestants must behave accordingly to the IFMA code of ethics and code of conduct (See - <https://muaythai.sport/codes-policies/>) - as a good sportsman and follow the rules and regulations as laid out. Contestants will be penalised for any violations.



Appealing Decisions

All appeals should be in accordance with the rules & regulations of the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) for international tournaments and competitions.



Awards and Prizes

In each weight category of the Youth Division Male/Female combat discipline, the winner of the Final bout will be the Champion and awarded with the Gold medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA Youth World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.



In each weight category of the Under 23 division of the combat discipline, the winner of the Final bout will be awarded the Gold medal of the IFMA U23 World Cup. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA U23 World Cup and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA U23 World Cup will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.



In each youth division of the Wai Kru and Mai Muay disciplines, winners of the final competition will be awarded a Gold medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA Youth World Championship and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA World Championship will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.



In the U23 division of the Wai Kru and Mai Muay disciplines, winners of the final competition will be awarded a Gold medal of the IFMA U23 World Cup. The other finalists will receive the Silver medal of the IFMA U23 World Cup and 2 Bronze medals of the IFMA U23 World Cup will be awarded to the 2 semi-finalists.



Doping Control

Athletes and technical officials participating in the IFMA Youth World Championships are bound to and must comply with the IFMA Anti-Doping Rules. These rules, which are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and its international Standards, can be downloaded from the IFMA website at: <https://muaythai.sport/what-is-doping/>



The Turkish Doping Control Center (TDKM) will conduct in-competition tests as Testing Authority during the event. DCAT will collect the samples and these will then be analysed by the WADA-accredited lab. Collection and analysis will be carried out in accordance with the International Standard for Testing, the International Standard for Laboratories and the 2023 Prohibited List.



During the event period, from 29 SEP – 7 OCT in Turkiye, athletes can be tested at any time or place, urine or blood, with no advance notice. The event testing plan includes finishing placement tests, random tests, pre-competition tests and target tests.



Under the strict liability principle, an anti-doping rule violation occurs whenever a Prohibited Substance is found in an Athlete's bodily Specimen. The violation occurs whether or not the Athlete intentionally or unintentionally used a Prohibited Substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. (see Article 2.1.1 of the Code and IFMA Anti-Doping Rules).



ATHLETES MUST EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION REGARDING NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL USE.

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TUEs



The World Anti-Doping Code permits athletes to apply for TUEs, i.e. the permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substance or methods in the Prohibited List in force where use would otherwise be prohibited. IFMA recognises TUEs that have been granted by National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), and those needing to submit a TUE are encouraged to contact the relevant NADO to apply for it, which IFMA will then recognise automatically.



After an athlete submits a duly completed TUE application with the required supporting medical documentation to the NADO, it can take up to 30 days to receive the decision of the TUE Committee, and a TUE certificate if the application is approved.

The deadline to submit a TUE application for this event is: 29th of August 2023



For more information regarding TUE application please visit the IFMA website:

<https://muaythai.sport/tues/>

The TUE application form can be found there.



Results Management

In the case of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, IFMA is responsible for the initial results management process and taking the decision of imposing any sanction relating to the 2023 Senior World Championships, such as disqualification. IFMA has delegated the results management for all In Competition Testing to the International Testing Authority (ITA) to manage imposition of sanctions over and above those relating to the 2023 Senior World Championships, such as period of ineligibility.



Anti-Doping Education Programme:

We would further like to inform you that as part of the IFMA Anti-Doping education plan for our members, it is MANDATORY for all Athletes, Coaches and Athlete Support Personnel and Team Doctors wishing to attend the 2023 IFMA Youth World Championships to have completed the relevant WADA ADEL Courses.

You will be required to upload the Certificate of Completion on the registration of that participant on the registration platform.

All Athletes in the Youth 16-17 and U23 divisions competing in the Youth World Championship must have completed the "International-Level Athletes Education Program" prior to participation, upon creation of their own account on the WADA's ADEL platform:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/1/international-level-athleteseducationprogram-english

All accredited NF Coaches & NF Head Coaches participating in the Youth World Championships must have completed the "High Performance Coaches' Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to taking part in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/7/high-performance-coacheseducationprogram-english

All accredited Team Doctors must have completed the "Medical Professional's Education Program" on the ADEL platform prior to serve in the Championship:

https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/public/learning_plan/view/13/medical-professionaleducationprogram-english

We encourage all federations to ensure that all their athletes, coaches and medical personnel use the time now to register and complete the courses. The certification is valid for 2 years.

ATTENTION:

Failure to comply will result in sanctions, which might include exclusion from participation to the Championship, withdrawal of results and fines to Federations.

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Tentative Event Schedule // YWC2023



29-September 2023

08.00 - 22.00	Arrivals/Registration
12.00 - 15.00	Lunch
16.00 - 19.00	R&J Course Day 1
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner



30-September 2023

08.00 - 22.00	Arrivals/Registration
09.00 - 12.00	R&J Course Day 2
12.00 - 15.00	Lunch
15.00 - 16.30	Team Manager Meeting
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner



01-October 2023

09.00 - 12.00	R&J Course Day 3
12.00 - 15.00	Lunch
15.00	Opening Ceremony
16.00	Bouts
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner



02-October 2023

07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	R&J Course Day 4
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Bouts
19.00 - 22.00	Dinner



03-October 2023

07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	OSM Coaching Course Day 1
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner



04-October 2023

07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	EMF Annual General Meeting Election
09.00 - 12.00	OSM Coaching Course Day 2
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner



05-October 2023

07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 11.00	Social Initiative Activity
09.00 - 12.00	OSM Coaching Course Day 3
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Bouts
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner



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06-October 2023

	REST DAY
09.00 - 12.00	Cultural Programme
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	Cultural Programme
18.00 - 21.00	Dinner

07-October 2023

07.00-09.00	Weigh-In & Medical Check
09.00 - 12.00	OSM Coaching Course Day 4
11.00 - 14.00	Lunch
12.00 - 13.00	R&J Briefing
14.00	Final Bouts & Medal Ceremonies
20.00 - 23.00	Dinner & Good Bye Party

08-October 2023

All Day	Departures
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