EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
10M RIFLE/PISTOL U16/U18
BURGAS, BUL
3 FEB – 9 FEB 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

All information is available on the following websites:
https://esc-shooting.org/
www.esch-burgas2026.com

All Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials can be done directly online: **esc-entry.eu**.

1. DATES AND SCHEDULE

Official Arrival	3 FEB 2026
Training	3 FEB 2026
Technical Meeting	4 FEB 2026 at 10:00
Competition	5 - 8 FEB 2026
Official Departure	9 FEB 2026

The Preliminary Competition Schedule is attached to this General Information (Annex 1). The Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule) will be distributed after the Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival Day).
The latest Schedule updates will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

2. EVENTS

U-18 Men	**U-18 Women**
10m Air Rifle	10m Air Rifle
10m Air Rifle Team	10m Air Rifle Team
10m Air Pistol	10m Air Pistol
10m Air Pistol Team	10m Air Pistol Team
10m Air Rifle Solo	10m Air Rifle Solo
10m Air Pistol Solo	10m Air Pistol Solo
10m Air Rifle Trio	10m Air Rifle Trio
10m Air Pistol Trio	10m Air Pistol Trio
10m Air Rifle Duet	
10m Air Pistol Duet	
U-16 Men	**U-16 Women**
10m Air Rifle	10m Air Rifle
10m Air Rifle Team	10m Air Rifle Team
10m Air Pistol	10m Air Pistol
10m Air Pistol Team	10m Air Pistol Team
10m Air Rifle Solo	10m Air Rifle Solo
10m Air Pistol Solo	10m Air Pistol Solo
10m Air Rifle Trio	10m Air Rifle Trio
10m Air Pistol Trio	10m Air Pistol Trio
10m Air Rifle Duet	
10m Air Pistol Duet	

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

European Championships 10m U-16/U-18 will be conducted according to the ESC General Regulations and ESC Challenge rules – Detailed information is available on the ESC website.

Jury members (Competition Jury, RTS Jury and Equipment Control Jury) will be nominated by ESC.

Rifle / Pistol Equipment
Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-competition testing and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

National identification/Dress code
The athletes from each nation must display their national identification on their shooting clothing as follows:
Rifle: The name of the country denoted by 3 letters as determined by the IOC on their jacket pocket on the side which is turned to the audience. If the NOC is already on the shooting jacket, a National Flag should be placed or attached to the pocket facing the audience.
Pistol: The name of the country denoted by 3 letters as determined by the IOC should be placed on the sleeve of the T-shirt/sports jacket on the side which is turned to the audience.
In case dress code is not respected, athletes may be excluded from the competitions.

Air Cylinders
It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control. The CO2 will not be provided.

4. PARTICIPATION

Individual Events
ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per age category in the individual events.

Team Event
Only 3 athletes from the same age category and gender can be registered as a team, and they must be declared at the entry process as per ISSF rules.

Duet
ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) pairs. Each of the two (2) athletes of the pair entered in the competition must be registered by the set deadline but maybe changed for other athletes registered in the Championship by latest 12:00 the day before the start of the Competition.
No mixed nation pairs are allowed.

Trio
ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of one (1) Trio. Each of the three (3) athletes entered in the competition must be registered by the set deadline but may be changed for other athletes registered in the Championship by latest 12:00 the day before the start of the Competition.

In Duet and Trio events the Member Federation may enter U-16 athletes with the U-18 athletes for the U-18 Championship, but not the other way round.

ID Number
All athletes must have an ID number. It can be either the ISSF ID number or the ESC ID number obtained through the registration process.
The ESC ID numbers for all athletes under 18 years of age are free of charge and are issued by the ESC.

5. ENTRY PROCESS

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1.2. – 7.1.) and return them by the established deadlines.
Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials must be submitted via ESC Entry System.
All other Registration Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee (see also: "Summary of Deadlines").

Preliminary Entries
ESC Member Federations entering the Championships must submit the Preliminary Entries not later than **10 DEC 2025**.
Please use the ESC Entry System **esc-entry.eu.**

Final Entries
ESC Member Federations must forward their Final Entries directly to the ESC. The Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival Day) is **04 JAN 2026**.
Please use the ESC Entry System **esc-entry.eu.**

Late Entries
If the maximum number of athlete entries have not been reached, late entries will only be accepted until the Late Entry Deadline (3 days before the Official Arrival Day) which is **31 JAN 2026.**
Important Note: Until the 3 days Late Entry Deadline, the following changes in the Final Entries are possible without restriction and additional fees: Change of names /athletes within an event

Entry Confirmation upon arrival
All Team Leaders of ESC Member Federation Delegations must report to the OC Entries Official and confirm their Final Entries. The confirmation must be completed before 12:00h on the day before the Technical Meeting.

Entry Changes after the Late Entry Deadline
From **01 FEB 2026** onwards, only the following changes in the Final Entries are permitted:
a) Replacement of an athlete – a registered athlete may be replaced by another athlete who is already registered in another event. This replacement must be made no later than 12:00h on the day before the Technical Meeting.
b) Additional entry due to medical reasons – an additional entry is permitted only if a registered athlete cannot participate due to a medical reason (medical certification must be presented).

This change must also be reported no later than 12:00h on the day before the Technical Meeting.

Cancellation
Any ESC Member Federation that reduces the number of athletes listed in their Final Entries after the Final Entry Deadline (**4 JAN 2026**) must pay applicable entry fees and hotel room cancellation costs according to the number of athletes and entries on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid, no member of that federation may participate.

Entry Fee
The entry fees include all charges for registration, local transportation between shooting range and official hotels and doping control.

Fee		Description
EUR	100.00	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR	100.00	Final Entry Fee per Duet / per event
EUR	100.00	Final Entry Fee per Team / per event
EUR	100.00	Final Entry Fee per Trio / per event
EUR	50.00	Final Entry Fee per Solo / per event
EUR	50.00	Final Entry Fee per official
EUR	50.00	Late Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR	100.00	Late Entry Fee per Team / Trio / per event
EUR	100.00	Cancellation Fee per athlete/duet /team/ per event

Payment of Entry Fees
Payment will be accepted by bank transfer only. Cash upon arrival only in limited cases. No traveler checks or credit card payments.
The payment on the venue starts on the 3rd of February 2026 from 10:00 on the Welcome desk on-site of the venue (Arena Burgas).

Accreditation Process
All persons involved in the Championships (Athletes, Team Officials, ESC Officials, OC Officials, Media Persons) must have accreditations that clearly identify the accreditation holder (with photograph, family name and first name, nation and function) in order to use the local transportation and to enter controlled areas on the shooting range.

Accreditations (for persons registered before the Late Entry Deadline and with photograph in the database) will be prepared by the Organizing Committee. All other accreditations will be prepared by the ESCH Accreditation Office.
Accreditations and BIB Numbers will be distributed by the Organizing Committee after payment / confirmation of the entry fees.

6. SHOOTING RANGE

The ESC Championships will take place at the Arena Burgas
Address: bul. "Stefan Stambolov" 79, 8008 Burgas, Bulgaria
The shooting range is equipped as follows:

Range	Description
10m	90 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS LS
Finals hall	10 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS LS

7. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

The visa requirements are available at the following link: https://www.mfa.bg/en/services-travel/consular-services/travel-bulgaria/visa-bulgaria
In case an official visa invitation letter is needed please contact the following email: info@esch-burgas2026.com.

Air weapons are not under control in Bulgaria and do not require weapon import/export permit. We recommend the team arriving in Bulgaria to have a list with the weapons and ammunitions carried along signed and stamped by the federation for easing the custom check.

8. OFFICIAL HOTEL/ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Avenue 3*
Single room: 55 EUR per night (including breakfast); 75 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)
Double room (for two people): 70 EUR per night (including breakfast); 100 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)
Triple room (for three people): 85 EUR (including breakfast); 135 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)

Hotel Avenue Deluxe 4*
Single room: 65 EUR per night (including breakfast); 85 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)
Double room (for two people): 85 EUR per night (including breakfast); 115 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)
Triple room (for three people): 100 EUR (including breakfast); 145 EUR per night (including breakfast and dinner)
Apartment for 4 people: 120 EUR (including breakfast); 185 EUR (including breakfast and dinner)
*All prices include the use of fitness, internet, parking, tourist tax, hotel insurance and 9% VAT

The Preliminary Hotel Form need to be sent on the following email: accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com not later than the 15th of November 2025.
The Final Hotel Form needs to be sent before 15st of December 2025 via the same email.

The eighty percent (80%) of the accommodation expenses and taxes should be transferred in advance, not later than 15th of November 2025 in Euro to the following account:

Bank: First Investment Bank
Bank address: Bulgaria, 1784 Sofia, bul.Tsarigradsko shosse 111 P
Swift code: FINVBGSF
IBAN: BG25FINV91501017891220
Beneficiary: BULGARIAN SHOOTING UNION
Address: Bulgaria, 1574 Sofia, str. Geo Milev 71

Although the booking will be based on the principle "first come, first served" (teams making the reservation and transferring 80% of the deposit sooner, will have the privilege to choose).
Preliminary Hotel Reservations (annex 1.6) must be submitted by: 15th of November 2025
Final Hotel Reservations (annex 6) must be submitted by: 15th of December 2025
The Final hotel Rooming list (annex 6.1) must be submitted by: 1st of January 2026

An 80% deposit upon receipt of the pro-forma invoice but not later than 15th of December 2025 is mandatory.
Reservations will not be guaranteed unless a deposit of 80% is received by the set deadline.
The rest of 20% for accommodation costs must be paid not later than: 15 of January 2026.
All bank fees are at the participants' expense.
Any change or cancellation must be notified to the Organizing Committee (info@esch-burgas2026.com) not to the hotels.

Penalty Fees for Cancellation
- 50% penalty of the total cost till 15th of January 2026 for any reserved and cancelled rooms
- 100% penalty of the total cost from 15th of January 2026 onwards for any reserved and cancelled rooms, late arrivals, or early departures
NO penalty for cancellation will be charged for the hotels in case the Organizing Committee can replace the cancelled reservations with others.

Food Service at the Shooting Range

A catering will be offered on-site which will be subject to additional fee of 20 EUR. Additional information will be released prior the events.

9. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Travel – Arrival
The nearest airport is Burgas airport but it will be under renovation during the ESCH. The second closest airport is Varna airport https://varna-airport.bg/ which is located 135 km from the official venue. Sofia airport is located 390 km from the Burgas (the road from Sofia to Burgas is a highway and the approx. driving time is around 4 hours).

Airport pick up – Transportation to the Official Hotels (and return for departure)
An airport pick up from Sofia airport will be provided upon request and it is subject to additional fee of €90 per person both ways. For any transportation inquiries please contact accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com by the **31 DEC 2025.**
An airport pick up from Varna Airport will be provided upon request and it is subject to additional fee of €45 per person both ways.

Local Transportation – Shuttle Service
The distance between the official hotels and the competitions venue is approx. 10 min walking distance (700 m). No official shuttles service will be provided.

10. COMPETITION RELATED PROCEDURES

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place **on 4 FEB 2026** at 10:00, at the Finals hall.
Each participating ESC Member Federation is kindly requested to have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition and Training Schedules, draw procedures and other important issues related to the Championships.

Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

Will be open 08:00 until 19:00 every day

Doping Control Tests

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules.

11. CEREMONIES

Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on **4 FEB 2026**, at 17:00h, at the competition hall.
There will be no Closing Ceremony.

Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremonies will take place at the Final Hall immediately after the end of each Finals / at the end of the competition day (see also: Final Competition Schedule).
During the ceremonies the athletes are required to present themselves in their official national uniform or national tracksuits (tops and bottoms).

12. WEATHER INFORMATION

In February, Bulgaria experiences winter weather, characterized by cold temperatures and occasional snow. Participants can expect daytime temperatures to be chilly, with the possibility of sub-zero conditions. Rainfall is generally light, but snow is more likely. For those arriving by car we highly recommend the vehicles to be with winter tires.

13. MEDIA RELATIONS

All Media representatives must register for the Championships by using the Media Accreditation Form (Annex 9).

For any inquires please feel free to contact the Championships media officer on the following email media@esch-burgas2026.com.

All Finals will be covered by ESC TV and will be displayed on the ESC website, YouTube and Facebook. Final Hall media coverage is the property of ESC. Please contact the ESC Media Manager if you need to record news footage from the Finals at esc@escsport.eu.

14. INDUSTRY SERVICE

Industry registration and questions to be sent to the OC at info@esch-burgas2026.com

15. ANNEXES

Annex 1. Preliminary Schedule;
Annex 1.1. Summary of deadlines;
Annex 2. Preliminary Hotel Form;
Annex 3. Final Travel Form;
Annex 4. Visa Support Form;
Annex 5. Weapons Form;
Annex 6. Media Accreditation Form;
Annex 7. Final Hotel Form.

16. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

The Summary of Deadlines is attached to this General Information (Annex 1.1).

17. CONTACT DETAILS

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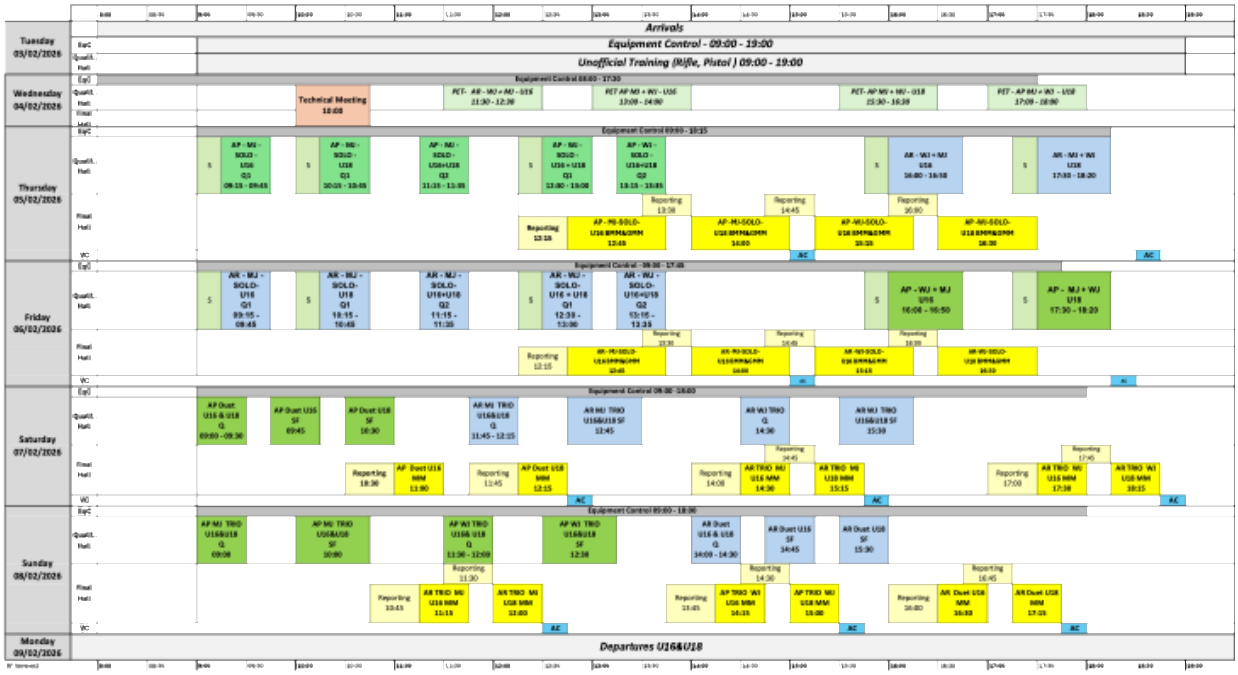
LOC Transport Manager – to be assigned soon
Email: accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com
Mob:

ANNEX 1 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Preliminay Schedule
U16 & U18
3 - 9 February 2026



ANNEX 1.1. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

ANNEX	FORM	RETURN TO	DEADLINE
2	Preliminary Hotel Form	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**15 November 2025**
3	Final Travel Form	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**30 December 2025**
4	Visa Support Form	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**1 January 2026**
5	Weapons Form	**Organizing Committee:**	**N/A**
6	Media Accreditation Form	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**1 January 2026**
7	Final Hotel Form	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**15 December 2025**
7.1	Final Rooming List	**Organizing Committee:** accommodation@esch-burgas2026.com	**1 January 2026**