



1st ESSF EDUCATIONAL GAMES OPEN / INCLUSIVE / U18



BULLETIN 1

**OLYMPIA & ATHENS – GREECE
14 - 20 April, 2024**



Introduction

European School Sport Federation (ESSF) was established in 2020 just few days before Covid-19 crises hit the world. From that time till now, those who were included in the work of ESSF from the beginning, made great efforts to set goals and make plans for the future of the federation.

So, let us start together in this mission of making ESSF recognizable around Europe! We look forward to making history together!



*Dear ESSF and ISF Europe Members,
Dear Participants,*

*Exciting News: Unveiling European Open School
Championships for 2024!*

*We are thrilled to announce the launch of the
European School Sport Federation events for 2024.*

Join Us for a Sporting Extravaganza!

*We cordially invite you to be a part of the European
Open School Championships of 2024, remarkable
events with profound implications in various
dimensions.*

*Our mission goes far beyond mere rivalry; we aim to
foster unity, strengthen the bond between educational
institutions and their students, advocate for a vibrant*

and active lifestyle, and inspire young talents to wholeheartedly embrace the world of sports, nurturing their skills to the fullest.

Championing Values

At the core of this competitions lies the synergy between education and sports. We firmly believe that this unique blend shapes well-rounded individuals. It does go through the prism of spirited competition and integrated educational programs that are a hallmark of this events.

We Encourage Your Participation!

We extend a warm invitation to countries and schools from all corners of Europe to actively engage in this mission. The success of this initiative hinges on the collective efforts of all relevant institutions as we strive to make sports an integral and inseparable part of a vibrant and healthy childhood.

Join us in this exciting journey towards sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the holistic development of our youth.

Željko Tanasković, ESSF President



The 1st ESSF OPEN EDUCATIONAL GAMES



The 1st ESSF Open Educational Games / U18, to be held in Olympia & Athens, Greece in 2024, is a unique event, which focuses on both education and sport.

The event aims to give students the opportunity to expand their views on the overall influence and importance of Sport, both socially and personally. Participants are educated on the fields of general affection of Sport, as well as the Sport Values, the Sport History and Sport Culture through:

- Targeted, interactive educational workshops organized by distinguished scientists and sport personas
- Innovative, unified sport activities
- Guided visits to the sites where Philosophy and Sport were born (e.g., Ancient Olympia, Acropolis of Athens, Panathenaic Stadium, etc.)
- Participation to eminent sport rituals (e.g., the lighting of the Olympic Flame, the Olympic Torch Relay, etc.)

A major goal of the Educational Games is to promote inclusion and common understanding to young people who will influence the bright future of Europe.

The 1st ESSF Open Educational Games are organized by the European School Sport Federation (ESSF) and the Panhellenic Union of the Sport Scientists (PEPFA), together with the co-organising Regions, Municipalities and institutions (which will be announced in due time), according to the ESSF rules.

ESSF Open Educational Games is a participative, non-competitive, unified event, for school pupils together with Special Olympic pupils. The event presents a variety of sport, cultural and educational activities to the participants, including amongst others interactive workshops and lectures from distinguished scientists and sport legends.

All disciplines of the 1st ESSF Educational Games are unified (participation of athletes of ESSF delegations together with athletes of Special Olympics).



PARTICIPATION

Open Educational School Games 2024, in Olympia and Athens, is an event open to the participation of school teams and/or «Special Olympics» delegations.

Delegations can be formed:

- a) By the ESSF members,
- b) By non ESSF members
- c) By directly applying schools or national federations or legal entities. These entities can participate under the approval of the national ESSF Member (where applicable). If a national ESSF Member does not apply, these entities should be recognized by an official national Educational or Sport authority and should follow all ESSF regulations.

AGE CATEGORIES

Age categories for Open Educational School Games U18 are students born in

2005-2006-2007-2008

NOTE: If born in 2005, students must be still 18 years old on the last day of the Games the educational program and the sports format of the event shall always be adopted to the age of participants.





The Olympic Flame Lighting for the “PARIS OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES 2024”

On 16th April 2024 all delegations will participate at the evocative ritual of the “Olympic Flame Lighting”, in the Ancient Olympia Stadium, for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A 10 days Olympic Torch Relay within Greece will follow, up to 26 April, when the Olympic Flame Reception by the “PARIS OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES 2024” Organising Committee will take place in the historic Panathenaic Stadium.

Most likely the participants of the 1st ESSF Educational Games will also participate at the Olympic Torch Relay (To Be Confirmed).

The events of the “Olympic Flame Lighting” and the “Reception of the Olympic Flame” by the respective Olympic Games Organizing Committee is organized every four years, for the Summer Olympic Games, by the International Olympic Committee and the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Details for the form of the participation of the ESSF Educational Games Delegations to the events of the «Olympic Flame Lighting» and the «Olympic Torch Relay» will be released in due time.





About OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA IN SHORT

The archaeological site of Olympia, on the western side of Peloponnese, is famous worldwide as the birth place of the Olympism and the venue of the ancient Olympic Games. These were actually athletic events taking place every four years as part of celebrations for god Zeus. Today, the site hosts the remains of ancient Temples, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum. This museum hosts stunning pieces found at excavations in the ancient site and the region of Olympia, such as the Statue of Hermes of Praxiteles and the Nike of Paionios. The Ancient Stadium with the characteristic arch is a global sport and cultural heritage, sited in Olympia.



GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

Olympia lies in the valley of the Alfeiós River (Romanized as Alpheus) in the western part of the Peloponnese, today around 18 km away from the Ionian Sea but perhaps, in antiquity, half that distance. The Altis, as the sanctuary as was originally known, was an irregular quadrangular area more than 180 meters on each side and walled except to the North where it was bounded by the Mount Kronos.



CLIMATE

In Olympia, the weather is balanced and mild all year around.

With the beginning of April, Olympia's average high-temperature lies around to a comfortable 20°C and an average low-temperature of 9°C.



About ATHENS

ATHENS IN SHORT



Athens is a major coastal urban area in the Mediterranean, and it is both the capital and the largest city of Greece. With its urban area's population numbering over four million, it is also the eighth largest urban area in the European Union. Athens dominates and is the capital of the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, with its recorded history spanning over 3,400 years, and its earliest human presence beginning somewhere between the 11th and 7th millennia BC. The city was named after Athena, the ancient Greek goddess of wisdom.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

Athens is located on a peninsula that stretches southeastward into the Aegean Sea. The city is surrounded by the Plain of Attica, which in turn is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The city proper covers an area of 15 square miles (39 square kilometers)



CLIMATE

The average temperature in April is 16°C, made up of highs of 20°C and lows of 12°C.



MANAGEMENT

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DATE	PROVISIONAL ACTIVITY
Sunday, 14 April 2024	Arrivals, Travel to Ancient Olympia (http://www.olympia-greece.org/) / Accreditation and Housing of delegations
Monday, 15 April 2024	Meeting of the Heads of Delegations Visit and Educational Tour at Ancient Olympia (Ancient Stadium, Olympic & Archaeological Museums) WORKSHOP 1 – IOA premises
Tuesday, 16 April 2024	RITUAL of the LIGHTING OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME / ANCIENT STADIUM WORKSHOP 2 – IOA premises
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Olympic Torch Relay (TBC) Sporting event in Ancient Olympic Stadium (Stadium Run / Olympic Wreath Ceremony) Travel to Athens / Housing of Delegations at Hotel Opening Ceremony
Thursday, 18 April 2024	Athens Archaeological Area – City Centre -ACROPOLIS/PARTHENON guided tour -Panathenaic Stadium guided tour and Sport event Free time in Athens Centre NATIONS NIGHT GALA DINNER (Location TBD)
Friday, 19 April 2024	Sport events at GERAKAS MUNICIPALITY SPORT CENTER (Unified Basketball 3x3) WORKSHOP 4 Prize Giving and (Closing) Ceremony (GERAKAS MUNICIPALITY – TBC) Farewell Party (Location TBD)
Saturday, 20 April 2024	Departure of delegations

**Please note, that the official program may be subject to change. Any relevant changes will be communicated to the registered delegations prior to the event.*



TRAVELLING AND VISA

PORT OF ENTRY

The official port of entry:

- International Athens Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”

TRAVELLING

Travel to the official port of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation. Delegations are to arrive on **April 14, 2024** and depart on **April 20, 2024** after breakfast. The organisation of an extended stay for the delegation (before or after the event) is a matter of the delegation concerned. It shall not be the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

LOC will ensure a transportation from port of entry to Olympia & Athens.

VISA

Each participating delegation is required to check whether a visa is needed to enter Greece. Please contact the Embassy or Consulate of Hellenic Republic, at your country, to consult visa application procedure.

For any request of invitation letters or any queries over VISA, please contact:

dgrigoriadis7@gmail.com

More information you can find by following the links below:

<https://www.mfa.gr/en/services/>

<https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/>

INSURANCE

Each participating delegation is required to provide insurance for each member of the delegation. At a minimum, the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage and medical costs.





EVENT SPECIFICS

Team format

School teams/Special Olympics teams (mixed teams allowed)

Gender Category

Boys / Girls

Age category

U18: Students aged 16, 17 and 18 **on the last day of competition** (students born in 2005-2006-2007-2008). **If born in 2005, student must be 18 years old on the last day of competition.**

Team format

School team: a team formed by students enrolled in schools of the country which they represent.

Special Olympics team: a team formed by Special Olympics students enrolled in schools at the country which they represent.

Mixed "School" and "Special Olympics" teams are also allowed.

Maximum teams per delegation

Each delegation may enter more than 1 team per gender category.

Participation

This event is open for participation to:

- **ESSF members:** Schools Sport Entities recognised as such by the General Assembly and in order with their rights and obligations;
- **Non-ESSF members:** highest institution responsible for school sport recognized by the government of a country that is not member of ESSF;
- **Special Olympics entities:** national institutions or local entities cultivating "Special Olympics" sports
- **Directly applying schools (DAS):**
Directly applying schools can either be
 - A school affiliated and registered **through** an ESSF member (under the approval of the ESSF Member)
 - A school affiliated to a non ESSF member / **self-registered**

Services Availability

In case of registrations from a big number of teams or participants, which could create any kind of problems at services quality and/or availability to the LOC, the criteria for the final selection are:

1. Deposit payment - registrations that paid the required deposit / **priority VS ALL Below** (following the respective deadlines for registration 1, registration 2 etc.)
2. ESSF Members / **priority VS ALL Below**
3. Directly applying teams (DAT) / **priority VS ALL Below**
4. Non-ESSF Members / **priority VS ALL Below**
5. Number of registrations per country / **priority to more countries** rather than more delegations from the same country / To Be **Decided by LOC**
6. Multiple registrations from the same country / To Be **Decided by LOC**



Composition of the Delegation

Each registering delegation can enter:

UNLIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS

Participants according to number of registered teams / per country

Head of Delegation	Student Athletes	Team Officials		Additional Adults
		Coaches	Other team officials	
(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(min - max)	(example)
1	8-12	1 - 2	0 - 2	0 - 2
2	20-24	2 - 4	0 - 4	0 - 2
3	30-36	3 - 4	0 - 6	0 - 4
4	40-48	4 - 8	0 - 8	0 - 4



Each delegation shall consist of:

- 1. Head of delegation - *mandatory*;**
- 2. Student athletes - *mandatory*;**
- 3. Team official(s)**
 - a. Coaches - *mandatory*;**
 - b. Other team officials - *optional*;**
- 4. Additional adults - *optional*;**

NOTE:

Any other person not specified during registration or exceeding the quotas specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

HEAD OF DELEGATION

There is a mandatory number of one (1) head of delegation per register-delegation.

- The head of delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ESSF Delegate.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (coach, referee, etc.).

STUDENT ATHLETES

Each team shall be composed of minimum eight (8) to maximum twelve (12) student athletes.

The following students may take part in the ESSF events as part of the team :

- The students are enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- The student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only the students registered on the team list that was handed in at accreditation are authorized to take part in this competition.

TEAM OFFICIALS (COACHES AND OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS)

COACHES

Each team, shall register a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) coaches.

The coach trains and guides the team in the event.

OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- Each team can enter (optional) maximum 2 other team officials.
- The function of each other team officials must be specified during the registration process (Doctor, Physiotherapist, Trainer, Statistician, Team manager etc.).

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- Delegations can register unlimited number of additional adults.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process (interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, parents, etc.).

PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS

- Each participant is required to be present throughout the whole duration of the event.
- Each participant is obliged to take part also in all of the non-sport activities.
- Each team undertakes to participate together with all other participating teams.
- Each participant undertakes to participate together with all other participants.
- The absence of any member of a participating team from any part of the entire sport programme, opening-, prize-giving- and closing ceremonies and sociocultural programme may result in the team being excluded from the results.





Technical Rules

Further details on Educational and Sport activities will be included in BULLETIN II

All activities will be unified. Workshops groups and sport activities teams will be mixed. The groups/teams will be composed by random selection from schools and Special Olympic teams' pupils. Boys and Girls, of various nationalities, will randomly participate at the same group/team.

Events

Boys	Age Category: 2005-2006-2007-2008
Girls	If born in 2005, student must be 18 years old on the last day of the <u>Games</u>

Entries per event

MIXED GROUPS/TEAMS

GENERAL RULES

- The students may be from the same school or from different schools. As the event focuses on education and culture, students can be selected from any kind of sport, but they should have special merits in school sport in the country concerned
- Each country may additionally enter one or more delegations composed of pupils with intellectual disability (aka Special Olympics Teams). Mixed Teams can also be formed.
- Neither older nor younger student will be accepted, unless for the Special Olympics Teams where exceptions can be requested.

PRIZE-GIVING

Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate. As it is an "Education through Sport" event, no medals will be presented.

INFO DESK

There will be an Info Desk within the lobby of the hotels.



REGISTRATION

How to register

All members/schools who intend to participate in the event should fill in a **registration form**, which can be found enclosed to Bulletin 1. All application to be sent to the email: info@europeanschoolsport.com.

The registration process is divided into **2 phases**:

November 30, 2023 Opening of registration *phase 1*

January 20, 2024 Closing of registration phase 1

January 20, 2024 Payment of deposits

January 21, 2024 Opening of registration *phase 2*

January 21 – March 31 new entries under the approval of LOC

March 31, 2024 Closing of registration phase 2

March 31, 2024 Payment of final balance

Phase 1

November 30, 2023 – January 20, 2024 *deposit payment

During registration phase 1 registering delegations shall indicate their intention of participation and the number of teams/participants per category that they wish to enter.

NOTE: When registering, Registration Form must be confirmed by National School Sport Federation of other legal entity recognized by ESSF.

Phase 2

January 21, 2024 – March 31, 2024

*Registration phase 2 will only be opened after the *deposit has been paid or an agreement with the LOC has been reached. During Phase 2 registration, countries shall enter the exact detailed information for each participant (name, date of birth, gender photo, dietary requirements, referee certificate). In addition, submitting the travel plan is required. Registration form 2 will be sent on delegation e-mail after deposit payment.*

From January 21 up to March 31 new entries (phase 1) are possible under the approval of LOC

*see more information on the deposit in the "deposit" section below

Registration Deadlines Summary

November 30, 2023/*deposit payment	Opening of registration phase 1
January 20, 2024 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 1
January 21, 2024	Opening of registration phase 2
March 31, 2024 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 2



Financial Conditions

To participate, each Delegation is required to make two (2) payments:

1. *Deposit payment*
2. *Balance fee payment*

Note: IF agreement with the LOC has been reached, delegations can make payment in total in cash upon arrival.

1. DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Along with the entry and in order to have access to registration phase 2, participating country will need to pay a deposit of **100€ per participant** entered in Phase 1.

Please note that the participation to the event is granted only by the deposit payment. Deadline of deposit payment: March 15, 2024 (23:59 CET)

- The sum will be deducted from the total participation cost.
- The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation by the organisation responsible for school sport (federation, trust, ministry...).
- The deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation.

The deposit for the registered teams shall be paid by **January 20, 2024 (23:59 CET)**

If the deposit is not paid within the given deadline, the registrations will not be considered valid and the team will be automatically deleted.

Deposit shall be paid **by bank transfer to the** to the following account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating delegation).

Name of bank: ALPHA BANK
Address : 14 Protopappa Av., 16343, Ilioupolis
BIC (Swift Code) : CRBAGRAA
Payee: PANELLINIA ENOSI PTYXIUXON
IBAN: GR8701404630463002001000017

Reference: ESSF Open Educational Games 2024 + name of participating Delegation + Country

2. BALANCE FEE PAYMENT

The balance fee payment is the participation fee minus the deposit which has already been paid.

The balance fee payment is to be paid before the start of the event to the LOC account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country).



PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee covers full board accommodation for the duration of the event plus competition, cultural programme activities and all local transport from the arrival to the official port of entry to the departure of the team.

The participation fee is composed of:

- ♦*Rates by night*: minimum of 80€/night/delegation member
- ♦*ESSF levy*: 40€ per delegation member

RATES BY NIGHT

Team member	Occupancy	**** hotel (APPLIES FOR THE ESSF EDU GAMES 2024)
Head of Delegation	Single occupancy	80€
Coach	Double occupancy	80€
	Single occupancy	160€
Athlete	2-4 bedded rooms	80€
Additional adult	Double occupancy	80€
	Single occupancy	160€
Other Team official	Double occupancy	80€
	Single occupancy	160€
Field of Play official	Double occupancy	80€
	Single occupancy	160€

No. Nights		Rate by night (min)		ESSF levy		Total (minimum/participant)
6	x	80€	+	40€	=	520 €

INSURANCE

Each country is required to provide insurance for each member of its delegation. At a minimum the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage and medical costs.

CHARITY GALA DINNER

A charity gala dinner is organised during the event. All Heads of Delegation are expected to take part in the dinner. The gala dinner fee is 50€/person, to be paid together with the final balance.



Payments Deadlines Summary

January 20, 2024 (23:59CET)

Deposit Payment

Before the start of the event, by bank transfer, or cash on arrival the LOC

Final Balance



LOGISTICS

1. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Delegations will be welcomed at the terminal of the airport with the following sign of ESSF:



Transportation will be provided to the accreditation centre, situated in the hotels.

3. TRANSPORT NETWORK

The LOC guarantees a precise transportation system for all accredited people by buses. This transportation network will cover travel from hotels to sport venues and vice versa. As food halls will be situated in the hotels, they will be served by the same transportation network.



4. ACCOMMODATION

The hotel rooms will be fitted in various sizes, including:

- Single-bed rooms
- Double-bed rooms
- Triple-bed rooms
- FOUR-bed rooms

NON-SPORT ACTIVITIES

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will take place on 17/04. The ceremony will be indoors.

CULTURAL DAY PROGRAMME

Cultural day will be held on 18/04 at Athens Acropolis and Panathenaic Stadium, the venue of the 1st Modern Olympic Games on 1896. Transportation from hotel to the sites will be by buses. Participants will be divided into groups and each group will have a guided tour to the sites.

“NATION’S NIGHT”

Nation’s night will be held on 18/04 at the Athens hotel facilities.

Delegations are required to take part in an activity named “Nation’s Night” organised with the aim of encouraging exchanges between the different cultures of participating countries.

The young people are invited to introduce and to promote their countries and their culture in an original way.

Each delegation is to organise a stand that promotes their country’s specialties in terms of art crafts, visual materials, food, drinks (no alcohol), pins, leaflet, etc.

In addition, each delegation shall introduce a facet of its country’s.

GALA DINNER

The Gala dinner will take place on 18/04 at 20.00 at the Athens hotel.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing ceremony and prize giving will be held on 19 April.





MEDICAL/other information

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Food will be supplied by the hotels and will be served at the hotel dining halls.

The food menu will be based on the necessary nutriment for athletes.

Accredited persons will receive 3 meals per day:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Although tap water will be perfectly fine to drink, each team will receive water bottles; bottled water will also be provided for all accredited persons during meals and at event venues.

The LOC will accommodate specific diet and food restrictions, which will be specified following Phase 2 registration for participants.

HOSPITALS

Medical care will be provided to all accredited persons; there will be doctors with medical equipment present at every field of play.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

We would love for you to help us support the young athletes participating at ESSF events.

- Follow the official Facebook page/and other social networks
- Use the official ESSF hashtags
- Follow news on ESSF's website
- Share ESSF content on your national federation's profiles

GENERAL INFORMATION

Listed are relevant information regarding Greece:

General information on country

- Language: Greek/English
- Currency: EUR
- Weather: Mediterranean climate
- Temperature in April: 10° - 20° Celsius
- Electrical socket: The electric socket used is the European CEE7/7 "Schuko" wall outlet
- Tap water is drinkable



**Looking forward to meeting you in OLYMPIA & ATHENS on
April 2024!**



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