#### **OFFICIAL BULLETIN**

## JUNE 2026, LOUTRAKI-GREECE



## Greetings from the Mayor of Loutraki – Perachora – Ag. Theodoroi Mr Gionis Georgios

It is a great pleasure to welcome the 2026 World Masters Volleyball Cup for ages 65+, 60+, 55+, 45+ men and women to our municipality and especially to our beautiful town of Loutraki.

The pleasure for me is twofold since I used to be a Volleyball athlete. My colleagues and I are happy to add to the establishment of this Championship in order to promote the sport of masters' volleyball at the national team level.

During the games period, Loutraki will be the place where great athletes meet. In addition, all fans of volleyball will be able to admire and watch a competition at the elite level.

Our target is to promote the value of this event, not only for the sport, but also for the local society. Sport is interweaved with cultural development and the Municipality of Loutraki – Perachora – Ag. Theodoroi will always be supportive of international events like this.



**Georgios Gionis** 

Mayor of Loutraki – Perahora – Ag. Theodoroi

# Greetings from Mr. Spyros Karavoulis Owner and Managing Director of SPORTCAMP Group

Dear Volleyball Friends,

I am happy to conduct the World Masters Volleyball Cup, an event of such high importance, which we will be hosted in our center June 10-15, 2026

SPORTCAMP and the city of Loutraki were hosts of the European Volleyball Masters Games in 2007 and 2009 with the participation of 26 and 40 national teams respectively, both under the auspices of the European Volleyball Confederation (CEV). The city has organized three (3) HELLENIC VOLLEYBALL MASTERS GAMES with unrivalled success and the 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 2023, Global Cups and 2024 World Masters Voleyball Cup

The choice of Loutraki was not accidental, given the fact that the last 15 years the city excelled at a series of Volleyball events, when it welcomed some of the top worldwide volleyball athletes of past years. Besides the quality of the games, in and out of the court, I hope that the "World Masters Volleyball Cup '26" will add to the ascent of tourism and the cultural events in the area.

I would like to welcome the national teams of the countries that are taking part in the games and I wish to all of them the best of luck.



Spyros Karavoulis

Owner and Managing Director of SPORTCAMP Group

## 1. General Competition Information

Competition	2026 "WORLD MASTERS VOLLEYBALL CUP"			
Gender	Men & Women			
Host Country	Greece			
Organizing Committee	Address: P.O. Box 150 Loutraki P.C.20300  Phone: +30 27440 66860 - +30 27440 23999  Fax: +30 27440 26930  Web site: http://www.sportcamp.gr/  Email:b.pelekis@sportcamp.gr			
Participating Teams (alphabetical order)	TBC			
Host Cities	Loutraki			
Airport of arrival & departure	Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"			

3. Organizing Committee			
Function	Name		
PRESIDENT	Mr. Spyros KARAVOULIS		
EVENT DIRECTOR	Mr. George TOKARSKY		
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Mr. Charalampos PELEKIS		
MARKETING DIRECTOR	Mrs. Ioanna DANOGLIDOU		
COURT MANAGER	Mrs. Christina PAPPA		
ACCOMMODATION	Mr. Aggelos VARAVERIS		
TRANSPORTATION MANAGER	Mr. Thanos KOTSAKIS		
MEDICAL SERVICES MANAGER	Mrs. Eirini KARDASI		
ADMINISTRATION STAFF	Mrs. Christina PAPPA		

## 4. WORLD MASTERS VOLLEYBALL CUP schedule

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITIES	VENUE
Wednesday	(d0)	Arrival of Teams	Loutraki
10 June 2026		Teams Training - optional (according to the teams' arrival)	Galanopoulos Hall
		(18.30 All Captains have to be at the reception of their hotel as the shuttle bus are going to pick them up)	
		19.00pm <b>Captains' Meeting</b>	Loutraki Thermal Spa
		20.00pm Welcome Reception	Ormos Restaurant
Thursday		9.00-14.00 PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN	Galanopoulos Hall / SportCamp Sports Hall
11 June 2026	(d1)	17.00 (Team players and Escorts who have booked through the packages have to be at the reception of their hotel as the bus are going to pick them up for the <b>Excursion to Ancient Stadium of NEMEA</b> )	rian
Friday 12 June 2026	(d2)	9.00-14.00 PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN	Galanopoulos Hall / SportCamp Sports Hall
	(GL)	19:00 <b>Gala dinner on Isthmus Canal Restaurant</b> (18.15 the bus will be at the reception of the hotel)	
Saturday 13 June 2026	(d3)	9.00-14.00 PLAY-OFF ROUND	Galanopoulos Hall / Corinth Sports Hall SportCamp Sports Hall
Sunday	(d4)	10.00-12.00 KNOCKOUT ROUND	Galanopoulos Hall /
13 June 2026		12.00-13.15 BRONZE MEDAL MATCH	SportCamp Sports Hall
		13.15-14.30 GOLD MEDAL MATCH	Galanopoulos Hall
		Medals Ceremony	Galanopoulos Hall
Monday 14 June 2026	(+1d)	Departure of teams	Athens International Airport

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#### Loutraki

Loutraki is one of the most important spas cities in Greece. The town has been built on an excellent grid plan, which includes wide avenues, squares and a well-known waterfront. Hotel availability is approximately 5,000 beds and they are offered in private lodgings. A casino used to operate in Loutraki before World War II, but its operation was suspended until the new one opened in 1995 under the name Club Casino Loutraki.

Loutraki is considered Greece's most ancient spa city resorts. The first written reference to the city of Loutraki is in the "Hellenica", a book by the Athenian historian Xenophon (431-351 bc). He referred to "Thermae" (the ancient name of Loutraki which derived from "Thermia Artemis", the protector goddess of therapeutic mineral waters), mentioning that the Spartan king Agesilaos camped there during the Corinthian war (395-387 bc). Located in a strategic geographical position (in the entrance of the Peloponnese, only an hour away from Athens), at the foot of Gerania Mountains, the city was first colonized by the Corinthians in 750 bc. There are also historical references that around 146 bc, when the Romans took over the city, General Sulla was cured in its spa waters.

The therapeutic properties of the waters of Loutraki were also acknowledged in medieval times-possibly even before 1345 ad, when Byzantine Emperor John Cantacuzene built the church of Aghios Andreas, which survives until today. The bottled water of Loutraki, with a strong presence of magnesium, is considered the best in Greece and can be found under several brand names that all feature the word Loutraki.

Loutraki was officially characterized as a spa city resort in 1925. The Loutraki- Perachora Municipality was established in 1934. The ancient site of Perachora, with its famous 8th-century bc Heraion, temple of Hera, lies 15 kilometres north of Loutraki, at the tip of the peninsula, with the Lake Vouliagmeni lagoon, another six kilometres away.







## **6. Competition Halls**

Preliminary Pools, Double Knockout Matches, Bronze Medal Match, Gold Medal Match

Municipal Sports Hall of Loutraki -"Galanopoulos", Municipal Sports Hall of Corinth "D.A.K.", SportCamp Sports Hall



Municipal Sports Hall of Loutraki "Galanopoulos"



**SPORTCAMP Sports Hall** 

## 7. Categories

Participating countries will compete in one age category.

In detail:

#### **CATEGORY 65+:**

MEN & WOMEN PLAYERS born before 31st DECEMBER 1961

## **CATEGORY 60+:**

MEN & WOMEN PLAYERS born before 31st DECEMBER 1965

## **CATEGORY 55+:**

MEN & WOMEN PLAYERS born before 31st DECEMBER 1971

#### **CATEGORY 45+:**

MEN & WOMEN PLAYERS born before 31st DECEMBER 1981

## 8. Participating Countries

Participating countries are (in alphabetical order):

MEN WOMEN

TBA TBA

## 9. Competition Method

#### **COMPETITION METHOD**

- PRELIMINARY ROUND ROBIN
- PLAY OFFS & SEMIFINALS ROUND
- BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
- GOLD MEDAL MATCH

#### **10.** Indicative Competition Schedule

The teams will play preliminary round robin matches on the first three days. After these matches, we will proceed in double knock out round in the evening of the third day till the last one.

<u>Double knock out round will lead to a bronze medal match and a gold medal match on Sunday June 15th, 2026.</u>

If after the gold medal match, both teams have lost one match in the double knock out round then there will be one golden set to 25 points to determine the gold medal winner of the World Master Volleyball Cup.

Please check the appendix 1 at the end of the document.

The exact tournament schedule will be released at the captain's meeting on Wednesday, June 10th.

#### 11. Preliminary Inquiry

Based on each team's arrival time a preliminary inquiry will be held. During the inquiry, all teams will have to present to the Organizers the following:

- Payments to the organizer of all entry fees all paid in advance. Copies of the bank transfers have to be available.
- Payment of all costs (if any) for the optional guest registration, the optional trip to Heraion Lake and for additional individuals attending the World Masters Volleyball Cup Banquet as well as payment for those individuals requesting transportation to and from Athens International Airport.
- Presentation of the "Final Team Registration".
- Players' personal documents (passports) establishing their identity and eligibility.
- Sample of each colour of the Captain's team uniforms as well as the libero's uniforms.

<u>Teams that have not arranged their balance of the entry fees before their first match</u> shall be excluded from the championships

#### 12. Captains' meeting

The Captains' Meeting will take place in Loutraki Thermal Spa Conference Hall on 10.06.2026 at 19.00. Team manager and the captain of each team must attend the meeting.

#### 13. Medical Services and Control

The organizer will provide first aid and medical assistance to the players and team members. All other medical services should be paid in accordance with the Rules of the Hellenic Medical Services.

## 14. Official Volleyball Rules – Official Ball

The competition shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules currently in force. All necessary explanations and modifications will be discussed during the Captains' meeting, prior to the competition.

All matches of the 2026 "WORLD MASTERS VOLLEYBALL CUP" World Senior Volleyball Championship shall be played with the **MIKASA Ball MVP 200 or/and the GALA pro-line BV5591S.** If there is any disagreement as to which ball is to be used in any match, the Mikasa ball will have priority.

#### **MATCH COUNTING SYSTEM**

- Two sets of 25 points
- If a tie persists, a third set of 15 points will be played

The Gold Medal match will be a best three of five sets followed by a golden set if necessary

#### ALLOCATION OF POINTS DURING THE ROUND ROBIN

Points shall be allocated as follows:

-match won : 2 points-match lost : 1 point-match forfeited : 0 points

In case of equal points, teams shall be settled according to the quotient of matches won and lost between all teams. If this equality of matches persists, the quotient of sets won and lost between all teams shall be taken into consideration. If this equality of sets persists, the quotient of points won and lost between all teams shall be taken into consideration. In case the teams are still tied, teams ranking shall then be determined according to the rules above as between the tied teams in question. If the teams are still tied the ranking shall be determined by a drawing of lots.

A team refusing to play against another team shall be excluded from the rest of the Championships. The results obtained prior to its exclusion shall be cancelled.

The player's uniforms of the team captain and the libero player must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry. 2 Libero's are allowed and if only one Libero then he/she can be changed/removed every set.

#### 15. Awards

The teams winning the title of World Senior Volleyball Champion in each category shall receive the Cup, Gold Medals, as well as a Diploma from the organizer and a free participation of the next World Masters Volleyball Cup 2028.

The teams classified second shall receive Silver Medals and a Diploma from the organizer.

The teams classified third shall receive Bronze Medals and a Diploma from the organizer.

For the rest teams a participation diploma shall be given.

#### 16. Visas

Participants from countries in need of Greek entry visas shall have to apply for entry visas **before 30.05.2026**. Upon request from them, the Organizers shall send the invitation and arrange the visas to be issued through the regular process by the respective Hellenic diplomatic consular authorities in their countries.

#### 17. Arrival site

All teams will arrive in El. Venizelos Athens airport until 16:00 on 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Distances from Athens:

Distances	City	Km	Time
Airport	Hotels	85 km	Mini Bus 1h.15 min
Hotel	Competition Hall (Loutraki)	5 km	7 min
Hotel	Competition Hall (Corinth)	12km	15min

## 18. Entry Fee

The Participation fee of **850** € is offered to up to 15 rostered individuals per team and includes:

- Welcome reception dinner for athletes and Captains
- All tournament fees including costs for officials, courts, balls etc.
- Captains' meeting
- Championship Medal Matches and Award Ceremonies
- Guarantee of a minimum of six (6) volleyball matches
- Commemorative World Masters Volleyball Cup Medallion
- Official World Masters Volleyball Cup t-shirt / welcome bag
- World Masters Volleyball Cup Discount entertainment voucher

#### 19. Accommodation Packages

Accepted teams is mandatory to choose among the following Accommodation Packages:

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES (5 nights per person – All Inclusive)							
Ramada Poseidon Loutraki Hotel 5*	Single	Double	Triple				
Garden View	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request				
ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES (5 nights BB per person)							
HOTEL TYPE	Single	Double	Triple				
Hotel Pappas 3* Resort	510 €	395 €	375 €				
Theoxenia Hotel 3*	420 €	340 €	310 €				
Hotel Loutraki 3*	450 €	340 €	300 €				
Hotel Paolo 4*	390 €	320 €	290 €				
Hotel Bakos 3*	350 €	285 €	260 €				
Hotel Kosmopolit 3*	350 €	270 €	250 €				

The above prices include:

- Accommodation in 5\*, 3\* & 2\* Hotels in single, double and triple rooms including breakfast
- Ground Transportation from / to Athens International Airport
- Ground transportation from / to Hotels from / to the Venue
- World Masters Volleyball Cup Banquet dinner including round trip transfers from / to hotels
- Half day excursion to Ancient Stadium of Nemea, Wine tasting in local wineries, Visit the Museum of Ancient Nemea.

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- Local transfers between hotels and the competition halls
- \* Prices do not include the Climate Resilience Tax paid by customers directly at the hotel:
  - Hotel 5\* 15,00 € p.r./p.d.
  - **Hotel 4\*** 10,00 € p.r./p.d.
  - **Hotel 3\*** 5,00 € p.r/p.d.

Check in: Wednesday June 10, Check out: Monday June 15

You must do this through the Accommodation manager and NOT through the hotel.

#### 19. Additional Guests

The Participation fee itemized above is offered to rostered individuals per team.

Additional guests are welcome to attend the tournament.

Supplement for extra guests costs **40 €** per person for:

- Welcome reception dinner including transportation
- Official World Masters Volleyball Cup t-shirt / welcome bag
- World Masters Volleyball Cup Discount entertainment voucher

## 19. Terms & Conditions

A **350€** registration deposit per team guarantees the team's participation in the tournament. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied to the Participation Fee.

In order to secure the rooms, it is required the accommodation form, which will be accompanied by the proof of **30% deposit** for them.

To be part of this incredible tournament each team captain must fill out the attached Team Registration Form and return it with the per person registration deposit receipts as soon as possible!

Team Registration Forms and Accommodation Form must be returned by **April 30**, **2026**. Upon receipt of your Team Registration Form and deposit, if you are one of the sixteen (16) teams you will receive the final Confirmation and Team Roster Packet.

Remember, teams will be accepted on a first come-first served basis - the first sixteen (16) teams to return the Team Registration Form with deposit are guaranteed entry in the 2026 World Masters Volleyball Cup World Senior Volleyball Championship Tournament.

## 19. Registration Steps

# **STEP 1:** Fill out the <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u>

Download the form HERE

**STEP 2**: Deposit the amount of 350 € to the following bank account indicating the team's name or the team's contact full name. Concerning the accommodation packages there is a 30% deposit required in order to secure rooms.

Company Name: SPORT TRAVEL LOUTRAKI EE Bank name: OPTIMA BANK, Branch No 19 Account number: 19 029 882 0271 97 (euro) IBAN Code: GR10 0340 0190 0190 2988 2027 197

Swift No: IBOGGRAA

In case you need an invoice slip for your team please e-mail us your tax details.

**STEP 3:** Fax or e-mail the deposit slip to the fax number +30 27440 26930 or to the e-mail address: b.pelekis@sportcamp.gr

The registration will be confirmed by the SPORTCAMP Sports Dept.