FIREFIGHTING SPORTS COMMISSION

INVITATION for participation in the European Fire Sport Championships "Ostrava 2026"

Dear friends,

On behalf of the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF), we invite you to participate in **the European Fire Sport Championships for men, women, and youth**, which will be held from **August 17 to 23, 2026** in **Ostrava, Czechia**.

The hosting and organization ofthe **European Fire Sport Championship for men, women and youth** were kindly accepted by the Association of Voluntary Firefighters of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia.

The championship will be held at **the Athletics Stadium of the Poruba Sports Complex – SAREZA**, Ostrava, Czechia, under the CTIF International Competition Rules for Fire Sports, with local modifications approved by the CTIF International Commission for Fire Sports, in the following four disciplines:

1. **Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the Training Tower**
2. **100-Meter Obstacle Course**
3. **4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles**
4. **Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump**

The sports delegation of each team may include the following members: team leader – 1; men's coach – 1; women's coach – 1; junior men's coach – 1; junior women's coach – 1; medical person/masseur – 2; judge – 1 up to 2; driver – 2; competitors: men – 10; women – 10; junior men – 9; junior women – 9.

The duly completed Competition Application for the National Team must be submitted no later than **July 31, 2026**.

The representative teams that have confirmed their participation within the specified period will be accommodated at **the Student Dormitories of VŠB-TUO.** The costs of transportation and insurance are paid by the participating teams; the costs for food and accommodation amount to €312 per participant for the entire duration of the event.

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The official first language of the event is English, and the second language of the event is Russian.

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Chairman of the CTIF Firefighting Sports Commission

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EUROPEAN FIRE SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS
August 17 – 23, 2026
Ostrava / Czechia

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. GENERAL

The announcement of the European Fire Sport Championships for Men, Women, and Youth is made after a decision by the CTIF International Commission for Firefighting Sports and after approval by the Executive Council of CTIF.

The competition will take place from Monday, August 17 to Sunday, August 23, 2026, in Ostrava (Czechia), under the leadership of CTIF's International Commission for Firefighting Sports.

The local organization is entrusted with the Association of Volunteer Fire Brigades of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia in cooperation with the Regional Association of Voluntary Firefighters of the Moravian-Silesian Region and the District Association of Voluntary Firefighters of Ostrava.

The competition will take place with the support of the Ministry of the Interior – General Directorate of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, the Governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region, and the Mayor of the City of Ostrava.

The organisation for CTIF will be led by the Chair of the International chairman of the CTIF Firefighting Sports Commission, Zdeněk Nytra.

Information on the technical implementation of the International Fire Sport Competitions can be found in the International Competition Rules for Fire Sports, with local modifications approved by the CTIF International Commission for Firefighting Sports.

2. ORGANIZATION

2.1 National Organising Team

The National Organizing Committee the Association of Volunteer of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia under the leadership of Mayor Monika Nemeckova is responsible for organizing the European Fire Sport Championships.

2.2 Organizing Committee of the International Commission for Firefighting Sports CTIF

- Chairman of the CTIF Firefighting Sports Commission
  Zdeněk Nytra, Czechia
- Member of the CTIF Executive
  Nedeljko Vukalović, Croatia
- Member of the CTIF Executive
  Martin Nekula, Czechia

2.3 Competition Judging Panel

- Chief Judge
  Zdeněk Nytra, Czechia
- Deputy Chief Judge – Men and Women
  Vladimirs Vetuhs, Latvia
- Deputy Chief Judge – Youth Category
  Nikolay Nikolaev, Bulgaria
- **Discipline Senior Judge** – International

3. COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

The representative teams in fire sports for men, women and youth from the member countries of the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF), as well as teams of invited countries, have the right to participate in the competition.

The sports delegation of each team may include the following members: team leader – 1; men's coach – 1; women's coach – 1; junior men's coach – 1; junior women's coach – 1; medical person/masseur – 2; judge – 1 up to 2; driver – 2; competitors: men – 10; women – 10; junior men – 9; junior women – 9.

The participants must fulfil the following requirement: **Arrange travel insurance especially including medical expenses insurance.**

3.1 Athletes Age Groups

The age of athletes is determined by the year of birth. Within one competition, each athlete may compete in only one age category.

Adults group (men and women)

- 10 members aged 18 or older (born in 2008 or earlier)

Young men and young women aged 15 to 17 are allowed to compete in adult groups with a medical certificate with written consent of the doctor and a parent or legal guardian.

Youth group (junior men and junior women)

- 9 members: 3 aged 17–18 (born in 2008–2009), 3 aged 15–16 (born in 2010–2011) and 3 aged 14 or younger (born in 2012 or later)

Competitors may enter the youth competition in an age category higher than the one corresponding to their year of birth only with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPETITION, REGISTRATION AND COSTS

4.1 Competition and disciplines

The competition under the CTIF International Competition Rules for Fire Sports, with local modifications approved by the CTIF International Commission for Firefighting Sports, in the following four disciplines:

1. Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the Training Tower
2. 100-Meter Obstacle Course
3. 4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles
4. Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump

The composition of the teams for **men and women** by disciplines and the number of ranking results is according to the table:

Sports discipline	Teams	Number of attempts	Number of ranking results
Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the Training Tower	8 competitors	2	6 results
100-Meter Obstacle Course	8 competitors	2	6 results
4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles	2 teams (4 competitors each)	1	1 result
Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump	1 team (7 competitors)	2	1 result

The composition of the teams for **youth** by disciplines and the number of ranking results is according to the table:

Sports discipline	Teams	Number of attempts	Number of ranking results
Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the 2nd floor of the Training Tower (14 years and under)	3 competitors	2	2 results
Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the 2nd floor of the Training Tower (15-16 years)	3 competitors	2	2 results
Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the 2nd floor of the Training Tower (17-18 years junior women)	3 competitors	2	2 results
Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the 3rd floor of the Training Tower (17-18 years junior men)	3 competitors	2	2 results
100-Meter Obstacle Course (14 years and under)	3 competitors	2	2 results
100-Meter Obstacle Course (15-16 years)	3 competitors	2	2 results
100-Meter Obstacle Course (17-18 years)	3 competitors	2	2 results
4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles	1 team (4 competitors)	2	1 result
Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump	1 team (6 competitors)	2	1 result

The competition in the discipline "Combat Deployment from a motor pump" will be conducted with the motor pump "**ROSENBAUER FOX IV SPORT**" and suction pipes with "STORZ" type couplings.

Local modification regarding the targets for the exercise "Combat deployment from a motor pump": The height of the shield for laying the firefighting equipment is 10 cm; the centre of the target is located 160 cm above the ground. (See Annex No. 2 – Pictorial annex to the common material)

Local modification regarding the 4th leg of the 4 x 100-meter fire relay race for youth: The portable fire extinguisher shall only be carried to the board and placed on it; no extinguishing will be performed. (Annex No. 3 – Video tutorial – portable fire extinguisher for youth 4 x 100M)

The fourth stage: The competitor on the fourth leg grabs a portable fire extinguisher and carries it to a marked spot (onto the board), where he stands up. The fire extinguisher must not fall until the competitor has run through the finish line. The minimum weight of the fire extinguisher is 5 kg, the maximum weight is 7 kg. At a distance of 50 m from the start of the fourth section (30 m from the fire extinguisher), a pad with dimensions of 0.8 × 0.8 m and a maximum thickness of 3 cm shall be placed. The surface of the pad may be coated with an adhesive material, while maintaining the specified dimensions.

4.2 Venues of the Disciplines

The disciplines of the European Fire Sport Championships will take place at the following venues:

Hlavní třída, Ostrava (GPS: 49.8283417 N, 18.1743156 E):

- Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the Training Tower – Number of lanes: 4

Athletics Stadium Poruba – SAREZA, Ostrava (GPS: 49.8229969 N, 18.1789203 E):

- 100-Meter Obstacle Course – Number of lanes: 4
- 4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles – Number of lanes: 2
- Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump – Number of lanes: 2

4.3 Command and Command Language

All commands shall be given in the language of the host country (Czech):

„**Na místa**" – On your marks
„**Připravte se**" – Ready
„**Pozor**" – Steady
„**Zpět**" – Stand down (Dismissed)

4.3 Training

The training and disciplines schedule shall be handed over to the Team Leader upon registration. Each group shall receive an equal amount of training time.

4.4 Festive Events

The opening ceremony of the European Fire Sport Championships for Men, Women, and Youth will take place at Hlavní třída, Ostrava, and the closing ceremony will take place at the Athletics Stadium Poruba – SAREZA, Ostrava.

Each nation will carry their name plaque at the front, followed by their national flag. Both the name plaque and the national flag will be provided by the host country. The name plaque bearer is provided by the host country, and the flag bearer is provided by their own nation.

4.5 Participant Registrations and Registration Fee

The duly completed Competition Application for the National Team (Annex No. 1) must be submitted to rihova@dh.cz no later than July 31, 2026.

On-site accreditation will take place at the accommodation venue – Hotel Garni VŠB, Ostrava. Participants must present a valid ID card or passport.

The registration fee is €312 per participant, covering the full duration of the event from August 18 to August 23.

The registration fee must be paid no later than April 30, 2026.

Each participating country will receive an invoice from the organizer (Czech Republic) in accordance with the details provided in the registration form.

Transport: Each participating country is responsible for arranging and covering their own transport to and from the event.

Accommodation and meals: Accommodation and meals for all participants are provided and fully covered by the organizer (Czech Republic) for the entire duration of the event.

Meals will be served in the form of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Catering starts with lunch on Monday and ends with breakfast on Sanday.

5. ACCOMMODATION

The national teams that have confirmed their participation within the specified period will be accommodated at the Student Dormitories of VŠB-TUO.

Accommodation Address: Hotel Garni VŠB, Studentská 1770/1, 708 00 Ostrava, Czech Republic – GPS: 49.8364914°N, 18.1593856°E; https://maps.app.goo.gl/wU6oXxkNUhZYVCfm6

Check-in is available from 2:00 PM.

Vehicles and buses will be parked in the designated parking lot. Each team is required to confirm in advance the number and type of vehicles they will arrive with in order to ensure adequate parking arrangements.

The rooms are equipped with sleeping beds, toilet, and shower. Bedding is provided.

The Delegation Leader, trainers, masseur, interpreter, drivers may arrange their hotel accommodation at their own expense or at the expense of their association. The participant fee for hotel accommodation including meals is €562.

Competitors must be accommodated at the student dormitories.

Please note that the Head of Delegation always remains fully responsible for their delegation and may not transfer this responsibility to another person.

Deposit: On the day of arrival, a deposit of €200.0 per team must be paid. The deposit serves as a guarantee that all furnishings will be returned in proper and complete condition on the day of departure. The deposit will be fully refunded upon departure, provided no damage or defects are found.

6. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, August 17, 2026	Arrival of participants and accreditation Judges' meeting Team leaders' meeting and draw
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	Training day
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	Climbing on an Assault Ladder to the Training Tower Cultural programme Opening Ceremony and Awards
Thursday, August 20, 2026	100-Meter Obstacle Course
Friday, August 21, 2026	4x100-Meter Fire Relay Race with Obstacles
Saturday, August 22, 2026	Combat Deployment from a Motor Pump Closing Ceremony and Awards
Sunday, August 23, 2026	Departure of all delegations (after breakfast).

7. OTHER INFORMATION

For the translators who are brought by the nations, the official first language of the event is English, and the second language of the event is Russian.

For more information, please visit: **www.meostrava2026.cz**

Each participating nation will be assigned two Delegation Assistants provided by the organizer. They will handle all organizational and necessary matters (e.g. medical assistance) in cooperation with the team leader and will be available 24 hours a day throughout the event.

Annex No. 1: Competition application

Annex No. 2: Pictorial annex to the common material

Annex No. 3: Video tutorial – portable fire extinguisher for youth 4 x 100M