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TBILISI 2025

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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from the Head of the host NF

Dear Participants,



With immense pride and anticipation, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all participants of the WKF – Karate 1 Series A taking place in Tbilisi, Georgia. This marks the second time our beautiful country has had the honor of hosting this prestigious event.

As the President of the Georgian Sports Karate National Federation, it is my privilege to welcome the young athletes and future stars of Karate from around the world. This tournament stands as a testament to our commitment to fostering excellence, camaraderie, and sportsmanship within our Karate community.

Tbilisi, our historic and vibrant capital, will serve as the perfect backdrop for this event. Known for its rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality, it embodies the values we hold dear in our sport. The championship not only showcases the skills of our athletes but also allows us to celebrate the unity that Karate brings to our global community.

Our dedicated team has been diligently working to ensure the success of this championship. From meticulously planned logistics to creating a supportive and secure environment, we are committed to making this experience memorable for all participants.

I want to express my gratitude to the World Karate Federation for entrusting us with this privilege. As we gather in the spirit of friendly competition, let us remember that every kick, punch, and kata embodies the spirit of Karate.

To the athletes, coaches, referees, and spectators, I offer my warmest wishes for an inspiring and remarkable tournament. Let's come together to celebrate the essence of Karate and the bright future it holds.

Best regards,

Temur Gignadze
President
Georgian Sports Karate National Federation

2. INTRODUCTION

The WKF Karate 1-Series A is a world-class competition that provides karatekas around the world with more competitive opportunities to shine at the highest level. Presented in an open format thus allowing every athlete in the world to compete, the Karate 1- Series A is framed under the umbrella of the Karate 1 to bring together the best competitors in a series of open championships of unprecedented scale and quality. In addition to this, the Karate 1-Series A offers karatekas the chance to increase their ranking position as the universality of top Karate tournaments is showcased.

While maintaining the individual character of each event, all Series A events have to meet certain standards in order to achieve the above-mentioned goals. Therefore, it is necessary to follow these Karate 1 – Series A Organizing Rules 2025.

All members of WKF are admitted participating. The competition categories are identical to those of Senior World Championships except for Kumite team.

The number of competitors for **Kumite** modality is limited to a maximum of 96 athletes per category.

For **Kata** modality the number of competitors is limited to a maximum of 128 athletes.

The WKF [Competition Rules](#) in force will be applied.

Competitors of individual categories earn ranking points in every WKF Karate1 event according to the official [WKF World Ranking regulations](#).

3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1-SERIES A TBILISI 2025

The Karate 1 – Series A Tbilisi 2025 will be held from 10th to 12th of January in the **New Sports Palace: University street N6, New Sports Palace, Tbilisi Georgia**

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Categories

- Female Kumite: - 50kg, - 55kg, - 61kg, - 68kg, + 68kg
- Male Kumite: - 60kg, - 67kg, - 75kg, - 84kg, + 84kg
- Individual Kata: Female, Male
- Team Kata: Female, Male

4.2 Prizes

For Individual categories (Kumite and Kata):

- Gold medallist: 500 €
- Silver medallist: 300 €
- Bronze medallist: 100 €

For team categories (Kata):

- Gold medallist: 600 €
- Silver medallist: 400 €
- Bronze medallist: 200 €

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

5.1 Organizers contact details

Contact person from travel agency: Salome Dochia

E-mail: karatetbilisi@timeforgeorgia.com

Tel: +995 592 001 289

5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

Contact person: David Tkebuchava

E-mail: datotkebuchava@yahoo.com

Tel: +995 577545777

5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

The WKF Event Supervisor for this Series A event is Mr. Mohamed Elhosienny. His contact details are as follows:

Email: melhosienny2@hotmail.com

5.4 Safe Sport contact

WKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Your first point of contact for any incident at this event is the WKF Event Supervisor, whose contact information you can find detailed above.

Otherwise, any other incident can be reported via the [WKF Official Complaint Form](#) and sent to: safekarate@wkf.net

6. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The Karate 1-Series A complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, exclusively the following brands are WKF Approved for use in the 2025 Karate 1 – Series A Season.

“WKF Approved” SPORT PROTECTIONS(*)



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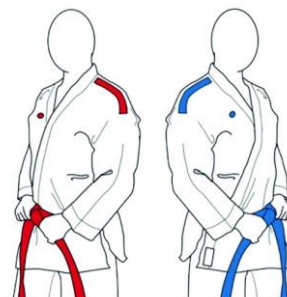
CHECK THE COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION

IMPORTANT: The Sport Protections with “WKF Approved” license during the period 2020 - 2024, will be accepted until June 30th, 2025.

OFFICIAL KARATEGI KARATE 1 - SERIES A (*)

The use of Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED** or **BLUE** is mandatory in Karate 1- Series A tournaments.

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



ADIDAS

ARAWAZA

BESTSPORT

BUDO-NORD

DAEDO

HAYASHI

PUNOK

MOOTO

SMAI

TOKAIDO

WACOKU

WESING

FUJIMAE

KO

KUROBUSHI

SHUREIDO

TUSAH

*Click on the logos

IMPORTANT: The Karategis with “WKF Approved” license during the period 2020 - 2024, will be accepted until June 30th, 2025.

"WKF Approved" DISTRIBUTORS ASSISTANCE

Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



"WKF Approved" TATAMIS



*Click on the logos

7. EVENTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 09/01/2025	KARATE 1 SERIES A	TBILISI
REGISTRATION		
10:00 – 17:00 h	<p>Timeslots by alphabetic order of Countries will be applied to ensure a smooth onsite registration process. Such timeslot will be established once finished the online registration.</p> <p>STATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Waiver, Passport & Accreditation Check 2) System Check (Sportdata) 3) Athlete Weigh-in 	HQ Hotel Holiday Inn
18:30 – 19:30 h	Coach Meeting	HQ Hotel Holiday Inn
19:30 – 21:00 h	Draw and definitive schedule, published online	HQ Hotel Holiday Inn
19:30 – 21:00 h	Referee Briefing	HQ Hotel Holiday Inn
WKF COACH COURSE – ACCREDITED COACH CERTIFICATION (LEVEL 1)		
17:30 – 18:30 h	<p>Onsite Registration Entry: Coach</p> <p>STATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Waiver, Passport & Accreditation Check 	HQ Hotel Holiday Inn

HQ Hotel Holiday Inn: 1, 26 May Square, Tbilisi, 0171 Georgia

8. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

New Sports Palace Tbilisi	
Day/hour	COMPETITION
Friday, 10/01/2025 9:00-22:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Semi-Finals & Repechages</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female & Male Kata Female Kumite (+68Kg) Male Kumite (+84Kg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bronze Medals & Finals</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female & Male Kata Female Kumite (+68Kg) Male Kumite (+84Kg)</p>
Saturday, 11/01/2025 09:00-20:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Semi-finals & Repechages</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female & Male Team Kata Female Kumite (-50kg, -55kg) Male Kumite (-60kg, -67kg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bronze Medals & Finals</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female & Male Team Kata Female Kumite (-50kg, -55kg) Male Kumite (-60kg, -67kg)</p>
Sunday, 12/01/2025 09:00-19:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Semi-finals & Repechages</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female Kumite (-61kg, -68kg) Male Kumite (-75kg, -84kg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bronze Medals & Finals</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Female Kumite (-61kg, -68kg) Male Kumite (-75kg, -84kg)</p>

*The detailed competition schedule will be finalised after online registration has been completed and after registration has been completed in order to adapt it to the final number of athletes.

Venue: **New Sports Palace Tbilisi University Street N6, New Sports Palace, Tbilisi Georgia**

9. RANKING

Competitors can earn ranking points in every Karate 1 event according to the official WKF Event Ranking as can be seen in Section 2 (Points per Place) and Section 3 (Points Calculating System) of the [WKF Ranking Rules](#).

The participation will be limited to those competitors from position 33 onwards of the WKF Event Ranking.

The [Event Ranking](#) is defined as a **static file** which reflects on the ranking on the opening day of the online registration for a given event: 28/10/2024.

10. ONLINE REGISTRATION & OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

Registration starts on October 28th, 2024, and closes fifteen (15) days before the tournament on December 25th, 2024 at 12:00 hrs GMT +0

All registration in a Series A event must be processed ONLINE.

No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline and all requests will be declined.

Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted.

Registrations subjected to the payment of a registration fee will not be validated until the payment is completed through the online payment platform.

Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

Individuals and National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The online registration will be openly disclosed for everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by WKF NFs of the events' participants registered in real time.

Any issue regarding the online registration has to be notified to the software provider and to the WKF, latest five days before the first day of competition, in order to allow taking them in consideration without altering the smooth running of the process.

Technical Support for Online Registration

In case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the

Sportdata software team via the email address; karate1@sportdata.org

10.1 Athletes Registration

The participation will be limited to those competitors from position 33 onwards of the WKF Event Ranking.

Athletes' registration is divided in the following two phases (all phases will close at the 12:00 hrs GMT +0 of the listed day)

- **Phase 1, from 28/10 to 11/11, 2024 (first two weeks)**: Registration only by National Federations only for athletes ranked between position 33 and 100 (included) of WKF Event Ranking (first two weeks of registration). Maximum, 1 athlete per category.
- **Phase 2, from 12/11 to 25/12**: Open registration.

All **competitor** registrations must be processed **ONLINE**:

**ATHLETES
REGISTRATION**

10.1.1 Entry Fee

The entry fees are as follows:

- Per individual category entry:
 - 100 €/ (until 09/12 at 23:59 hrs GMT +0)
 - 150 €/ last 15 days (from 10/12 at 00:00 hs to 25/12 at 12:00 hrs GMT +0)
- Per team category:
 - 100 €

10.1.2 Payment

All payments must be processed through the ONLINE PAYMENT PLATFORM. Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

10.2 Referees Registration

REFEREE REGISTRATION

After accessing the registration page, you will need to choose your registration group:

- **Referees with WKF and/or Continental License:** the WKF reserves its right to stop the registration once the number of registered referees with WKF and/or Continental License has reached the number of 90.
- **Referee Commission members**
- **Referees ranked within the top 30 of the WKF Referee Ranking** on the opening date of registration for each event.
- **NF Referees without WKF and/or Continental License**

The Referee Ranking applicable for the Tbilisi 2025 Series A will be the one on the opening day of the online registration, 28/10/2024.

REFEREE RANKING TOP 30

Referee registration will open on October 28th at 12:00 h GMT+0 and close on December 25th at 12:00 h GMT +0.

10.3 Coaches Registration

The minimum level required to perform as a coach in Series A events is the WKF Accredited Coach Certification (Coach level 1).

All **coach** registrations must be made **ONLINE**:

COACH REGISTRATION

Coach registration will open on October 28th at 12:00 h GMT+0 and close on December 25th at 12:00 h GMT +0.

10.4 Official Onsite Accreditation

The onsite official accreditation session will take place on January 9th, 2025 from 10h to 17h at HQ Hotel Holiday Inn.

If changes are required during the official registration session because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of € 50 is charged for each change.

The athlete's accreditation must contain an updated photograph that allows the athlete to be identifiable throughout the event.

Accreditation cards will be issued at registration, displaying the participants' main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be carried at all times during the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted to participating, following the registration procedures described in Series A Organising Rules (SA OR Point 6 Registration).

All participants must submit an official passport for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.

The accreditation of any competitor must be done by the athlete or the athlete's coach, in person bringing the athlete passport at the accreditation session.

Any competitor who may not have collected their accreditation during official registration, either personally or through their delegate, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.

10.5 Technical Support for Online Registration

Web: https://www.sportdata.org/wkf/set-online/index.php?active_menu=home

Email: karate1@sportdata.org

The weighing will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation, those athletes who will not attend the weighing will not be included in the draw.

11. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

At the onsite registration, all participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form.

There are 2 types, one is for the Club/Team Representative, while the other one is for all other participants. Please find the links below.

Waiver of Liability Forms:

- i. NF/Team Representative Waiver ([link](#))
- ii. Individual +18 Form ([link](#))

• The NF/Team Representative takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.

12. ANTI DOPING EDUCATION

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click the [here](#) to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our [website](#). In exchange for a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



Course Recommendations

International-level Athletes Education
High Performance Coach Education
Medical Professionals Education
Parents of Elite Athletes Education

13. WKF ACCREDITED COACH COURSE

According to the Coach License Manual, **the minimum level required to take part in the Karate 1 events is the “Accredited Coach” level.** To obtain such certification, **coaches must attend a compulsory Coach Briefing.**

13.1 WKF Coach Programme / Accredited Coach Certification (level 1)

Please find below the Coach schedule and the details for the registration process:

13.2 Schedule

Accredited Coach Briefing				
Thursday	09 January	from 17 h	to 18:30 h	HQ Hotel - Holiday Inn

13.3 Online Registration

Those coaches who wish to attend to the “WKF Accredited Coach Briefing” in Tbilisi must be registered online and must fill out the “Accreditation Agreement for Coaches” that can be downloaded from the online registration site.

All coach registration must be made online latest until December 25th, 2024.

**ACCREDITED COACH
BRIEFING
REGISTRATION**

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact karate1@sportsid.org for technical support.

13.4 Fees

Please be reminded that the fee to attend the “Coach Briefing” and to obtain a new license or to renew your expired license of WKF Accredited Coach is 300 EUR.

13.5 Payment

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

14. MEDIA

14.1 Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration form which can be found [HERE](#).

**PRESS
REGISTRATION**

Video recording will not be allowed

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please directly contact the World Karate Federation's office: press@wkf.net

14.2 YouTube Streaming

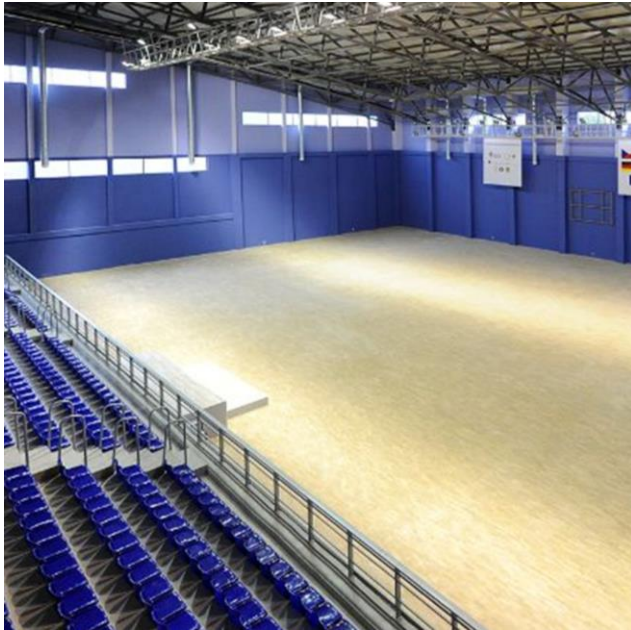
The medal bouts of the event will be available by streaming on the WKF YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WKFKarateWorldChamps>

15. COMPETITION VENUE

The largest Sport arena in the country, Building was commissioned in 2022. Capacity -10 000 person; First tier – 3500 person; Second tier – 6500 person. Except of the main hall, **New Sports Palace** has 2 additional halls, and all facilities comply with international standards.

University street N6, New Sports Palace, Tbilisi Georgia





TAISHAN TATAMI

[OFFICIAL TATAMI FOR THIS TOURNAMENT](#)

16. TICKET FOR SPECTATORS

No tickets required- free access for spectators

17. HQ HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN 4*

WEB: www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/tbilisi/tbsms/hoteldetail

Address: 1, 26 May Square, Tbilisi, 0171 Georgia

Tel: 032 230 00 99



Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 10 min. driving distance to the competition venue

18. Official hotels

COSTE 4*



WEB: www.hotelcoste.ge

Address: 45a Merab Kostava Str, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia

Tel: (+995 32) 2 19 11 11

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 15 min. driving distance to the competition venue

EPOSEDE 4*



WEB: <https://www.episodehotels.com/>

Address: 41 Pekini Ave, 0160, Tbilisi, Georgia

Tel: (+995 32) 032 280 00 80

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 15 min. driving distance to the competition venue

TBILISI SABURTALO HOTEL BY MERCURE 4*



Address: 15 Alexander Kazbegi Ave, Tbilisi

Tel: +995 32 244 11 11

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 15 min. driving distance to the competition venue

WEB: https://all.accor.com/hotel/C1N2/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

PINE ASTORIA 4*



WEB: www.pineastoria.ge

Address: Daniel Chonqadze Street, 21

Tel: +995 322 22 11 33

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 25 min. driving distance to the competition venue

IBIS BUDGET 3*



Address: 22 Giorgi Akhvediani st, 0108

Tbilisi, Georgia

Tel: +995 32 215 88 88

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 20 min. driving distance to the competition venue

WEB: www.all.accor.com/hotel/B2T3/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

ASTORIA 3*



WEB: www.astoriabilisi.ge

Address: 12 Shio Chitadze St, T'bilisi

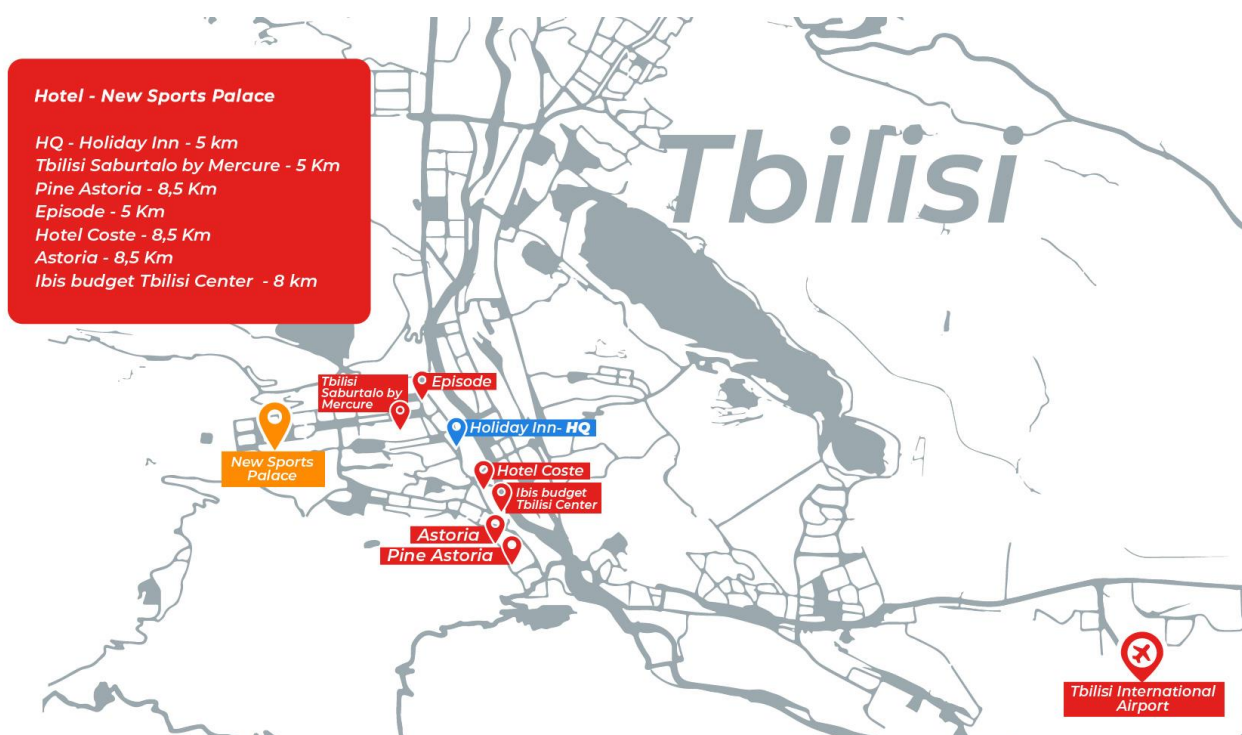
Tel: +995 332497010

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 12:00

*Approx. 25 min. driving distance to the competition venue

Distance from the venue to the official hotels



18.1 Hotel Prices

**Prices are given in EURO per person and per night.
Breakfast and VAT included**

No.	Hotel Name	Start Rating	Price per person per meal (lunch / dinner)	SGL Price	DBL/TW N Price	Extra Bed Price
1	HQ - Holiday Inn	4*	23	110	60	30
2	Tbilisi Saburtalo by Mercure	4*	22	90	50	30
3	Pine Astoria	4*	20	70	40	25
4	Episode	4*	20	70	40	25
5	Hotel Coste	4*	20	65	35	Not available
6	Astoria	3*	18	60	35	20
7	Ibis budget Tbilisi Center	3*	-	55	30	Not available

IMPORTANT NOTES:

*Service charge and VAT are included

*Room rate is per night and per person

***Room rate is calculated as following:** SGL room price is multiplied by 1; DBL/TWN room price is multiplied by 2; In case of Extra bed in DBL/TWN room price is multiplied by 2+Extra bed price

*There is possibility to add only 1 extra bed in 1 room.

*Number of extra beds are limited at the hotels

*Check in time: 15:00; Check out time: 12:00

*Meal prices are given per day, per person per lunch or per dinner (In case choosing both lunch and dinner the price will double)

***HQ hotel price includes scheduled transportation to the venue and back during the championship**

***For all other official hotels, we provide scheduled transportation to and from the venue during the championship at a cost of 5 Euro per person per day, if guests choose to use our accommodation service at the official hotel.**

Reservation, payment and cancelation

We highly advise you to secure your accommodation through the official travel agency, **Time for Georgia**, to ensure your convenience and the seamless operation of your arrangements. If your reservation has been made through a different travel agency or directly with the hotel, unfortunately **Time for Georgia** cannot provide any support for your booking.

Please send us information about the booking to **Time for Georgia**, official travel Agency of Seria A 2025 Tbilisi (Georgia), for hotel reservation as soon as possible.

BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITION

- The Deadline for bookings is December 20th. We encourage you to secure your reservation by this date to ensure availability.
- The number of available rooms are limited and a first come first serve basis will be followed.
- You will receive an invoice for the total amount of your booking.
- The booking is confirmed when the payment is completed according to invoice details (The invoice will include the latest payment due date)
- All reservations with missing payment will be canceled without further notice.
- Bank transfer fees are at your charge and will be added to invoice.
- **Credit cards are not accepted.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

- **Cancellation is not accepted after your booking is confirmed.**
- **Payment is nonrefundable.**

18.2 Transport Services

Transport Type	Transportation from Tbilisi airport to the hotel and vice versa (one way; 15-20 km)	Private transfer from Kutaisi airport to the hotel and vice versa (one way; 250 km)
Big bus (45-50 seats)	EUR 250	EUR 550
Mini Bus (18-20 seats)	EUR 200	EUR 400
Minivan (6-7 seats)	EUR 80	EUR 250
Sedan (max 3 pers)	EUR 50	EUR 180

*Transfer fee is only for one way

If you choose a private transfer, regarding the rates please get in touch with our designated travel agency, **Time for Georgia** (on the following email karatetbilisi@timeforgeorgia.com)

18.3 Meals at the Venue

Lunchboxes at the venue (**New Sports Palace**) will be available for participants for 10 EUR per person.

Please fill out the lunchbox form when registering on January 9th at the Holiday Inn or inform us during the booking process.

19. VISA REQUIREMENTS

For visa requirements, please check the official page below:

<https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

In case of further clarification or questions please contact Mrs. Maia Mogelashvili:

tel: +995 595363235,

email: gsknf.info@gmail.com

20. CITY / COUNTRY INFORMATION

20.1 About Tbilisi

About City

The capital city Tbilisi is situated on the banks of the Kura River, in the heart of Georgia. This vibrant urban center is renowned for its rich history that spans over centuries. Its roots can be traced back to ancient times, with evidence of human habitation dating back to antiquity. The city's evolution has been influenced by various civilizations, including the Greeks, Romans, Persians, and Byzantines. Tbilisi's true emergence occurred during the 5th century when it became an important trade and cultural hub along the Silk Road.

Tbilisi's historic core still reflects its diverse past. The city's layout is a tapestry of narrow winding streets and alleyways, a testament to its long-standing heritage. Anchoring its historical significance is the Narikala Fortress, a commanding structure that has stood for centuries, offering panoramic views of the cityscape below. The captivating blend of architectural styles includes remnants of medieval fortifications, captivating churches, and elegant mansions.

Modern Tbilisi is a dynamic metropolis, embracing its past while striding toward the future. The city's cultural vibrancy is palpable in its numerous art galleries, theaters, and museums. Rustaveli Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare, serves as a bustling artery lined with shops, cafes, and cultural institutions, reflecting the city's lively atmosphere.

Tbilisi's welcoming spirit is also evident in its diverse culinary scene, where traditional Georgian dishes are offered alongside international flavors. The sulfur baths of Abanotubani, a historic district of the city, invite visitors to experience the age-old tradition of thermal bathing in a unique subterranean setting.

Tbilisi's allure extends beyond its city limits. The surrounding landscapes, including the picturesque Caucasus Mountains, offer outdoor enthusiasts a playground for exploration. Hiking trails, natural springs, and breathtaking vistas await those who venture into the surrounding countryside.

With a population of approximately 1.1 million residents, Tbilisi serves as the cultural, economic, and political heart of Georgia. Its transformation into a modern hub is highlighted by its growing skyline, reflecting the city's aspirations and ambitions.

In Tbilisi ancient history and contemporary dynamism coexist in harmony. Its heritage, architecture, and cultural richness make it a captivating destination for travelers seeking a taste of Georgia's storied past and vibrant present.

20.2 How to get to Tbilisi City

By Airplane

Tbilisi is served by the Tbilisi International Airport (TBS), which has connections to various international destinations. You can book flights directly to Tbilisi or connect through major European and Middle Eastern airports. Once you land at the airport, you can easily reach the city center using taxis, airport shuttles, or ride-sharing services.

There is also other airport that you can consider (with low cost airline options): Kutaisi International airport is 250 km away from Tbilisi city centre, which evens approximately four hours by car.

There are several other options to transfer to Tbilisi from Kutaisi airport.

Regular transfers from the airport.

Tickets can be found on the following link: www.georgianbus.com

Transfer by minibus from the airport to the railway station and then to Tbilisi by train. Tickets can be found on the following link: www.tre.ge



20.3 Practical Information

Language

The official language is Georgian. English is not widely spoken, especially in rural areas, so learning a few basic phrases in Georgian could be helpful

Financial Services and Banking Hours

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 18:00, on Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00. All banks are closed on Sunday, and national holidays.

Major credit cards are accepted in most business establishments.

Most shops and restaurants will accept major international credit cards e.g. Visa, MasterCard, American Express Card.

Local markets accept cash only.

TAXES

VAT(18 %) is collected in the entire country for all services and products.
Tax free shopping is available to international guests only at licensed stores.
A passport is required when shopping tax free.

Georgian TAX FREE shopping rules are:

- 200 GEL from one shop at one time.
- You may not use the product before tax free inspection.
- The tax return is only partial, not the full 18 % VAT.
- You have to leave Georgia within 3 months of the purchase.
- You need a stamped and signed VAT refund receipt from the seller.
- The product must be in a plastic or a paper bag sealed by the seller.
- You must exit the country from an International airport (Tbilisi, Kutaisi or Batumi)

Location

Georgia is located in the South Caucasus region of Eurasia, bordered by Russia to the north, Azerbaijan to the southeast, Armenia to the south, and Turkey to the southwest. It also has a coastline along the Black Sea to the west.

Weather

Tbilisi has a diverse climate with distinct seasons. During the the Championship temperature is between -3°C to 8°C.

Time Zone

Georgia is in the Georgian Standard Time (GET), which is UTC+4.

Important Phone Numbers

112 Emergency Responce Centre

21. GENERAL INFORMATION

21.1 Currency and Exchange

The currency used in Georgia is the Georgian Lari (GEL).

21.2 Business Hours

Week days: 10:00 – 18:00

Saturday: 10:00 – 14:00

Sunday: Off

21.3 Electricity

220 V plug type C



21.4 Local Law

In Tbilisi, the legal age for most activities is 18 years. Laws are enforced by local police, and it's important to carry identification at all times.

21.5 Vehicle Driving

Driving in Tbilisi follows the right-hand traffic system. The use of seat belts is mandatory for all occupants of a vehicle. Speed limits are set at 60 km/h within urban areas and 90 km/h on rural roads. Visitors are encouraged to exercise caution during peak traffic hours due to congestion and to be mindful of varying road conditions.

21.6 Alcohol

The legal drinking age in Georgia is 18 years. Alcohol consumption is permitted in designated areas, though public intoxication may result in fines. Georgian wine and spirits are widely available, and it is customary to engage in social drinking during meals and festive occasions

21.7 Tobacco

The legal age for the purchase of tobacco products in Georgia is 18 years. Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public spaces, including restaurants and bars, with designated smoking areas provided for compliance. Adherence to these regulations is generally observed throughout the city.

21.8 Safety in the city

Tbilisi is considered a safe destination for visitors. In recent years, Tbilisi has welcomed millions of tourists and has hosted several international events

22. OMISSIONS

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations.



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