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OPEN EUROPEAN INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
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INFORMATION PACK

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Greetings by the President of the L.O.C.



Dear sports friends,

It is a great honour and pleasure for Bulgaria to welcome the Virtus European Indoor Athletics Championships 2027 to Sofia. We are delighted to host athletes and delegations from across Europe at ASICS Arena from 10 –15 March 2027.

Sofia is a city where history, culture and sport meet. We hope that, alongside the competition, you will have the opportunity to experience our city and the warm hospitality of Bulgaria.

Our Local Organising Committee and FAPA Bulgaria are committed to creating a welcoming, safe and well-organised championship environment, with fair competition and memorable experiences for every participant.

We wish all athletes the very best of success and, above all, an enjoyable championship filled with friendship, respect and the spirit of sport.

We look forward to seeing you in Sofia!

Slav PETKOV
FAPA BULGARIA President

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HOST CITY

Welcome to Sofia – a city where history, culture, nature and modern European life come together.

Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, is one of the oldest cities in Europe and a fascinating destination where thousands of years of history meet the energy of a modern European capital. Located in the heart of the Balkans, Sofia has developed at the crossroads of different civilisations, cultures and traditions, leaving the city with a remarkable mixture of ancient archaeological sites, historic monuments, impressive architecture and contemporary urban life.



The city is situated at the foot of Vitosha Mountain, one of the most recognisable symbols of Sofia. The mountain creates a unique backdrop to the capital and offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy nature only a short distance from the city centre. During the winter months, Vitosha becomes a popular destination for winter sports, while throughout the year its forests, trails and panoramic viewpoints provide excellent opportunities for walking, hiking and relaxation

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

FAPA Bulgaria – Federation Adapted Physical Activity Bulgaria
Email: championships.bg@gmail.com
Website: www.virtusbulgaria.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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STATUS

Event is sanctioned by:
VIRTUS – World Intellectual Impairment Sport
WPA – World Para Athletics

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the event. All official information and materials will be provided in English.

EVENT DATES

10-15 MARCH 2027

LOCAL TRANSPORT

The LOC will provide:

- Airport transfers between Sofia Airport (Vasil Levski Sofia Airport) and the official delegation hotel;
- Daily transfers between the official hotel and ASICS Arena;
- Official event-related transportation according to the final competition schedule.

LEGACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The championship will promote inclusive sport and participation of athletes with intellectual disabilities. FAPA Bulgaria will seek opportunities for engagement with local sports organisations, schools, volunteers and the wider Sofia community.

SPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The event will be governed by the rules of WA - World Athletics (former IAAF) with the approved variations by Virtus. Entry is open to all Virtus Member Organisations in good standing.

ELIGIBILITY AND ACCREDITATION

- All athletes entering the event must appear as “Active” on the Virtus Master List no later than the final entry deadline
- Applications for new athletes must be submitted to Virtus as soon as possible. Athletes who do not meet the qualifying criteria or do not appear on the Virtus Master List as “Active” are not eligible for this event
- There is no guest entry

According to the rules of Virtus, the competition is opened to the following Virtus’ categories:

Category	Description
II1	Athletes with an intellectual disability
II2	Athletes with an intellectual disability and significant additional impairment
II3	Athletes with autism

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

	10 March/ WED	11 March/ THU	12 March/ FRI	13 March/ SAT	14 March/ SUN	15 March/ MON
Delegations arrivals, Accreditation						
Training sessions						
Technical meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Competition						
Medal ceremonies						
Social Program						
Closing Ceremony						
Delegations departures						

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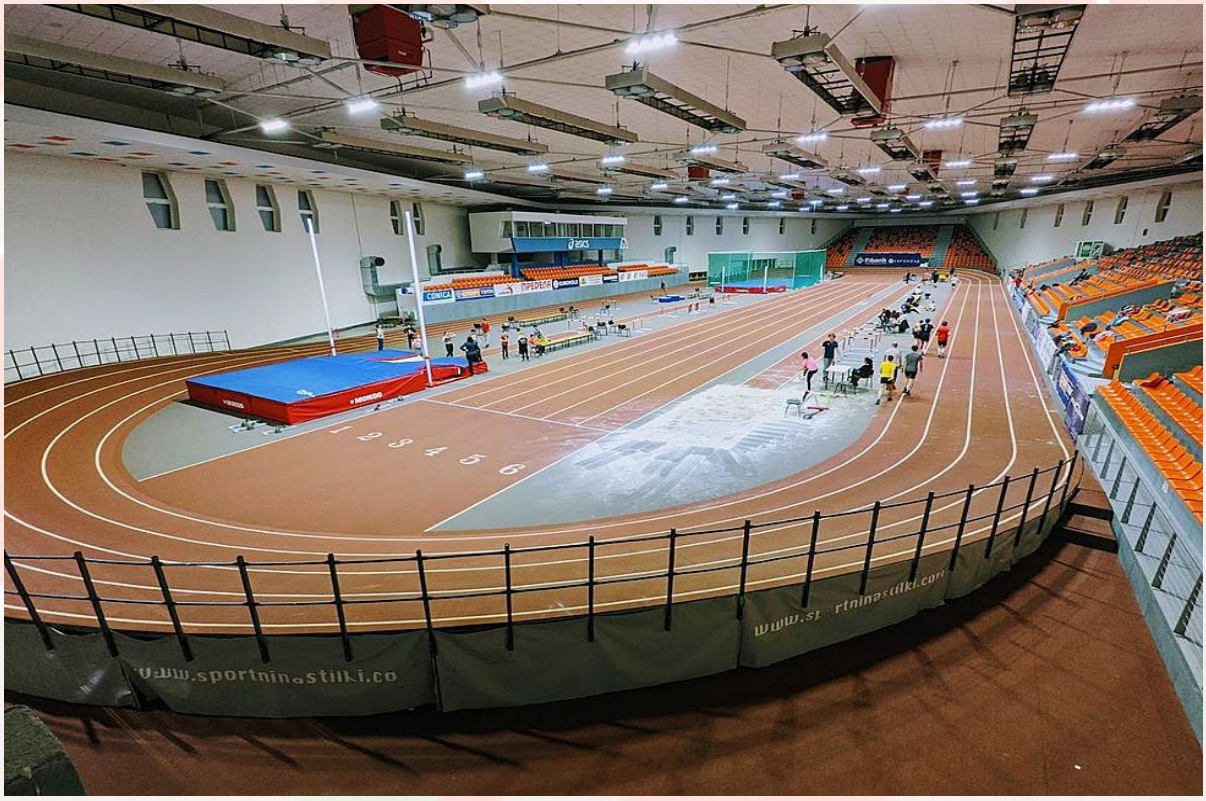
OFFICIAL COMPETITION VENUE

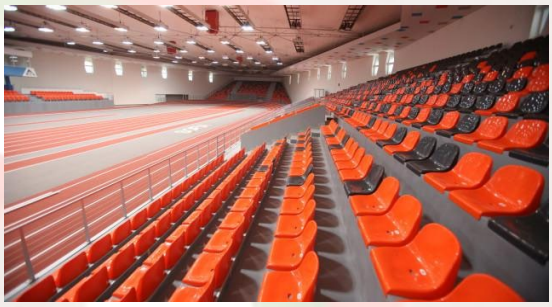
ASICS ARENA

Address: 35 Manastirska Street,

1111 Sofia, Bulgaria







RESULTS SYSTEM

Competition results will be recorded and published using the official results system designated for the championships. Details regarding live results and online publication will be communicated to delegations before the event.

ANTI-DOPING

The championships will be subject to the applicable Virtus and anti-doping regulations. Athletes requiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) must follow the relevant Virtus / anti-doping procedures and submit applications within the required time limits.

MEDICAL PROVISION

Medical support will be available during competition and training activities. Detailed information about the on-site medical service, emergency procedures and nearest hospital will be provided in the final version of the Information Pack.

ACCOMMODATION

To Be Confirmed

VISAS

Participants from certain countries may require a visa to enter Bulgaria. The Local Organising Committee will provide invitation letters upon request, subject to the applicable requirements and documentation.

INSURANCE

All participants, including athletes, coaches and team officials, are required to arrange appropriate travel and medical insurance covering medical emergencies and incidents during their stay in Bulgaria.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME & LEISURE

The official hotel is conveniently located in an area with shops, cafés, restaurants and a cinema, all within walking distance.
Guests can also easily reach the centre of Sofia by public transport, with the main city attractions approximately 15–30 minutes from the hotel.
During their stay, participants will have the opportunity to discover some of Sofia's most famous landmarks, including:

- St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral
- National Palace of Culture (NDK)
- Ancient Serdica
- Vitosha Mountain
- Vitosha Boulevard

Further information about organised social activities and excursions will be provided at a later stage.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for all members of the delegation (athletes, coaches and staff members) is:

- **€ 990,00** per person for a twin room accommodation
- **€ 1150,00** per person for a single room

The fee includes the Virtus capitation tax (€25), full-board accommodation from lunch on 10 March 2027 to breakfast on 15 March 2027, airport transfers, and local transportation from 10 to 15 March 2027. Extra nights are not included in the entry fee.

Additional nights can be requested by contacting championships.bg@gmail.com

No discount will be made for shorter stay; you will have to pay the full fee.

Important! Delegations that have not paid the full participation fee by the specified deadline will not be accommodated and will not be allowed to participate in the competition!

ENTRY DEADLINE

- **30 November 2026** - Intention of Participation
- **15 December 2026** - Entry by Numbers + 30% Deposit
- **31 January 2027** - Entry by Names + 70% Final Payment + Travel Form + Competition Forms

CANCELLATION POLICY

A team can cancel its entry to the championship up to three weeks before the arrival date, that means no later than 17 February 2027, without any penalty.

If a team cancels before this date, the LOC will refund 100% of the fee.

PAYMENT:

The entry fee must be paid by bank transfer to :

BANK TRANSFER INFORMATION	
Name of the Bank:	**DSK Bank AD**
Bank address:	**19 Moskovska Street; 1000 Sofia; Bulgaria**
Account holder:	**Federation Adapted Physical Activity Bulgaria (FAPA)**
IBAN:	**BG73STSA93000032417340**
BIC (SWIFT) Code:	**STSABGSF**
Account number:	**02/0000000032417340**
VAT Number:	**176951649**
Account currency:	**EUR**
Payment reference:	**2027 Virtus Bulgaria Entry fees + name of the country**

You are responsible for paying all bank charges/transfer fees.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

Event	II1		II2- Additional Physical		II3-HF Autism	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
60m	7.90	9.90	Open	Open	Open	Open
200m	25.40	31.00	Open	Open	Open	Open
400m *(not run in lanes)*	56.40	71.00	Open	Open	Open	Open
800m *(not run in lanes)*	2.15.20	2.53.50	Open	Open	Open	Open
1500m	4.30.20	6.00.00	Open	Open	Open	Open
3000m	10.00.00	13.00.00				
60m Hurdles	Open (0.91m)	Open (0.84m)				
3000m Walk		Open				
5000m Walk	Open					
High Jump	1.40m	1.15m				
Pole Vault	Open	Open				
Long Jump	5.10m	4.25m	Open	Open	Open	Open
Triple Jump	10.20m	Open				
Shot Put	10.50m (7.26kg)	8.80m (4kg)	Open (4kg)	Open (3kg)	Open (7.26kh)	Open (4kg)
4x200m	1 team per country	1 team per country	1 team per country	1 team per country		
4x400m	1 team per country	1 team per country				
Pentathlon	Open	Open				
Triathlon			Open	Open		