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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the IMMAF Amateur World Championships 2022 in the amazing city of Belgrade. This is the IMMAF flag ship event where athletes are gathering from around the world on the biggest stage for amateur MMA. Every year our world championships are growing in the number of participating athletes and nations, and this is testimony to the resilience and determination of our MMA family to move forward despite the many challenges that we have experienced the last 2 years due to Covid.

Taking on the responsibility of hosting an IMMAF world championships at short notice is no simple task and takes courage. Fortunately we have found a partner in the Serbian MMA Federation with all of the human and financial resources to make this happen, and on behalf of the IMMAF board of directors I would like to extend my gratitude and congratulations to the President of the host federation Mr. Luka Nikolic for securing these championships.

An event of this magnitude always benefits from governmental support and I would like to thank Prime Minister Ana Brnabić for her support of the championships.

We look forward to the delivery of a world class championships which promises to be the largest in the IMMAF history and I wish all of the participants every success.

Yours in MMA,

Kerrith Brown OLY

IMMAF President

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HOST FEDERATION'S WELCOME

We invite you (or you are welcome) to the heart of the Balkan, to Serbia, where the traditional and the modern intertwine, and where we can happily say that MMA has become a favourite combat sport.

As the president of the MMA Federation of Serbia, it is a great honour for me that we will be the hosts (so the name of the world championship) in Belgrade.

I wish good health to all national teams, coaches and fighters so that they can show their best skills on the days of the championship.

Good luck to everyone and may the best win.

Yours in MMA,

Luka Nikolić
President SMMAA

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IMMAF takes a zero-tolerance approach to any abuse of athletes, officials, staff and spectators. Everyone should feel safe, supported and respected at IMMAF events.

PROGRAM

Saturday 11th February 2023 -
Arrival of referees, judges, time keepers and cut-persons (Technical Officials)
11:00hrs - 16:00hrs - Teams check in and accreditation - at Stark Arena
16:30hrs - 17:00hrs - Rules Briefing
17:00hrs -17:30hrs - Tournament Draw
18:00hrs – Opening Ceremony

Sunday 12th February 2023
Bracket of 32 for Juniors & Seniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals - at Stark Arena
11:00hrs - Competition Starts

Monday 13th February 2023
Bracket of 16 for Juniors & Seniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals - at Stark Arena
11:00hrs - Competition Starts

Tuesday 14th February 2023
Quarter Finals for Juniors & Seniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals - at Stark Arena
11:00hrs - Competition Starts

Wednesday 15th February 2023
Semi Finals for Juniors & Seniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals -at Stark Arena
11:00hrs - Competition Starts

Thursday 16th February 2023
Finals for Juniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals - at Stark Arena
17:00hrs - Competition Starts
All medal ceremonies to take place after all finals are completed.

Friday 17th February 2023
Finals for Seniors
07:00hrs - 08:00hrs Weigh In and medicals - at Stark Arena
09:00hrs - 12:00hrs - IMMAF Annual General Meeting (provisional time)
17:00hrs - Competition Starts
All medal ceremonies to take place after all finals are completed.

Saturday 18th February 2023
Brave CF (All team members would get complimentary tickets to Brave CF 69 from RSMMAF)

Sunday 19th February 2023 - Check-Out & Departures

Attention: The schedule may be modified according to the total number of entries and circumstances of competition.

Complementary tickets for spectators to attend the IMMAF World Championships 2023(February 12th – 17th 2023) would be available at https://tickets.efinity.rs/ and the IMMAF Ticketing Box Office at Stark Arena, Belgrade.

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COMPETITION VENUE

Venue Name
Štark Arena
https://starkarena.co.rs/en/

Venue address
Bulevar Aresnija Čarnojevića 58
11070 Novi Beograd, Serbia.
https://g.page/arenabeograd

ELIGIBILITY

Please see the document for athlete eligibility found here – https://smoothcomp.com/

ATHLETE SPONSOR GUIDLINES

Please see the document for athlete sponsor guidelines found here – https://smoothcomp.com/

ATHLETE SCREENING

Please see https://smoothcomp.com/ for the Athlete screening process document.

If any professional records are detected by IMMAF after the registration deadline without prior notification, the National Federation will incur a fine of £100 for each athlete who is listed as professional, regardless of website error.

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This Senior and Junior World Championships is for all IMMAF Member Federations. There is a limit of 32 participants for each weight category and each federation can enter a maximum of 2 entries per weight category, subject to the following criteria.

- The top 32* ranked countries as per the IMMAF World ranking list as of 7th November 2022 have a priority option to enter one (1) athlete in each weight division by the outline cut-off date (see below).

- After this cut-off date the brackets will be opened to all national federations outside of the top 32 ranked teams who then also have a priority option to enter one (1) athlete in each weight division if there are any spaces available in the brackets by the outline cut-off date (see below).

- Top 32 Senior Rankings
- Top 32 Junior Rankings

The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which enters them.

1. It is mandatory that competitors participating in IMMAF Championship events are nationals of the country whose team they are representing. For the avoidance of doubt, nationals are classed according to the passport(s) they hold. The IMMAF CEO retains the right to make a case-by-case decision in circumstances regarding citizenship upon reviewing relevant documents.

Change of National Representation – Application Criteria:

2. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may only represent one of them. After having represented one country in IMMAF competitions, he/she may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions set forth below which applies to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality. An athlete is able to switch nationality only once. Before switching to represent a new national team, the competitor must wait for the current year of IMMAF events to be completed. The Athlete, via their selected national federation, will be required to present a written application outlining their request to change national representation, accompanied by supporting documents towards any of the following:

1. The athlete was born on the territory they wish to represent.
2. The athlete's biological Mother or Father was born on the selected territory.
3. The athlete's grandmother or grandfather was born on the selected territory.
4. The athlete has lived on the territory for at least five years and possesses a passport or satisfactory documentation of citizenship.

3. A competitor who wishes to represent a new nationality in order to compete in IMMAF Championships, without meeting any criteria of Article 2, may represent a new team provided that at least twelve (12) months have passed since the competitor last represented his/her former country and has possessed a valid passport for at least 2 years. The requirement for 2 years of passport validity also applies to competitors wishing to change nationality ahead of their IMMAF debut. National federations wishing to acquire an athlete who does not meet the criteria of Article 2 must inform IMMAF when the athlete first receives a new passport, ahead of the 2 years validity period.

4. Any competitor who changes nationality ahead of representing a country at IMMAF championships is responsible for presenting a written application outlining reasons for switch of nationality under IMMAF, submitted through their new federation and accompanied by supporting documents for approval upon request of IMMAF.

Anti-doping; WADA ADAMS System Registration:
5. Athletes who have been registered with WADA while competing in another sport may not represent a separate nationality under IMMAF. The athlete must either withdraw from one sport or ensure that nationalities match in all sports that adhere to the WADA code. Cases of nationality clashes within WADA registration will result in the athlete being suspended from IMMAF competition until the matter is resolved.

6. It is the responsibility of national federations to ensure that application of IMMAF approval is completed ahead of any event registration deadline and that all requested documents are provided. Failure to notify IMMAF of a change of nationality or failure to provide supporting documents upon request may result in but is not limited to: disqualification of the athlete from IMMAF competition, deduction of ranking points, a team ban from the division, or a fine, following review by the IMMAF Disciplinary Committee.

Inquiries or applications should be directed to IMMAF Member Development Consultant, Jorden Curran (jorden.curran@immaf.org).

Phase 1: Federations ranked 1 - 32 Priority Registration
- Friday, December 9th, 2022 - Registrations open for Top 32 ranked national teams.
- Wednesday, December 21st, 2022 – Top 32 ranked national teams priority entry cut-off date.

Phase 2: Federations ranked 33 and Below Registration
- Friday, December 23rd, 2022 - Registrations open for teams ranked 33 and below.
- Friday, January 6th, 2023 - Teams ranked 33 and below, entry cut-off date.

Phase 3: 2nd Entry for Federations Ranked 1 – 32 Registration
- Saturday, January 7th, 2023 - 2nd entry option for top 32 ranked teams.
- Monday, January 9th, 2023 – Top 32 ranked teams 2nd entrees closed.

Phase 4: 2nd Entry for Federations Ranked 33 and Below Registration
- Tuesday, January 10th 2023- Registrations open for teams ranked 33 and below to enter a 2nd competitor on a first come first served basis if any spaces are available.

Friday, January 13th , 2023 - All registrations closed.

Please click this link to view latest rankings.
- **Top 32 Senior Rankings**
- **Top 32 Junior Rankings**

Registration cut off points must include the following:
1. *Registration of team on smoothcomp.com*
2. *One payment for all athletes per National Federation at each phase*

If any of points 1 – 2 are not met during the registration of each phase, then the registrations will NOT be accepted.

AGE BANDING CRITERIA

Juniors Under 21 years old
The athlete must be over the age of 18 years or aged 20 years before 1st day of competition and must be within this age band until the competition has been completed.

Seniors 18 years old and above.
The athlete must be 18 years of age by the 1st day of competition.
There is no upper age limit.

All registrations are to be completed via this link - https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/9749 .

If you require support in completing the registration via the website, please e-mail mikhail.mazur@immaf.org

WEIGHT CLASSES

Female	Male
Atomweight – 105lbs(47.6kg)	Strawweight - 115lbs(52.2kgs)
Strawweight -115lbs(52.1kgs)	Flyweight -125lbs(56.7kgs)
Flyweight -125lbs(56.7kgs)	Bantamweight -135lbs(61.2kgs)
Bantamweight -135lbs(61.2kgs)	Featherweight -145lbs(65.8kgs)
Featherweight -145lbs(65.8kgs)	Lightweight -155lbs(70.3kgs)
Lightweight -155lbs(70.3kgs)	Welterweight -170lbs(77.1kgs)
	Middleweight -185lbs(83.9kgs)
	Light Heavyweight -205lbs(93.0kgs)
	Heavyweight -265lbs(120.2kgs)
	Super Heavyweight +265lbs(+120.2kgs)

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At least one (1) team official and a maximum of two (2) must attend the check-in at Stark Arena on Saturday 11th February 2023 from 11:00 to 16:00 in order to confirm the delegation.

Failure to do this will result in a nation not being entered into the draw and will be disqualified from the competition.

Passports or photocopies of passports from all competitors must be available on request (National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth or a copy is also accepted).

IMMAF PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE

All participants and delegates must be pre-registered for the event using the IMMAF Online Registration System. https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/9749

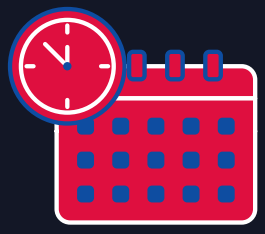
Note to Media:
Any team officials registering on SmoothComp who would like media access and permissions, must contact Nicolas Davies via email to nicolas.davies@immaf.org by Friday 13th January 2023. Please note that registration on SmoothComp does not grant media permissions.

Deadline for Pre-Registration is Friday 13th January 2023.

After the deadline only athletes replacing a competitor who is medically diagnosed as unfit to compete can be entered into the competition.

An official letter from the injured athletes GP or registered team Doctor will need to be submitted to IMMAF's independent Medical Partner for verification at immaf@safemma.org

KEY DEADLINES



Team Registration on smoothcomp.com – Friday 13th January 2023

Media accreditation applications to nicolas.davies@immaf.org - Friday 13th January 2023

Pre-Registration of Injury Replacements – Thursday 19th January 2023

Medical Clearance – Thursday 19th January 2023

TOURNAMENT CHECK–IN

Each team enters a check-in location strictly according to the previously allocated time slot accompanied by at least one team leader.

Athletes' appropriate documents (athlete waiver, media release form) have to be uploaded onto smoothcomp.com beforehand.

Every athlete's passport/ID is controlled and thereafter an accreditation is issued.

Coaches and team staff receive their accreditations at the check-in too.

COMPETITION MODE

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the latest IMMAF Amateur rules, (See *https://immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IMMAF-Rules-Document-as-of-Jan-2021.pdf*).

There is only one uniform competition system for all IMMAF official events – an elimination system with no repechage.

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Sunday 12th February 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023 – Competition days 1 to 6 – All competitors to make weight with no allowance. Any competitor that fails to make weight will be out of the competition at this stage.

There will be no option for late annual medical examination or blood tests.

Following this the official weigh-in & pre fight medical for each weight category is held each morning of competition (See 2 program. Athletes must present their IMMAF accreditation card and his/her passport (National ID Cards showing nationality and date of birth are also accepted).

Only athletes that are set to compete on that day must attend that competition day weigh in. Competitors with byes are not expected to weigh in.

Any athlete who does not show up within the designated weigh in times or fails to make weight will be excluded from competition. Athletes will only have one chance at making weight on the official scales.

A set of test scales will be available for one hour before the official weigh in. This is to facilitate athletes who wish to check their pre-fight weight before stepping onto the official weigh in scales.

Outside of the official weigh in times test scales available on the same morning and a set of scales will be made accessible throughout the competition.

Athletes must present their accreditation card and passport or National ID Card showing nationality and date of birth.

Weigh in allowance policy can be found here – https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/9749

REFEREES & JUDGES

Each federation may put forward recommended competition officials through the IMMAF NTO (National technical Officials) application process.

The organizing federation (RSMMAF) may enter officials as required for the realization of the tournament if a sufficient number cannot be sourced

The requirement for officiating can be found in the “Officials Selection Procedure Form” at https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/9749

DRAW

The draw will take place on Saturday 11th February 2023 at 5pm at Stark Arena, Belgrade.

All team delegates must fully adhere to the dress code outlined for the draw as well as the duration of the competition.

Dress Code for Draw : suit, with jacket and tie OR national team tracksuit.

Only 2 representatives from each Federation are allowed to attend the draw, representatives must reserve their draw slots during registration.

The top four (4) competitors in each weight category will be seeded according to the current IMMAF World Amateur MMA Ranking List.

For all divisions the competitors will be divided into a bracket by means of a “draw”, and a single elimination system will be used to produce two (2) Finalists, who will compete for the gold medal. Competitors from the same nation can not meet before the semi-final (unless it’s a bracket of 2).

A bronze medal will be awarded to both losing semi-finalists, even if the bronze medalist hasn’t won a bout to reach the semi-finals, (for clarification, a bye is classed as a win). There will be no placement points awarded for a losing semi-finalist that has not won a bout to reach the semi-finals.

If there are only two (2) competitors in a bracket, then this will be a gold and silver medal match with the loser receiving a medal. No placement ranking points will be awarded for the loser however.

Full ranking points will be issued if there are twenty (20) or more countries competing at the event. If there are under twenty (20) countries competing, then only half of the ranking points will be issued. Please see this link for how ranking points are earned. *https://immaf.org/athletes/rankings/*

All competitors must make weight each day they are scheduled to compete. Once a competitor loses a bout they are then out of the competition from that stage. If a competitor wins their bout but is medically suspended, they are out of the competition from that time. Please note, competitors that have byes are not required to weigh-in. Only competitors scheduled to compete on any given day must weigh in and make weight. If the competitor fails to make weight for the official weigh in, then they will be out of the competition from this time and their opponent will advance to the next round via a bye. If both opponents fail to make weight then no one advances.

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All team delegates must fully adhere to the dress code outlined for the draw and for the duration of the competition.

Dress Code for Draw: suit, with jacket and tie or national team tracksuit

Dress Code for Competition Days : National team tracksuit/uniform, NO caps, NO shorts OR flip flops.

Ratio of accredited coaches
National federations can register as many coaches as they require for the event.

However please note that there is a ratio of accredited coaches per athlete competing each day that will be allowed in the backstage warm up areas.

ACCOMODATION

The host federation has secured discounted rates for a number of hotels with various pricing options.

National Federations are to organise their accommodation needs directly via the host federation.

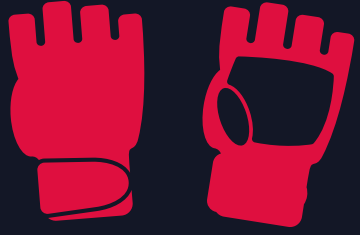
The hotels booked through the host federation will include daily transportation for the national teams from the hotels and venue.

To see what the accommodation options are and to book, please contact:

Dragana Nerandzic

Email: dragana@lifeinharmony.rs

EQUIPMENT



Athletes will be supplied with competition gloves, shin guards, shorts and rash guards.

Handwraps will also be supplied and applied by IMMAF certified cutpersons.

PARTICIPATION FEE

A participation fee of €500 per competitor, and €250 per team leader, team affiliates and team coaches is payable to IMMAF for the National Federations team entries.

Registration for each competitor and team delegate is via the IMMAF online tournament system at: https://smoothcomp.com/en/event/9749

Accreditation will not be issued where entry fees have not been paid by Friday 20th January 2023.

Only registered participants who have paid the participation fee will get access to official IMMAF credentialed areas at the competition venue. This is for security and practical reasons. If there are persons traveling with the federation who are not needed in the arena, who don't have a key role in the team and who won't need assistance from the IMMAF, then they are welcome to attend the World Championships and not pay the participation fee. They can then purchase tickets (if available) for the competition at the competition venue respectively and book their own accommodation.

The fee is a combined fee that covers some but not all of the costs that IMMAF, which is a non-profit entity, incurs for the participants.

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Anti-doping controls will be conducted in accordance with the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code.

IMMAF will be responsible for planning and implementing the necessary procedures.

All participants (athletes, coaches and officials) should ensure they comply with the Anti-Doping Rules - https://immaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/IMMAF-Anti-Doping-Rules-2022-FINAL.pdf.

The IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules adopt the WADA Prohibited List of Substances and Methods WADA Prohibited List 2023.

Athletes should check all medications to ensure any substances used are permitted. https://immaf.org/integrity/anti-doping/education/#consequences

If approval for the medically justified use of a Prohibited Substance or Method is required, apply to IMMAF for a Therapeutic Use Exemption by 21st January 2023. In an emergency/after this date, submit a TUE form as soon as treatment is required.

If a TUE has already been approved at national level, submit the TUE Certificate for approval as soon as possible tue@immaf.org

TUE application details are available on IMMAF's website - https://immaf.org/integrity/anti-doping/therapeutic-use-exemptions/#apply-tue.

NOTE: IMMAF operates a zero tolerance on the use of needles for any purpose without medical justification.

world anti-doping agency

MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Competitors need to ensure that their annual medical examination and blood work is in good standing as per IMMAF's competition medical requirements.

The cut-off date for submission of all correctly completed AND correctly submitted medical forms and blood work is Saturday 21st January 2023.

To be medically cleared to compete in the 2022 World Championships, each athlete must provide:

a) a completed Annual Medical Examination form (in English or with an English language translation) dated within one year of the final day of competition - so on or after 18th February 2022.

b) a copy of the testing laboratory result form showing clear blood test results for Hepatitis B (HBsAg), Hepatitis C (Anti-HCV) and HIV (p24 antigen and HIV 1+2 antibodies), all dated within 6 months of the final day of competition - so on or after 18th August 2022.

c) a doctor's review of blood test results, documented in either the Annual Medical Examination form or the Blood Test Review form.

*Please Note: this review does not need to be duplicated on both forms (the one-page Blood Test Review form is only needed if blood test results are not being reviewed during the annual medical examination!)

d) all documentation must be sent as an email attachment in PDF form (ideally one complete PDF per athlete) through the team Medical Safety Lead (*see Note 1 below) to: immaf@safemma.org

***Please Note: we strongly recommend submitting all forms at least one week in advance of the deadline so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed before the cut-off date, thus avoiding any Late admin fees (*see Note 3 below)**

e) there is no need to resubmit forms previously received and accepted by SAFE MMA

The most current versions of forms and further information can be found here: https://safemma.org/immaf/

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Note 1: MEDICAL SAFETY LEAD

Each team must nominate a Medical Safety Lead. Your MSL acts as the single point of contact through whom we expect to receive all medical documentation, and with whom we share important updates.

The role is purely administrative - no prior medical knowledge or experience is required. Please let us know if you require details of your MSL or wish to nominate someone new to the role.

Note 2: INTEGRITY
If we suspect a document is forged, we will investigate.

If a document is proven to be a forgery, we will charge the athlete or their team a fee for our investigation. The fee will be £40 per hour, with a minimum of 3 hours.

Please do NOT submit forged documents! It endangers athletes and costs more in the long run.

Note 3: ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS

The cut-off date for submission of all CORRECTLY COMPLETED and CORRECTLY SUBMITTED medical forms and blood work is Saturday 21st January 2023.

Please ensure forms are submitted at least one week in advance of this so that any mistakes or omissions can be addressed before the cut-off date. Forms must be received through the nominated MSL, ideally as one complete PDF per athlete.

Note 4: PLEASE DECLARE ALL YOUR MEDICATION
Declaring your medications at Medical Clearance, Registration, Pre & Post Medical Checks and at Doping Control is in your own interest for health and safety reasons.

Failure to make a full declaration and update as necessary may delay appropriate medical treatment. It may be considered adversely in an anti-doping investigation.

Declare, in your own interests, team officials please remind your athletes.

- a £10 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received by the cut-off date of Saturday 21st January 2023 (2359hrs UTC)

- a £20 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received one week after the cut-off date, so Saturday 28th January 2023 (2359hrs UTC)

- a £40 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received two weeks after the cut-off date, so by Saturday 4th February 2023 (2359hrs UTC)

- an £80 Late admin fee will be payable direct to SAFE MMA by or for any athlete whose correct & complete documentation has not been received more than 2 days before the start of competition, so by Thursday 9th February 2023 (2359hrs UTC)

Important information:

- Other than in exceptional cases (such as with late injury replacements) the Late admin fees detailed above WILL be strictly enforced WITHOUT exception.
- If a Late admin fee is due, no documentation will be reviewed, or even considered as having been received, until that fee has been paid.
- If a Late admin fee is due and not received before a further deadline has been passed, the higher fee will be payable for that athlete's documentation to be reviewed.
- The review of any documentation received after the cut-off date is subject to the availability of resources, and at the discretion of SAFE MMA and the IMMAF Medical Commission.

For the record, Late admin fees are not intended to raise revenue. They have solely been introduced to focus attention on the importance of complying with deadlines so that we can continue doing the work we do effectively with the resources we have - the alternatives being raising fees for everyone or removing athletes from the tournament. We would be delighted if not a single late admin fee was ever incurred! Please work with us to achieve this and get your athletes' documentation arranged in good time. If you have any comments, issues or questions regarding this, or any medical matter, please email us at: immaf@safemma.org.

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The competitor competes under the full responsibility of their National Federations Insurance.

Each national federation is responsible for insuring its competitors against “injury and third party risk (public liability)” during the period of the event.

The International Mixed Martial Arts Federation and RSMMAF decline all responsibility.

It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs.

The organiser of the event and the IMMAF accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

MEDIA

Journalists can apply for media accreditation by sending their requests directly to the organiser at **nicolas.davies@immaf.org.**

When journalists are traveling as part of a National Federation Team please indicate this, so they may be treated as part of your party.

ATHLETE MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

a) Television
It is a mandatory obligation for all athletes to complete television interviews and photograph sessions for IMMAF's production team, if requested. Team Leaders or the athlete themself will be notified in advance if an athlete's attendance is required.

For official interviews and photographs (which are used for TV graphics), athletes will need their Greenhill competition wear and also their national team t-shirt.

Official television interview will be in English, so please arrange for a person to translate for your athlete if needed.

b) IMMAF Media Team
Every day after a match, some competitors will be escorted for a short interview with the IMMAF Media Team following their post-fight medical examination. The interview will be for use on IMMAF media and social media channels.

On days where Anti-doping testing takes place, such interviews will be conducted following the post-fight medical and before the Anti-doping testing.

An IMMAF official will be responsible for notifying competitors of IMMAF interview requests and escorting competitors from the competition area to their post-fight medical and onto their media interview.

Competitors may wear their own sponsor apparel for the media interviews.

MEDALS CEREMONY

During the Finals, competition medalists will participate in a podium medals ceremony.

The Dress Code for competitors during the medal's ceremony is as follows:

1. National Team competition rash guard and shorts or National Team uniform
2. The only flags or banners that may be carried are National Flags. **No religious or political symbols are allowed.**

Casual or street wear will not be permitted on the podium.

Athletes will also be required to be in the designated seating for medalists at least five minutes before their medal presentation.

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For competitors requiring supporting documentation for VISA applications to enter Serbia, please email, tatiana.klimenko@immaf.org for details of what information each federation is required to send. No queries will be reviewed without the attached filled roaster:

				Passport			
Sr.No.	Full Name	Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY	Role	Country	Number	Issued Date	Expiry Date
1			coach				
2			Athlete				
3							

Please note that all procedures, including rule sets, weight categories and allowance are subject to approval from IMMAF.

Competition venues may change subject to contractual agreements.

TRAVEL ADVICE

There are no Covid-19 restrictions for entering the Republic of Serbia.

Wearing face masks indoors is recommended. Wearing face masks in health facilities remains mandatory.

The currency is the dinar (usually abbreviated to din), comprising coins of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20din (and also 50 para coins – 100 para equals 1din), and notes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 1000 and 5000din.

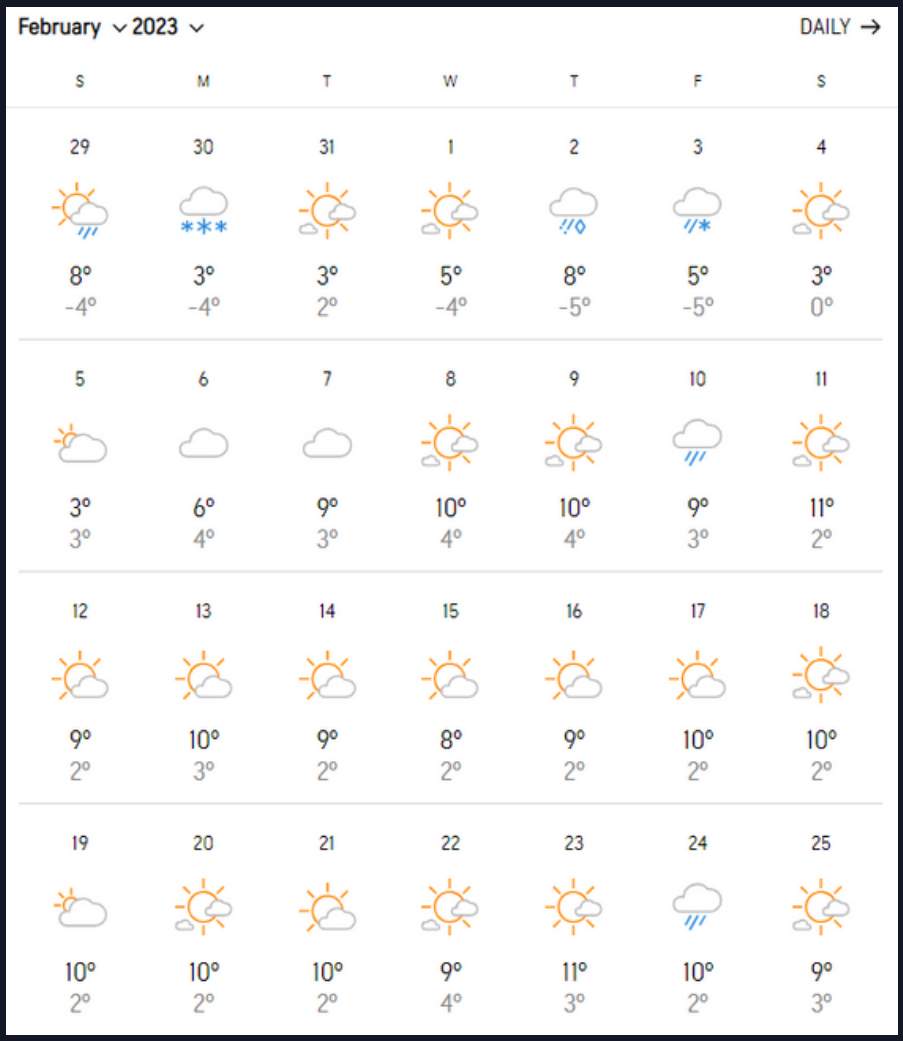
Most major credit cards are accepted by merchants in major cities like Belgrade. And you'll easily find ATMs that support both credit card and debit cards.

Nikola Tesla Airport is located 20 kilometers northwest to the Belgrade city center. Belgrade has a highly developed public transport system operates on buses, trams, trolleybuses, S-train and Beovozcommuter rail.

INFORMATION ABOUT BELGRADE

Country:	**Serbia**
Capital:	**Belgrade**
Area:	**359,96 km2**
Language:	**Serbian**
Average temperature:	**12.3 °C**
The difference between GMT:	**UTC +1**
Telephone Code:	**+381(0)11**
Currency:	**RSD**
Socket Type:	**Type F**

WEATHER IN BELGRADE



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