



ISF U15 World School Sport Games

Inaugural ISF U15 Multi-Sport Event taking place in Belgrade from 26 June - 4 July 2021



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A Springboard for Addressing Younger Leaders, Acquiring Olympic Values and Healthy Lifestyle Behaviours

The city of Belgrade, Serbia will host the inaugural ISF U15 World School Sport Games taking place in 2021. Bringing together **athletes from 13 to 15 years old**, this multisport event will be a unique opportunity for youth athletes of this age category, to better understand the Olympic Values and **the true benefits of sport through educational programmes and cultural experiences**, all whilst competing in high-level sport competitions. The best student athletes of this age category from around the world will compete in both individual and team events, representing both their national school sport entity and their school.

The ISF first began developing events for the U15 format in 2019, with the successful inaugural ISF U15 WSC Volleyball event taking place in Croatia. We are always looking for new and creative ways to engage with our young audience, and to help inspire them through school sport. The important role that both

education and sport have in raising healthier and more responsible youth, provides an equally **important opportunity to develop new and exciting event formats** for them to participate in. Building upon the success of our inaugural U15 event and requests from our members, we decided to expand the format and increase the opportunities for the younger generation of youth athletes, so as to allow them to engage in high-level school sport and important educational and cultural opportunities, from an earlier age.

A city of sporting experience

With a strong sporting history, Serbia has not only competed in events at the highest level but has for a long period of time, organised events at the highest level. Back in 2009, Belgrade was host of the tremendously successful 25th Universiade, which saw over 8,000 participants compete over 12 days of competition. **As organiser, the Serbian School Sport Federation (SSSF), has gained an enormous amount of experience in organising top level school sport events**, having celebrated its 50th Anniversary earlier in 2020. Just in 2018 they hosted the ISF WSC Volleyball with 36 participating countries and ISF WSC Basketball 3x3 with 29 participating countries. The following year they then once again welcomed 27 countries to compete at ISF WSC Football, further solidifying themselves as incredibly capable and committed organisers of school sport events. It is therefore clear that Belgrade will be a fantastic host and location for the first ever ISF U15 World School Sport Games.

On March 2, 2020, ISF President Laurent Petrynka, ISF Secretary General/CEO Hrvoje Čustonja and Serbian School Sport Federation President and ISF Executive Committee Member, Mr Željko Tanasković met with **Serbia's Minister of Sport Vanja Udovičić at Serbian Ministry of Sport**. The meeting took place in the framework of ISF General Assembly, with discussions on the event preparation taking place.

This governmental support further highlights the high-level of preparations that are already **being implemented by the Serbian School Sport Federation under the leadership of their President Željko Tanasković and Secretary General Uroš Savić** who's team have continually been at the forefront of organising school sport events. Their continued dynamism and innovation regarding ISF events leaves them well positioned and ready, with Mr Tanasković having this to say: "I would like to welcome you to Serbia and its capital Belgrade, famous worldwide for sport. We are extremely honoured and happy that our country will be the first to organise the ISF U15 World School Games. **This competition will be special because finally younger students will have the opportunity to compete internationally, as well as being able to meet and socialise with their peers from around the world.** Serbian School Sports Federation has organised some of the largest ISF events, such as WSC Volleyball in 2016, WSC Basketball 3x3 in 2018 and WSC Football in 2019, so our Federation has the knowledge and experience for organising big events."



REGISTRATION

Registration will only be possible through ERAS - the ISF online registration platform (<https://isf-eras.org/>). The registration is available for:

- **ISF members**
- **Non ISF members**
- **Directly applying schools**

Directly applying schools are schools registering for the Event without applying through a School Sport Entity that is a member of ISF. A directly applying school can either be:

- **A school not affiliated to an ISF member**
- **A school affiliated to an ISF member but not registering through this ISF member**

Registration will be firstly open to ISF members and to **non ISF members**. Registration phase 1 to ISF members and to **non ISF members** will be from **1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

After Registration phase 1 for ISF members and non ISF members, if there are available places for more individuals/ teams at the competition table (per sport), directly applying schools will be able to declare their interest in taking part in the event through ERAS from **1 May to 14 May 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

Technical information about ISF U15 World School Sport Games

The sports programme will contain 14 different sports, which will have alongside them many cultural and educational activities and experiences, taking the participants around the city of Belgrade and fully immersing themselves in the event.

Sports 14	Date 26/06 - 04/07/2021
Place Belgrade - Serbia	Ages 13 - 15

Athletics 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Badminton 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Basketball 2008 - 2007 - 2006
Basketball 3X3 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Chess 2007 - 2006	Football 2008 - 2007 - 2006
Judo 2008 - 2007	Karate 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Orienteering 2008 - 2007 - 2006
Swimming 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Table Tennis 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Taekwondo 2008 - 2007 - 2006
Volleyball 2008 - 2007 - 2006	Wrestling 2008 - 2007 - 2006	

ISF U15 World School Games - Deadlines

