OFFICIAL INVITATION

The European Powerlifting Federation

and

Malta Powerlifting Association

invite

the EPF member nations to participate in the

EUROPEAN MASTERS CLASSIC POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP
31st January to 7nh of February
2027
St Julians, Malta

Please note: all information is posted only for information purposes. All team selections, all official entries for the Championships, and all hotel bookings must be done by the EPF Member Nations, NOT by individuals.

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Host City	St Julians, Malta
Date	From the 31st January to the 7nh of February 2027
Venue	Intercontinental Arena Conference Centre St Julians STJ 3310

Technical Meeting	20:00 Saturday, 30th of January 2027 at the Intercontinental Hotel

Hotel Rates	**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE AS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2026** **Hotel 1 - Intercontinental Hotel – 5*** Standard Rooms €155.00 for a single room €180.00 for a double/ twin room Premium rooms (accommodates up to 4 pax and has access to Opal Lounge) Single accommodation - €230.00 per room/per night Double accommodation - €255.00 per room/per night Triple accommodation - €285.00 per room/per night Quadruple accommodation - €315.00 per room/per night Rates are per room per night, including breakfast Rates exclude city tax of €01.50 per person per night **Hotel 2 - Voco Hotel – 5*** €140.00 for a single room €165.00 for a double/ twin room Rates are per room per night, including breakfast Rates exclude city tax of €01.50 per person per night **Hotel 3 - ME Hotel by Melia – 5*** €150.00 for a single room €170.00 for a double/ twin room Rates are per room per night, including breakfast Rates exclude city tax of €01.50 per person per night **Hotel 4 - Hyatt Centric – 5*** €140.00 for a single king-bed room €170.00 for a double king-bed room €170.00 for a single King deluxe room with balcony €200.00 for a double King deluxe room with balcony €140.00 for a single double bed room €170.00 for a double double bed room Rates are per room per night, including breakfast Rates exclude city tax of €01.50 per person per night FOR ALL HOTEL A MINIMUM OF 3 NIGHTS IS APPLICABLE

HOTEL PAYMENT	All accredited athletes, coaches, referees, and officials from each federation must stay in the official hotel for all days they require accreditation for the event. Failure to comply will have the effect that they will not receive accreditation and will be excluded from that championship. For championships, to receive accreditation, each athlete, coach, official or referee must stay in the designated championship hotel(s) for three nights**.** In exchange the athlete, coach, official and referee shall receive accreditation for a period of three days – the arrival, competition, and departure day. All room bookings must be made by the National Federation through the official link via WWW.EPFMALTA.COM The organizer will not be responsible for any hotel bills of the participating nations.

	The accommodation fees shall be payable by bank transfer against the invoice. Payment must be received at the bank account mentioned on the invoice at the latest **21 days** prior to the beginning of the Championship **(Monday 11th January 2027).** All rooms must be booked at the latest by the deadline of the preliminary nomination. After the deadline, the organizer cannot guarantee the accommodation. **Friday 8th January 2027** is the latest date for any removal of nominated lifters and cancellation of booked hotel rooms. If not cancelled in time, the National federation must pay the reserved hotel rooms (if the hotel requires such payment), the participation fee and the doping fee for all lifters and officials specified at the final nomination form.

International Airport for Arrival/ Departure	Malta International Airport (MLA)

Arrivals/ Departures/ Transportation	**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE AS FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2026** Transfers need to be pre-booked. 3 people + Luggage (Taxi) €45.00 8 people + luggage (Peugeot) €75.00 16 people Minivan €95.00 Booking & Payment – http://www.epfmalta.com/transportation/ Payment by Credit Card. Transfer Tickets and Payment confirmation are received instantly via email. (Please check your Spam/ Junk just in case you don't receive anything once payment is processed)

Scale	Scale available at the official hotel, 24 hours. The scales will be available 1 day prior to the first competition day.

Training	Training will be available at Venue 1 day prior to the first competition day and then every day during the official competition timings.

Flag and anthem	Flags and Anthems will be provided

Opening Ceremony	31st of January at 15:00 at the Venue. One representative from each participating country shall take part in the Ceremony.

ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION

*For the **European Masters Classic Powerlifting Championship,*** each participant is **strictly liable** for any substance found in their body (or specimen). Each participant may be charged with an anti-doping rule violation for the presence or use of a prohibited substance or method, whether its use was intentional or not.

Always check your medications and supplements before consuming them to make sure they do not contain any substances or methods included on the WADA Prohibited List.

Educate yourself on the risks of taking supplements and minimize your risk.
All Sub-Junior & Junior athletes **must** successfully complete education through the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) online education platform (ADeL) in order to be able to compete. Each national federation must submit all the participating athletes' completed certificates from ADeL with the nomination for the registration to be complete.

Understand and educate yourself on your rights and responsibilities as an athlete, including but not limited to:

- requirements for submitting whereabouts information
- rights and responsibilities during sample collection
- responsibility to avoid the use of prohibited substances and methods
- consent to the use of your information
- obligations to follow the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and all consequences deriving therefrom

All athletes participating in this event are not classified as International Level Athletes.

As an International Level Athlete, if you have a medical condition for which you need to take a medication or use a therapeutic method that is prohibited under the WADA Prohibited List, apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to the appropriate organization (IPF or NADO) before the start of its use and at least 30 days before competing.

For athletes competing in the Sub-Junior and Masters age categories, you are not required to apply for a TUE in advance of being tested. However, if you do compete in one of these categories and you are taking a medication that contains a prohibited substance, you will be required to apply for a TUE retroactively should you be selected for doping control at this event.

For all anti-doping related questions, please contact ipfantidoping@cces.ca.

European Masters Classic Powerlifting Championship

Provisional Timetable

(Weigh in and Start time are subject to change after final nomination)

Day	Weigh In Time	Classes		Start	End	Lifters
Saturday 30.01.2027	**Technical Meeting**			**20:00**		
Sunday 31.01.2027	08:00 – 09:30	Men M4	59 – 74 kg	10:00	14:45	10
		Men M4	83 – 120+ kg			14
	Opening Ceremony			**15:00**		
	14:00 – 15:30	Women M4	47 – 84+ kg	16:00	20:00	12
		Women M3	47 – 57 kg			10
Monday 01.02.2027	08:00 – 09:30	Women M3	63 kg	10:00	13:30	8
		Men M3	59 – 74 kg			11

	12:00 – 13:30	Women M3	69 – 76kg	14:00	18:00	13
		Women M3	84 - 84+ kg			8
	16:30 – 18:00	Men M3	83 kg	18:30	21:30	6
		Men M3	93 kg			9
Tuesday 02.02.2027	08:00 – 09:30	Men M3	105 kg	10:00	13:15	7
		Men M3	120 – 120+ kg			9
	12:00 – 13:30	Women M2	47 – 57 kg	14:00	17:45	11
		Women M2	63 kg			10
	16:00 – 17:30	Men M2	59 – 66 kg	18:00	21:30	6
		Men M2	74 kg			12
Wednesday 03.02.2027	08:00 – 09:30	Men M2	83 kg (B Group)	10:00	12:30	6
		Men M2	83 kg (A Group)			7
	11:00 – 12:30	Women M2	69 kg	13:00	16:30	9
		Men M2	93 kg			10
	15:00 – 16:30	Women M2	76 kg	17:00	20:30	10
		Men M2	105 kg			8
Thursday 04.02.2027	09:00 – 10:30	Women M2	84 kg	11:00	14:45	11
		Men M2	120 kg			8
	14:00 – 15:30	Women M2	84+ kg	16:00	19:15	10
		Men M2	120+ kg			7
Friday 05.02.2027	09:00 – 10:30	Women M1	47 – 52 kg	11:00	15:00	10
		Women M1	57 kg			9
	14:00 – 15:30	Women M1	63 kg	16:00	20:00	10
		Men M1	59 – 74 kg			11
Saturday 06.02.2027	09:00 – 10:30	Women M1	69 kg	11:00	15:45	12
		Men M1	83 kg			14
	14:00 – 15:30	Women M1	76 kg	16:00	19:30	8
		Men M1	93 kg			10
Sunday 07.02.2027	08:00 – 09:30	Women M1	84 kg	10:00	13:15	11
		Women M1	84+ kg			5
	12:00 – 13:30	Men M1	105 kg	14:00	18:15	10
		Men M1	120 – 120 + kg			12
	Banquet			**20:00**		

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER

Nomination of athletes and officials to International Events shall be received by the Championship Secretary with a copy to the Meet Director within the following time limits:

- Preliminary nomination not later than 60 days prior to an International Event. Best totals from National or International Championships during the previous 12 months before preliminary nomination shall be stated.
- Final nomination, submitted not later than 21 days prior to an International Event, must be made from those nominated in the preliminary nomination.

The limit of 12 coaches does not apply to this Championship. According to the Bylaws 16.3.1 (Eligible Coaches), the Organiser has granted an exemption to the standard quota. Each Nation may nominate an unlimited number of coaches. This increase does not impact operations, as the number of coaches allowed in the warm-up and preparation areas remains strictly governed by the IPF Technical Rules.

According to the IPF Technical Rules [Page 4, item 7] on the submitted Final Nomination Form you must send the finalized list of the athletes that will take part in the championship. At the Technical Meeting you can only delete athletes from your final nomination form, and no one can change weight classes.

Changes may occur to the timetable of events. All changes will take place at the Technical Meeting that will be held on **Saturday, 6th of March 2027** at 20:00. Information regarding the A and B groups will be given at the Technical Meeting.

Any National Member Federation that has been affiliated with the EPF for more than five years and nominates from five to nine athletes for an EPF Event must include qualified international referee among its team officials. If National Member Federation nominates from 10 to 14 athletes, then two referees are needed, from 15 to 19 athletes then three referees are needed, from 20 to 24 athletes then four referees are needed and 25 or more than five referees are needed.

One referee of the National Category per Nation is allowed to be nominated to fulfil the duties of the Technical Controller. These referees must be available to officiate on the platform or serve on the Jury for a minimum of four sessions.

Referee nominations shall be submitted only for available time slots as displayed in the system at the time of submission. Once a time slot has reached its maximum capacity and is marked as full, no further nominations for that slot shall be accepted. In case a selected time slot is full, the Member Nation shall nominate the referee for another available open slot.

A Member Nation may nominate one referee in place of several requested referees, provided that he or she officiates the required number of sessions corresponding to those requests. In a situation when a nation is required to send more referees than the number of available timeslots, no fines will be imposed.

If the National Federation has not nominated the obligatory number of referees, the fee of Euro 500 must be paid for each lacking referee. This fee must be paid to the EPF Treasurer after the final nomination on the receipt of the invoice. If a nominated referee is absent or present but unavailable to perform their assigned duties,the athletes of that federation may still compete; however, the federation must pay a fine of EUR 500 for each referee duty missed by the unavailable referee.

For referees, 17th of January 2027 is the last day for changes of categories for which referees have been allocated in the final nomination, as indicated by their national federation in the Goodlift system.

Referee duties, specified by the Technical Committee, are mandatory 14 days prior to the championships. Any changes, withdrawal, or no-show by a referee regarding the allocated duty at or after the Technical Meeting may

result in a warning or a € 100 fine, depending on the reason. However, federations may allocate duties between their own referees at the latest at the Technical Meeting upon agreement by the appointed Technical Committee member (EPF By-Laws 18.6).

Victory Ceremonies will be held at the end of each lifting session. It will be mandatory that each athlete wear their national team tracksuit for the award presentation.

If the organizer does not receive confirmed cancellations of hotel rooms at least 21 days prior to the championship, all hotel costs will be the responsibility of the nominated lifters and officials. The same shall apply to participation and Anti-Doping fees.

All participating nations in the European championships should be represented at the Technical Meeting. If a representative of a participating nation is absent at the Technical Meeting prior to the European championship or has not informed about his/her absence by confirming the participation of his/her federation's nominated lifters (by e-mail), a fine of 250 Euro will be imposed on the concerned national federation (EPF By-Laws 18.2).

The confirmation of absence from the Technical Meeting must be sent between the date of the final nomination and the start of the Technical Meeting to the EPF Championship Secretary, Tero Hyttinen, email: tero@europowerlifting.org, with a copy to the EPF Treasurer Xavier de Puytorac, email: xavier@europowerlifting.org. The confirmation must include changes in the list of referees and changes in the final nomination.

Indemnity & Insurance: All participating federations and their delegated athletes and officials agree to indemnity and not hold the organizing committee accountable for or against any claims for personal injury, financial loss, death, or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement, or cancellation of this European Championships.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION

The European Powerlifting Federation (EPF) is committed to protecting the privacy and personal data of all athletes, officials, volunteers, and attendees at our events.
During the organization and conduct of EPF events, we may collect and process the following personal data:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Nationality
- Federation affiliation
- Sport category and results
- Photographs and video recordings taken during the event

Personal data is processed to manage event entries, schedules, results, and records, to comply with sport governance regulations, to publish competition results, records, rankings, and statistics, to promote EPF events through photos, videos, and media publications, to ensure the safety, fairness, and integrity of competitions, and to preserve the historical and sporting archive of European powerlifting.

The EPF processes personal data based on:

- Article 6(1)(f) GDPR — for the legitimate interests of organizing and promoting powerlifting events, preserving sports records, and promoting public interest in sport.
- Article 6(1)(e) GDPR — for the performance of a task in the public interest under recognized sport governance mandates.
- Article 6(1)(c) GDPR — to comply with legal and regulatory obligations.

We implement appropriate organizational and technical measures to safeguard your data against unauthorized access, loss, misuse, or alteration.

All the participants of the EPF events are aware of and agree to be photographed and filmed. In case of disagreement, the participant must notify the EPF about it before the start of the event.

Photographs and videos taken at EPF events are the sole property of the EPF and can be published at all EPF internet platforms, including but not restricted to the EPF web, social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.
All the participants of the EPF events agree on their personal data to be collected, processed, saved, and displayed in the electronic system for the competition run GoodLift, on the websites: https://goodlift.info/ and https://www.europowerlifting.org/.

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