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1. Organisation

1.1. World Climbing Officials

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2. Programme

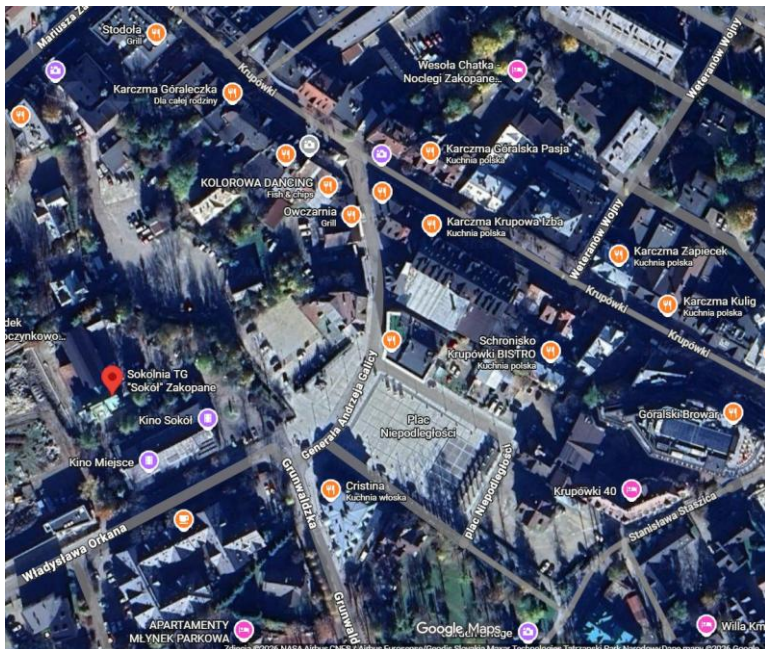
2.1. Provisional Programme (Local Time, UTC +2)

Confirmation of Attendance & Technical Meeting : Saturday, 13.06.2026	
08:15 – 09:15	Confirmation of attendance at the office in Municipal Stadium MOSiR Zakopane
09:45- 10:15	Technical Meeting at the Sokolnia TG "Sokół" Zakopane

The competition day: Saturday, 13.06.2026	
10:30 – 12:00	U17, U19, U21 male/female Warm-up (opening/closing)
12:00 – 15:00	U17, U19, U21 male/female Speed Practice
15:00 – 18:00	U17, U19, U21 male/female Speed Qualifications
18:30 – 20:15	U17, U19, U21 male/female Speed Finals
20:20	Medal Ceremony

2.2. Technical Meeting

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WLmwRM1FRJnPdNfS8>



The venue for all Technical Meetings is approximately an 2 -minute walk from the climbing venue.

Saturday, June 13th at 09:45

Building

Sokolnia TG "Sokół" Zakopane, Władysława Orkana 2a, 34-500 Zakopane, Poland

IMPORTANT: Please note that a maximum of two (2) National Team Officials per Country will be allowed to access the Technical Meeting.

2.3. Confirmation of Attendance

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/M1E48b9LEJCqdD9HA>

Building

Office of the Municipal Stadium MOSiR Zakopane, 4 Orkana Street, 34-500 Zakopane, Poland

Physical confirmation of attendance is mandatory. The Team Manager is responsible to communicate the presence of the National Team. In case of late arrival please contact the World Climbing Jury President as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT: Accreditation should be collected during the designated confirmation of attendance period. Collection outside this timeframe does not constitute confirmation of attendance.

3. Deadlines and quotas

3.1. Registration deadline

Registration Deadline: 10 days before the first day of the event, Wednesday, 3rd of June 2026,

Registration fees: 45 € per athlete. The registration fee will be invoiced by the World Climbing Europe to the National Federations.

In case of late registration please get in direct contact with Irem Baldini europa.events@worldclimbing.com to forward the athletes you want to register. The registration fee will then increase to 95€ for each competitor. The registration fee will be invoiced by the World Climbing Europe to the National Federations. No cash-payments will be done on site.

Registration for athletes of Africa and Oceanian Council: For the registration process please get in direct contact with Irem Baldini europa.events@worldclimbing.com.

For the Confirmation of attendance,, it is necessary for all team managers to show the passports or ID-cards of their competitors (or copy).

Online Registration System: [link](#)

3.2. Valid athletes' international licence

Licences: Only competitors and team officials with a valid World Climbing International licence are allowed to register for the competition.

4. Sport Information

4.1. Venue information

Outdoor Event Venue: The competition will take place on a portable 15 m speed climbing wall set up for the event at Independence Square in Zakopane.

Address: Independence Square (Plac Niepodległości), Zakopane, Matopolska, Poland

Venue Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/cQteJem3ejt9Xdis8>



4.2. Warm-up zone

In the warm-up area, a small warm-up wall will be set up, and various training equipment will be available, including fitness gear, resistance bands, balls, a training cage, weights, pull-up bars, etc., so these elements will be provided in warm-up.

We also recommend the Training Possibilities listed below, where a 10-meter speed climbing wall is available. Please note that this venue requires prior reservation, as it is a sports facility used by multiple disciplines.

4.1. Training Possibilities

Central Sports Centre (COS) – Olympic Preparation Centre in Zakopane - <https://zakopane.cos.pl/> - The centre provides on-site accommodation and full board catering services, as it serves as a training base for various national teams and elite athletes.

The facility also features a 10-metre speed climbing wall (speedwall).



Building

COS OPO Zakopane, Bronisława Czecha 1 street, 34-500 Zakopane, Poland

<https://zakopane.cos.pl/>

5. Logistics

5.1. Visa and Travels

If you need invitations for visa, please contact “PZA Office” biuro@pza.org.pl no later than 1 month prior to the competition. We need all the information shown in the following table from all team members to send you an invitation letter. Please send the information all together in one table and also add passport copies.

Name (First/Last)	Date of birth	Nationality	Passport Number	Expiration date	Position

5.2. Accommodation

5.2.1. Suggested hotels:

Please access the following link to check the list of available hotels.

- **Official Hotel**

Hotel Rzemieślnik Zakopane
Kornela Makuszyńskiego 12 street
34-500 Zakopane, Małopolska
www.rzemieslnik-zakopane.pl

Zakopane boasts an impressive and continuously expanding accommodation base. Visitors can choose from around a thousand lodging options within the city itself, as well as many more in the surrounding towns. The city offers 25 hotels, over 500 apartment buildings, and around 150 guesthouses, hostels, villas, and private accommodations. Thanks to popular booking platforms, guests can easily tailor their stay by selecting the desired star rating, room amenities, and additional services.

For further assistance or more information, please contact the Zakopane Tourism Office directly:

<https://www.zakopane.pl/en/tourist-area>

5.3. Transport & travel information

Arrival by plane

The closest airport to Zakopane is Kraków John Paul II International Airport (KRK), located about 110 km from Zakopane. Other nearby airports include Katowice International Airport (KTW) (approx. 170 km) and Poprad-Tatry Airport in Slovakia (TAT) (approx. 70 km).

Arrival by public transports

Zakopane has a train station with direct connections to Kraków and other major cities. Regular bus services from Kraków Bus Station (Kraków MDA) are also available, with travel time approximately 2–2.5 hours.

Arrival by car

Zakopane is about 100 km south of Kraków, the capital of the Małopolska region.

By car it can be reached via the national road DK47 (popularly known as Zakopianka) from Kraków. Please note that traffic can be heavy, especially on weekends and during holidays.

5.4. Traveling to Zakopane sustainably:

We recommend using trains or buses instead of individual car travel where possible. Direct trains and long-distance coaches from major Polish cities (e.g., Kraków, Warsaw) are available.

- Polish Railways (PKP) schedules: <https://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>
- FlixBus schedules (long-distance buses): <https://www.flixbus.com>

Getting around Zakopane in a green way:

- Local public transport (buses and minibuses) is widely available. Bus schedules: <https://www.zakopane.pl/komunikacjamijska>
- Bike rentals are an eco-friendly and fun alternative:
 - E-goral: <https://e-goral.pl/>
 - e-bike rentals available at selected locations.

5.5. Accreditations

All team members are required to complete official registration through the World Climbing system, in accordance with its regulations. Access to the athletes' area is restricted and will be granted only to registered athletes, accredited coaches, and team members.

5.6. Tickets

The event is free of charge for participants and does not require tickets.

A variety of attractions for mountain and outdoor enthusiasts will accompany the competition, including a festival village with exhibitor booths. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore and purchase a wide range of sports, mountain, and climbing equipment.

6. Medical information

6.1. General information

Emergency local doctor during the event: *The medical team will be on-site from the opening of the isolation zone until the end of the final competition. In addition to the emergency doctor, there will be a team of paramedics at the venue during the competition.*

Emergency Numbers

- Ambulance service: 999
- Mountain rescue (TOPR): 985
- European emergency number: 112

In case of a medical emergency, it is recommended to call 999 to connect directly with a medical dispatcher.

Tatra Volunteer Search and Rescue (TOPR)

- **Address:** ul. Piłsudskiego 63a, 34-500 Zakopane, Poland
- **Rescue phone:** +48 601 100 300

- **Emergency number:** 985 or 112
- **Phone (office):** +48 18 20 147 31
- **E-mail:** topr@topr.pl
- **Website:** topr.pl

TOPR specializes in mountain rescue operations within the Tatra Mountains, assisting in situations that endanger life and health in mountainous areas.

Nearest Hospital:

Hospital Emergency Department (SOR) – District Hospital in Zakopane (Szpital Powiatowy im. dr Tytusa Chałubińskiego)

- **Address:** ul. Kamieniec 10, 34-500 Zakopane, Poland
- **Phone (main reception):** +48 18 20 120 21
- **Phone (Emergency Department):** +48 18 20 120 21 ext. 100
- **E-mail:** sekretariat@szpital-zakopane.pl
- **Website:** www.szpital-zakopane.pl

The Emergency Department provides 24/7 assistance for urgent medical cases.

7. Other Information

TATRA FEST 2026 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Tatra Fest is a multidisciplinary mountain sports festival held in Zakopane, scheduled for **June 12–15, 2026**. This event brings together mountain, sport, and nature enthusiasts, offering a wide range of activities for all skill levels and ages.

Main attractions of Tatra Fest 2026:

- **Tatra Fest Ultra Run – 68 km:**
Considered one of the toughest ultra-marathons in Poland, featuring over **5,000 meters of elevation gain**. The route passes through the highest parts of the Western Tatras, including **Kasprowy Wierch** and **Starorobociański Wierch**, often reaching above 2,000 meters above sea level.
- **Tatra Fest Vertical:**
A short but intense race up the **Wielka Krokiew ski jump** – just 300 meters long but with 140 meters of elevation gain, perfect for fans of steep and fast challenges.
- **Tatra Fest Runs – 22 km & 11 km:**
Ideal for runners looking for less extreme but still scenic and challenging mountain routes.
- **Tatra Fest Bike:**
A two-day **non-competitive cycling adventure** around the Tatra Mountains, focused on exploration and enjoying the stunning mountain scenery rather than racing.
- **Tatra Fest Hike:**
Organized **guided hikes and educational workshops**, great for families and anyone wanting to combine physical activity with learning about the natural environment.
- **Tatra Fest Climb & Kids Zone:**
Climbing competitions for children, along with kid-friendly trail runs and workshops, all promoting physical activity and mountain culture among the youngest participants.
- **European Cup & European Youth Cup in speed climbing:**



Zakopane will also host top-tier **speed climbing competitions** as part of the **European Cup and European Youth Cup**. These prestigious events will bring together the fastest climbers from across Europe to compete on an international level.

The festival strongly emphasizes **inclusivity, accessibility, and ecological education**, with special zones for people with disabilities and educational programs conducted in cooperation with the **Tatra National Park**.

More details and the full schedule can be found on the official website: <https://tatrafest.org>

Event fan page on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/festiwaltatrafest>

