WELCOME TO SOFIA – THE CAPITAL OF BULGARIA!

Sofia is more than eight thousand years old. With its mineral waters and beautiful nature, Sofia is a center of attraction for different people through the millennia.

During the first centuries after Christ, Sofia was ruled by the Romans who developed the mineral springs and built the Serdika Ancient Fortress.

Bulgaria was founded in 681 (AD) by Khan Asparuh.

On April 3, 1879, Sofia was declared the capital of Bulgaria.

There are many historical and cultural attractions in Sofia, like the Memorial Temple St. Alexander Nevsky, the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, the National Palace of Culture, the Ivan Vazov Theater, the monument of Vasil Levski – the Apostle of the freedom of Bulgaria and many more.

In 2024, Sofia will host the European Showdown Championship.
HOTEL MARINELA, SOFIA, BULGARIA

HTTPS://HOTEL-MARINELA.COM/

100 James Bourchier Boulevard,
1407 Sofia, Bulgaria

05-11 August 2024
SOFIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Distance to Hotel: 12.8 km

CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION
Distance to Hotel: 5 km
### ACCOMMODATION

Fee per **person** and per **day**, including accommodation, local transport and meals **For 6 days**

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**INFORMATION**

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| Dates of the Event| Arrival: 5th August 2024  
                  Departure: 11th August 2024 |
| Dates for Medical Classification and Training | 6-7 August 2024 |
| Competition Dates | 8-10 August 2024 |
| Location of Event | Hotel Marinela, Sofia, Bulgaria [HTTPS://WWW.HOTEL-MARINELA.COM/](https://www.hotel-marinela.com/) |
| Nearest Airport   | Sofia International Airport, Distance to Hotel: 12.8 KM |
| Nearest Train Station | Central Railway Station, Distance to Hotel: 5 KM |
ATHLETES’ ELIGIBILITY

Please note that all athletes must comply with the following conditions before being accredited to the event:

- IBSA Athletes License for the current year;
- Paid IBSA Membership fee for the current year;
- Valid eye classification.

ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

All entries for 11th IBSA Showdown European Championships should be made by the ISAS Online Registration System:  HTTPS://ISAS.IBSASPORT.ORG/APP/LOGIN

IBSA CAPITATION FEE

Each athlete must pay 25 euros to the organizers – IBSA Capitation Fee.
Procedure for the classification of an athlete at a competition:

- A fully filled MDF, dated and signed by a certified ophthalmologist, must be uploaded in ISAS – 6 weeks before the first classification day of the event. Only the current MDF (available for downloading from the IBSA website is accepted).
  

  The MDF’s will be thoroughly checked after they have been uploaded. Athletes without the correct MDF uploaded in due time will not be scheduled for classification, and cannot enter the competition. There will be no exceptions.

- For athletes with a Review status – tests and complementary medical exams requested in previous competitions should be uploaded at the same time of MDF – 6 weeks. If not, the athlete will be excluded from the competition.
CLASSIFICATION

Every athlete should state in the MDF if they wear optical correction (glasses, contact lenses, filters) when they compete. If so and it was not STATED in the MDF form the athlete will be excluded from the competition.

- All athletes to be classified at an event need to be ready for classification at the first hour on the first day and rested especially if the travel has been long distance. Sleepy/tired people cannot cooperate well and they risk not to be classified. Late arrivals will not be considered for the Classification schedules.

- Only athletes competing in this event can be classified.

- Athletes may be subject to controls during any competition. In the case of an athlete found during the competition, to be wearing contact lenses which were not declared during classification, he or she will be subject to disqualification.
Please, send us the completed entry form back as soon as possible, but not later than **30 April 2024** on the official email address of the Championship: **2024.EUROPEAN.SHOWDOWN@GMAIL.COM**

We kindly ask you to deposit 100% of the total amount for participation in the 11th IBSA European Championship 2024 in Bulgaria, by bank transfer no later than **31 May 2024**

NOTE: Please, write the country you are from when transferring the costs. If possible, we kindly ask you to scan and send us the document from the bank by email
CONTACTS & BANK DETAILS

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All the best and see you in Sofia, Bulgaria

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