



Tbilisi 2022 European Open Championships

Competition Invitation Package



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1. General Information

1.1. IPC Membership

The Organising Committee will only accept entries submitted by the NPC / NF in good standing with the IPC. Furthermore, only those entries submitted by the NPC President, Secretary General, or authorised person will be processed. For further information on the IPC's membership policies or to address general membership issues, please contact the World Para Powerlifting (WPPO) office: info@WorldParaPowerlifting.org

1.2. World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations

The most current World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations published upon the WPPO website alongside the World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2020-2024 will apply for this competition.

1.3. Anti-Doping

The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out in full accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement, further details can be found on the WPPO website: www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules-and-regulations/anti-doping

1.4. Classification

The most current World Para Powerlifting Classification Rules and Regulations published upon the WPPO website will apply for this competition. All athletes who have a designated sport class status of **New, Review, Review 2022** or earlier will be required to undergo International Classification prior to the start of the competition. A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by WPPO.

1.5. Medial Information

The LOC will ensure the implementation of all necessary and appropriate on-site medical, emergency ambulance, first aid, and physiotherapeutic services throughout the Championships. For medical treatment, no medical insurances will be provided to any participant during the Championships.



2. Championships Information

2.1. Championships Dates

The dates for the Tbilisi 2022 European Open Championships are as follows:

Teams Arrival	21-22 September
Raise the Bar! Anti-Doping Seminar	23 September
International Classification	22-23 September
Technical Meeting	22 September
Weigh-in for BW of the 1st competition day	23 September
Opening Ceremony	24 September
Competition Dates	24-29 September
Teams Departures	29-30 September

2.2. Preliminary Programme

The Provisional timetable and events programme will be provided after the final entries by name deadline. The competition schedule will remain subject to change until the close of the technical meeting.

2.3. Number of entries per event per NPC

2.3.1. Individual Event

In accordance with the most current World Para Powerlifting Technical Rules and Regulations published upon the WPPO website <https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules>

2.3.2. Team Events (Gender and Mixed)

In accordance with the most current World Para Powerlifting Technical Rules and Regulations published upon the WPPO website.



2.4. Event viability

Athletes may compete and/or be awarded medals in a single Bodyweight Category or combined categories as detailed below:

- a) 3 or more Athletes: All medals will be awarded (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
- b) MQS rule: when there is one (1) athlete in a single bodyweight category and they lift equal to or more than the respective level MQS for that bodyweight category as published in the Appendix 10 (Gold).

2.5. Entries and Registration Process

In order for athlete entries to be accepted, they must meet the following criteria and deadlines:

2.5.1. Athlete Eligibility

- Be full registered on the IPC Sport Management System (SDMS) with the correct documentation (IPC Eligibility Form and Medical Diagnostic Form) completed fully, signed, and uploaded to the athlete profile;
- Have an active licence for the 2022 Season;
- Be a minimum of 15 year of age by 31 December 2022;
- Have an international classification status of New, Review, Review + Fixed Date or Confirmed

NOTE: There is no required Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) to enter the 2022 European Open Championships.

2.5.2. Entries and Registration Process

All competition entries must be completed via the IPC Online entry system at www.paralympic.org/sdms by the entry deadlines displayed below. Visa invitations, accommodation applications, accreditation applications, and travel information must be submitted by no later than the deadlines published below.

2.5.3. Late entries

Team must contact the WPPO office if there is a late entry request. All respective information provided by the NPC/NF will be reviewed in consultation with the LOC on a 'case by case' basis and the entry may be accepted/rejected accordingly by WPPO.

2.5.4. Replacements

The WPPO office must be informed if an NPC/NF needs to make a replacement. The replacement of athletes may be accepted due to injury or medical reasons. All respective supporting information regarding the replacement must be sent to the WPPO office and will be reviewed on a 'case by case' bases and accepted/rejected accordingly by WPPO.



2.5.5. Declaration of Participation

By completing and submitting sport entries, NPCs are considered to have officially declared the participation of their athletes in the specified events/categories.

2.5.6. Final Entry Process

All final entries (by name and bodyweight category) must be completed by **8 August 2022**. Please note that after this deadline no changes to the final entries and or final team delegation be accepted unless under exceptional circumstances. Please note that any decisions concerning this matter will be made by WPPO and are not open for further contest or appeal by any other organization or body. Changes of bodyweight category after **8 August 2022** will only be possible during the verification process. No change will be possible after the Technical Meeting.

2.5.7. Championships Participation Fee

The Championship fee invoice will be automatically generated via the IPC online entry system following the completion and submission of a team's entry by number. All payment must be completed via bank transfer or paid online via credit card by no later than **24 August 2022** to the account detailed below. Please note that cash payments will not be accepted. Should you have any enquiries concerning your Championships participation fee invoice and or payment please contact the WPPO office: info@WorldParaPowerlifting.org before the payment deadline. The participation fee for participants is **500 EUR** per person (athlete and team officials).

Please transfer the full invoice amount without any deduction to the follow bank account and identify your payment by stated the invoice number in the reference field. Please note that the payers to bear all bank charges to ensure that the IPC received the completed amount. The invoice will not be considered as settled if the IPC received less than the complete amount. Please note that incomplete payments will result in all athletes from your delegation being ineligible to compete. NO reimbursements will be granted after the final payment is made.

▪ Account Name: IPC, Adenauerallee 212-214, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
▪ Bank: Deutsche Bank AG, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
▪ Branch No.: 414
▪ SWIFT Address : DEUT DE DK 380
▪ IBAN : DE20 3807 0059 0029 0122 20



2.5.8. Online Entry System and registration process

The competition and registration process and timelines are outlined below. Athlete entries will only be accepted via the IPC Online Entry System within the published entry deadlines

Entry by Number and Names opens	20 June
Final Deadline to return Visa invitation letter application:	20 July
Accreditation System Opens	20 July
Final Online Entry by Name deadline:	21 July
Final Deadline to Return:	30 July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation Application • Travel Information • Complete Online Accreditation Application 	
Full Accommodation Payment Deadline	24 August

***Accommodations will not be reserved by the LOC until full payment is received**

2.6. Results

Only results of athletes who have active license for the 2022 Season within the given timelines for results recognition and have a sport class status of Review, Review 2023 or later or Confirmed will be taken into consideration.

No hard copy (printing) results per NPC will be distributed as it will be able to download and check the Live Results on the WPPO website <https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/live-results>

After the close of the competition the official competition results book(s) will be compiled and it will be posted on the WPPO Competition Portal and uploaded to the competition website.

2.7. Rankings

All recognized results in accordance with the above will also be updated on WPPO website in the official WPPO 2022 World and Regional ranking lists. The results of new athletes and athletes meeting the Qualification pathway requirements will be included in the Preliminary Paralympic Ranking List.

2.8. Records

It will be permitted for athletes to break records in accordance with the most current WPPO Technical Rules and Regulations.



3.COVID-19

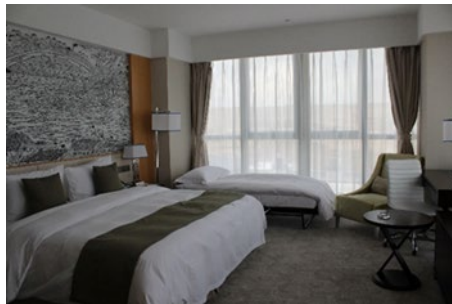
Georgian Paralympic Committee is working closely with the Georgian government and our main goal is to make a safe and enjoyable competition. Georgian government guidance will lead our planning to ensure a Covid secure event.

In order to make the event as safe as possible for every attendee we will require the complete support and cooperation of all teams. This may include Covid Testing in your respective country within 72 hours of departure, at the cost of the NPC. And additional 2 Covid Testing in Tbilisi covered by the LOC PCR Test on arrival and PCR test on day 3, social distancing, use of face coverings and any other elements of the Event Covid Plan that the LOC puts in place.

Any additional PCR test will be covered by the respective NPC and will take place at the hotel.

4. Accommodation

Hotel & Preference Hualing is the official hotel of all athletes and team officials during the Championships. The hotel offers accommodation in wheelchair friendly single, twin and double rooms. Official training for the event will take place at Hotel & Preference Hualing.



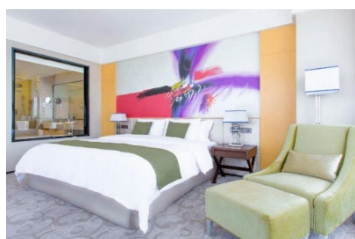
Hotel And Preference Hualing

- Hotel name: Hotel & Preferences Hualing
- Address: 22 J. Lezhava Str., 0152
- Tbilisi, Georgia
- Website: <http://www.hotelspreference.ge/>

4.1. Type and cost of the room:

- **Single Room: 190 Euro** per person per night including 3 meals buffet style per day (1 bed) **(totally 50 rooms and 1 fully accessible room)**
- **Twin Room: 150 Euro** per person per night including 3 meals buffet style per day (2 beds) **(totally 121 rooms)**
- **Double Room: 150 Euro** per person per night including 3 meals buffet style per day (1 bed and 1 lounge) **(totally 56 rooms)**

Double Room





4.1. Check-in / Out Times:

The check-in time at the official hotel is from 15:00 and the check-out time is until 12:00. Teams who arrive before midnight when their check-in is the following day will have to pay for an extra night.

Teams will get their meals according to the below:

- First Meal – Dinner on day of Arrival
- Last Meal – Breakfast on day of Departure

Teams that arrange and pay the accommodation fee for early check-in and/or a late check-out will have access to meals provided at the host hotel during the scheduled dining times.

4.2. Payment procedures

Full accommodation fees must be transferred to the following bank account, by no later than **24 August 2022**. Please note that room bookings will only be reserved and allocated to teams when the accommodation payment has been received in full.

If accommodation is requested after the final payment deadline, please note that availability in the official hotel cannot be guaranteed, and the prices may differ.

Beneficiary Bank Name:	Georgian Paralympic Committee
	Marjanishvili Str. #7, Tbilisi, Georgia
Bank Name:	JSC TBC Bank
Bank Code:	TBCBGE22
Beneficiary Account Number:	GE97TB7564636180100010
Swift-Code:	TBCBGE22
IBAN:	GE97TB7564636180100010

Any extra charges and/or fee that may apply to booked rooms other than accommodation (such as laundry, room service, long-distance call, minibar) are each NPC's responsibility. Any damage to the room and the hotel fixtures, fittings, and furnishings will be the responsibility of the NPC and will be charged accordingly.

2.3. Cancellation Policy

- **Full payment due by 24 August 2022**
- **Cancellation:** Full payment refunded **before 20 July 2022**
- **No payment refunded on or after 20 July 2022** (For cancellation participation, changes of dates, decrease of nights and / or number of reserved rooms - except athlete injury). If cancellation is due athlete injury a completed Medical Withdrawal form must be submitted to the LOC and WPPO.



In case of a team member tests positive to Covid-19 prior travel:

- Proof of a positive Covid-19 test in English must be provided for each individual who cannot travel
- In case of a country official travel ban related to Covid-19 prior travel:
 - Proof must be provided to the LOC before the start of the event

6. Transportation

Transportation will be provided free of charge to all athletes and team officials from/to the official competition airport, **Tbilisi International Airport**, and the official hotels on the official arrival and departure days. Teams will be greeted by an LOC volunteer to help ensure they are delivered to the host hotel in a timely and safe manner. The distance between Tbilisi international Airport and the competition hotel (Hualing Tbilisi) is 10 km. Driving by bus or car needs 15-20 minutes. The competition and training venue is in the same hotel.

7. VISA

For those delegation members who require visas to enter Georgia please visit the <https://mfa.gov.ge/MainNav/ConsularInformation/VisaInfoForeign.aspx> website to determine what type of visa is required. All NPC's that require a visa must complete the Visa Form and provide a passport copy of each individual delegation member and submit it to the LOC via the Competition Portal.

The LOC will provide you with a formal invitation letter together with the list of your delegation to take to your visa's appointment. Please be reminded that it is important you arrange all necessary visas well in advance of the respective deadlines.

7.1. Requirement of Vaccination of Travel to Georgia

- All foreign national traveling to Georgia are required to present proof of full vaccination against COVID-19
 - Limited exceptions to this rule include anyone under the age of 18 and those with medical contraindications
 - [Full vaccination criteria](#) will be based on age and the type of vaccine that has been administered.
 - Travelers will be expected to provide a hard copy of proof of vaccination.
- [All FDA and WHO-approved vaccines](#) are accepted for travel to Georgia.
 - The Sputnik vaccine (widely distrusted in Russia, Easter Europe, and some South American countries) is **not** accepted for entry to Georgia.



- There is not National Interest Exception (NIE) available as there were in previous Presidential Proclamations.

Tbilisi

About Tbilisi

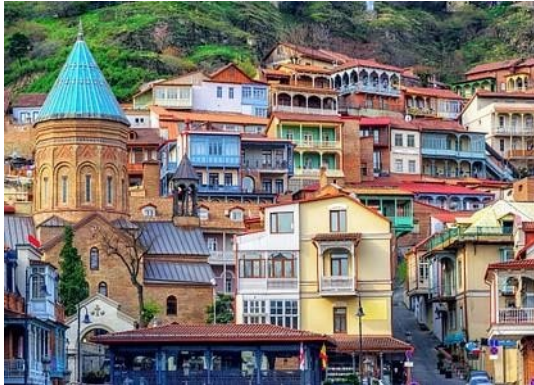
Tbilisi is the capital and the largest city of Georgia, lying on the banks of the Kura River with a population of approximately 1.5 million people. Tbilisi was founded in the 5th century AD by Vakhtang I of Iberia, and since then has served as the capital of various Georgian kingdoms and republics. Between 1801 and 1917, then part of the Empire of Russia, Tbilisi was the seat of the Imperial Viceroy, governing both Southern and Northern Caucasus.

Because of its location on the crossroads between Europe and Asia, and its proximity to the lucrative Silk Road, throughout history Tbilisi was a point of contention among various global powers.

The city's location to this day ensures its position as an important transit route for energy and trade projects. Tbilisi's history is reflected in its architecture, which is a mix of medieval, neoclassical, Beaux Arts, Art Nouveau, Stalinist and the Modern structures.

Historically, Tbilisi has been home to people of multiple cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, though it is overwhelmingly Eastern Orthodox Christian. Its notable tourist destinations include cathedrals Sameba and Sioni, Freedom Square, Rustaveli Avenue and Agmashenebeli Avenue, medieval Narikala Fortress, the pseudo-Moorish Opera Theater, and the Georgian National Museum.

The climate in Tbilisi mostly ranges from 20 to 32 °C (68 to 90 °F) in the summer and 7 to –1 °C (45 to 30 °F) in the winter. Spring is the best season to visit Georgia.



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