

Oran 2026 African Open Championships

Information Package

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NPC President Welcome

It is a great honor for me to extend a warm welcome to all Para Powerlifting athletes, officials, and coaches from across Africa, as well as to the invited delegations from other continents, on the occasion of the African Open Para Powerlifting Championships – Oran 2026, to be held from 21 to 24 May 2026 in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. This major event represents an important milestone in the development of Paralympic sport in Africa.

It reflects the values of courage, determination, and excellence embodied by the athletes, while affirming Africa's growing presence on the international sporting stage. Through its Open format, the championships also demonstrate the continent's commitment to sporting dialogue, the exchange of expertise, and cooperation with friendly nations.

Held under the auspices of World Para Powerlifting, this competition is a key event in athletes' performance pathways and a driver for enhancing technical and organizational standards.

As the host country, Algeria reaffirms its full commitment to organizing this event in strict compliance with international regulations and standards, with the aim of providing all participants with a fair, safe, and

high-quality competition environment , I sincerely hope that these championships will be a source of inspiration and achievement for every athlete and that they will strengthen the bonds of solidarity, respect, and unity among nations through sport.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all institutions, partners, and stakeholders involved in the successful organization of this event.

I wish you all every success and a pleasant stay in Oran.



PRESIDENT
Sid Ahmed
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1. Key Information

Key Information

 Regional Championships

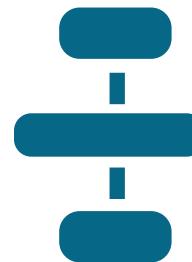
 Dates: 21 May to 24 May 2026

 Location: Oran, Algeria

 Status: High Performance

 Type: Open

 Mandatory to remain in the LA28 Games Pathway: Yes



 Participation Fee: 150 EUR (athlete & team officials)

 Accommodation payment deadline: 23 April 2026

 Entries open: 21 January 2026

 Entries closing: 16 April 2026

 Contact:

- LOC: events@fahandisport.dz

- WPPO: entries@worldparapowerlifting.org





2. Championships Dates & Timelines

Regional Championships Dates

The dates for the Oran 2026 African Open Championships are as follows:

	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May
Arrivals and Departures			Teams Arrivals							Teams Departures
Education	Courses			Raise the Bar! Anti-doping Seminar						
Classification			International Classification							
Training			Training							
Official Weigh-in					Weigh-in					
Competition			Teams Meeting		Competition					
Ceremonies					Opening Ceremony				Closing Ceremony	



Championships Timelines

	21-Jan	9-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	7-May
Online Entries by Number and Name Open	■				
Entries by Number Close		■			
Entries by Name Close			■		
Accreditation System Open		■			
Final deadline to submit: Accommodation Form			■		
Final deadline to submit: Visa Form			■		
Final Deadline for Full Accommodation Payment to LOC				■	
Final deadline to submit: Travel Information Form				■	
Accreditation System Close				■	
Final Deadline for Full Entry Fee Payment to WPPO					■

The competition and registration process timelines are outlined here. Athletes' entries will only be accepted via the IPC Online Entry System (SDMS) within the published entry deadlines.





3. Accommodation

Accommodation

Oran 2026 African Open Championships will offer accommodation in two official locations for all athletes and team officials: **Mediterranean Village Oran** and **Hôtel Vent dome Khaled**. The hotel offers accommodation in wheelchair friendly single and twin rooms.

Accommodation Details

- Website: [Mediterranean Village Oran](#)
- Website: [Hôtel Vent dome Khaled](#)

Hotels Bookings

NOTE! The booking of rooms will be done based on a “first come first serve” basis. NPCs who complete the accommodation payment in a timely manner will be allocated in the hotel of their choice upon room availability. Teams who don’t complete the payment or send a guarantee letter according to the invoice, will need to be accommodated based on the remaining room availability and subject to the accommodation price changes.



Accommodation Package 1

Mediterranean Village Oran

The hotel offers accommodation in wheelchair friendly single and twin rooms.



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Mediterranean Village Oran

Single Room

€ **110** EUR per person per night (incl. VAT)

🛏 Number of available rooms: **40** (1 bed)

🍽 Included: 3 meals buffet style per day

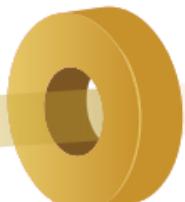


Twin Room

€ **80** EUR per person per night (incl. VAT)

🛏 Number of available rooms: **70** (2 beds)

🍽 Included: 3 meals buffet style per day

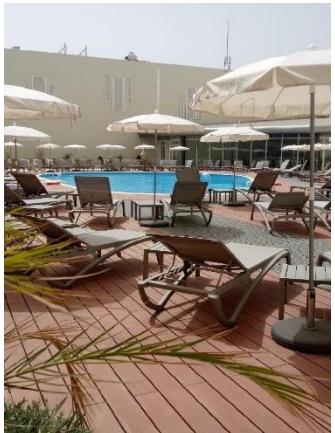


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Accommodation Package 2

Hôtel Vent dome Khaled.

The hotel offers accommodation in wheelchair friendly single and twin rooms.



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Vent-Dôme Khaled Hotel

Single Room

€ **220** EUR per person per night (incl. VAT)

🛏 Number of available rooms: **40** (1 bed)

🍽 Included: 3 meals buffet style per day



Twin Room

€ **160** EUR per person per night (incl. VAT)

🛏 Number of available rooms: **70** (2 beds)

🍽 Included: 3 meals buffet style per day



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Check-in & Check-out

Check-in time

15:00h

First meal included: **lunch** on day of arrival

Check-out time

12:00h

Last meal included: **lunch** on day of departure

Early Check-in / Late Check-out

Fee: 1 extra night

Meals included: all meals

Early Check-in / Late Check-out

- Early check-in for the Oran 2026 African Open Championships will incur an extra night charge, while rooms will be available at no additional cost after 15:00h.
- Late check-out for the Oran 2026 African Open Championships will incur an extra night charge, for teams staying in their rooms after 12:00h. Teams can stay at the hotel lobby for free.

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. Payments



Participation Fee Payment

The Championships participation 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 payments must be completed via bank transfer or paid online via credit card by no later than 07 May 2026.

Should you have any enquiries concerning your Championships participation fee invoice and or payment please contact the WPPO office: entries@WorldParaPowerlifting.org before the payment deadline.

Please transfer the full invoice amount without any deductions (**the payers need to bear all bank charges to ensure that the IPC receives the complete amount**) to the following bank account and identify your payment by stating the invoice number in the reference field. The invoice will not be considered as settled if the IPC receives less than the complete amount.

Account Name:	IPC, Dahlmannstraße 2, 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

Accommodation Payment

Full accommodation fees must be transferred to the following bank account, by **no later than 23 April 2026**.

All hotel booking form and payment transfers receipt to be send to: events@fahandisport.dz & cc info@worldparapowerlifting.org & entries@worldparapowerlifting.org

Please note that room booking will only be reserved and allocated to teams when the accommodation payment has been received in full.

Beneficiary Bank Name:	FEDERATION ALGERIENNE HANDISPORT
Bank Name:	BANQUE DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL
Bank Branch:	634 AGENCE CHERAGA
Bank Address:	RUE ABAN RAMDANE CHERAGA
Beneficiary Account Number:	16120255
Swift-Code:	BADRDZALXXX
IBAN:	00300634000016120255

Accommodation Payment

- 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.
- 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 NPCs 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.

Payment on arrival request

It is on the LOC's rights to accept or refuse a payment on arrival request from NPCs. If accepted, LOC may request the NPC to send a letter for payment on arrival.



Accommodation Cancellation Policy

Full accommodation payment due by 23 April 2026

- Full payment refunded if cancelation is done before 16 April 2026
- 50 % payment refunded if cancelation is done between 16 April 2026 and 04 Mai 2026
- No payment refunded if cancelation is done after 04 Mai 2026

**No refund done if participation cancelation, changes of dates, decrease of nights and / or number of reserved rooms - except athlete injury. NPC shall provide proof of injury to WPPO, copying LOC. WPPO shall confirm if the Medical form can be accepted for a refund consideration.*



5. Visa



Visa

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 email: events@fahandisport.dz

- The LOC will provide you with a formal invitation letter together with the list of your delegations for your visa's application.



Visa process

1. NPC to send to LOC the Visa Form template completed with all participants' information before 16 April 2026.
2. LOC to prepare and send to the NPC the Visa Invitation Letter.
3. NPC to make the necessary arrangements depending on the Visa needs for their country (i.e. e-visa procedures, embassy appointment, etc.).
4. NPC to inform the LOC and WPPO when they receive the visa.

LOC email: events@fahandisport.dz

WPPO email: info@worldparapowerlifting.org & entries@worldparapowerlifting.org



6. Transport



Transport

Official Championships airport: L'aéroport international d'Oran - Ahmed-Ben-Bella

Transportation time between airport and Championships hotel: 20 min approximately

- Distance between Championships hotel and Competition Venue: 5 kilometers
- Transportation time between Championships hotel and Competition venue: 15 min

Teams will be greeted by a LOC volunteer to help ensure they are delivered to the host hotel in a timely and safe manner.

Transportation will be provided free of charge to all athletes and team officials from/to the **official Championships airport, and the official hotel during the Championships dates.** Teams who arrive outside the Championships dates can discuss with the LOC for transportation options*.

The organizing committee hereby informs all participating teams that it will arrange transportation to and from Algiers Airport — which is not the official designated airport for the event — for a contribution fee of 2,000 euros.



** Please note that LOC is not obliged to provide transportation free of charge for teams arriving before Championships days and departing after Championships dates.*

7. Host City



About Oran

Oran, known as “El Bahia” (The Radiant), is one of Algeria’s most iconic coastal cities and a major cultural, historical, and sporting hub of North Africa. Founded in 903 AD, Oran has been shaped by centuries of Amazigh, Arab, Ottoman, Spanish, and French influences, giving it a rich and unique identity that blends Mediterranean and African heritage.

Historically, Oran has always been a gateway between Africa and Europe. Its strategic port made it a center of trade, exchange, and ideas, while its architecture, from Ottoman forts to colonial boulevards, reflects this diverse past. Today, Oran stands as a modern, dynamic city while preserving its deep historical roots.

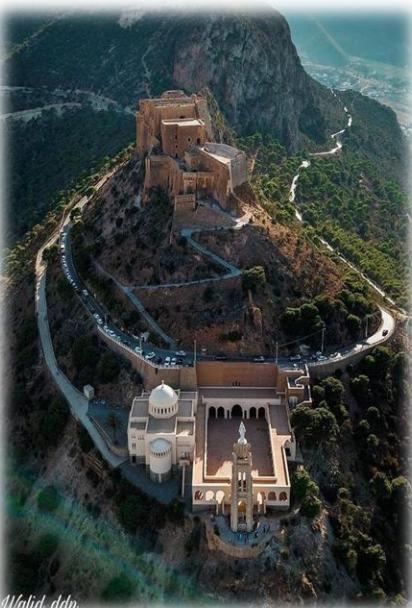
Culturally, Oran is world-renowned as the birthplace of Raï music, a genre that revolutionized North African music and reached global audiences. The city is also home to a vibrant artistic scene, with theaters, festivals, and a strong tradition of poetry, cinema, and visual arts that reflect the creativity and resilience of its people.

In sports, Oran is one of Algeria’s leading athletic capitals. It has hosted major international competitions, including the Mediterranean Games, and boasts modern sports infrastructure, high-level training centers, and a passionate sporting culture. Football, athletics, combat sports, and Paralympic disciplines all play a central role in the city’s sporting life, making Oran a natural stage for continental championships.

With its Mediterranean coastline, warm hospitality, and strong sporting tradition, Oran offers more than just a competition venue—it provides a true cultural and human experience. Hosting the African Championship in Oran means bringing athletes together in a city where history, culture, and sport meet to celebrate excellence, unity, and the spirit of Africa.



About Country



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8. Annexes

General Information

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

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 2025-2028 will apply for this Championships.

Anti-doping

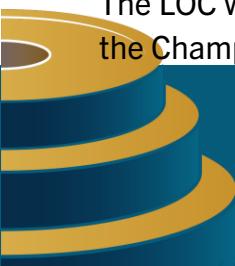
The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out in full accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement, further details can be found on the WPPO website: www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules-and-regulations/anti-doping

Classification

The most current World Para Powerlifting Classification Rules and Regulations published upon the WPPO website will apply for this World Championships. All athletes who have a designated sport class status of New, Review, Review 2026 or earlier will be required to undergo International Classification prior to the start of the Championships. A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by WPPO.

Medical 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.



Participant Insurance

Each respective NPC is fully responsible to ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, medical, liability, accidents, Covid 19 and repatriation. Each NPC will need to provide evidence of appropriate insurance coverage for their full delegation by no later than **07 April 2026**.

Bodyweight Changes

Athletes will have the opportunity to change Bodyweight Categories during the entry verification process, either up or down one (1) Bodyweight Category from the category assigned at the time of the final entry deadline.

Only one (1) change per Athlete is accepted and must be requested during the allocated time of the entry verification process. A fee of one hundred Euros (€100) will be charged for each requested change and must be paid immediately during the entry verification process for the change to be accepted. The new Bodyweight Category is accepted only upon payment and is considered final.

Lift Challenge Cards

At WPPO Regional Open Championships, Athletes will have the opportunity to challenge their own “No Lift” decision. The Lift Challenge cards must be requested from the entries open date until the Teams Meeting date at a cost of one hundred Euros (€100). Full payment must be paid immediately upon request of the Lift Challenge card/s. Any purchased Lift Challenge cards retained by an Athlete or Team Official must be returned to the WPPO management before the close of the Championships in order to receive a full refund. Any Lift Challenge cards that are not returned in this timeframe will no longer be valid or eligible for a refund.

Bodyweight Changes & Lift Challenge Card Payment

WPPO has established 2 payment methods:

- PayPal: for Bodyweight Changes you'll be redirected during the entry verification process; for Lift Challenge Cards, please go to the [NPCs Competition Portal](#) (*available from beginning of 2026*)
- Credit card: *available during the Teams Meeting*



Regional Open Championships Information

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.

Number of entries per event per NPC

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

<https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules>

Individual events

There is no maximum number of entries per gender, Bodyweight Category and age group per NPC.

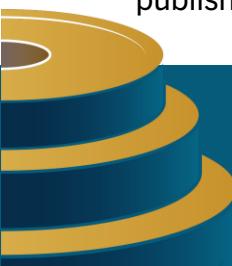
Team events (Gender and Mixed)

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

Event Viability

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

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



Entries and Registration Process

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

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 license for the 2026 Season;
- Be a minimum of 15 year of age by 31 December 2026;
- Have an international classification status of New, Review, Review + Fixed Date or Confirmed

NOTE: There is no required Minimum Standard (MS) to enter the Oran 2026 African Open Championships .

Entries and Registration Process

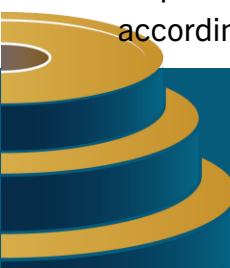
All Championship entries must be completed via the IPC Online entry system at <https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/app/login> by the entry deadlines displayed below. Visa invitations, accommodation applications, accreditation applications, and travel information must be submitted by no later than the deadlines published below.

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.

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.



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.

Final Entry Process

- All entries by number must be completed by 09 April 2026 and all final entries by name must be completed by 16 April 2026.
- 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 16 April 2026 will only be possible during the verification process. No change will be possible after the Teams Meeting.

Random Weigh-in

According to the WPPO Rules and Regulations Random Weigh – ins of the Athletes may take place in the day of the Event in advance of the warm-up for the specific Bodyweight Category at the discretion of WPPO.

Should an Athlete weight outside of percentage of their specific Bodyweight Category they will be disqualified (DSQ) from the Event.

The percentage is set to 5% of the specific Bodyweight Category, detailed on the table on the right.

5%				5%			
Gender	BW Category	Min Random WI	Max Random WI	Gender	BW Category	Min Random WI	Max Random WI
MEN	49		51,4	WOMEN	41		43
	54	46,6	56,7		45	39	47,2
	59	51,3	61,9		50	42,8	52,5
	65	56,1	68,2		55	47,5	57,7
	72	61,8	75,6		61	52,3	64
	80	68,4	84		67	58	70,3
	88	76	92,4		73	63,7	76,6
	97	83,6	101,8		79	69,4	82,9
	107	92,2	112,3		86	75,1	90,3



Results

Only results of athletes who have active license for the 2026 Season within the given timelines for results recognition and have a sport class status of Review, Review 2026 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>

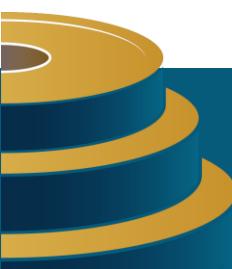
After the close of the Championship the official Championship results book(s) will be compiled, and it will be posted and uploaded to the World Para Powerlifting website.

Rankings

All recognized results in accordance with the above will also be updated on WPPO website in the official WPPO 2026 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.

Records

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



Contact details

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