

2026 WPA JUNIOR'S HEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Oslo, Norway, 12–17 June 2026

We are delighted to welcome junior athletes from around the globe to the 2026 WPA Junior's Heyball World Championship, set in the scenic city of Oslo, Norway. From 12–17 June, 64 of the world's most promising Under-19 athletes will come together to compete at the highest level of junior cue sports – at this year's venue, the **Norwegian School of Sport Sciences**.

This guide provides all the essential information participants and team leaders need — including details on travel, accommodation, tournament format, rules, dress code, and athlete responsibilities. We encourage everyone to read it thoroughly and refer to it as the event approaches.

Together, let's ensure a world-class championship experience that is competitive, professional, and unforgettable — a true celebration of youth talent and international sportsmanship.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The championship will feature two categories:

- Under 19 Girls – 32 participants
- Under 19 Boys – 32 participants

Athletes must turn 13 years of age during 2026 and must not turn 19 at any time in 2026.

CONTINENTAL ALLOCATIONS

Both the male and the female category will follow the same allocation for a total of 64 participants:

Africa (AAPA): 5
Asia (ACBS): 8
Europe (EPBF): 8
North America (BCA): 3
Oceania (OPBA): 3
South America (CPB): 3
Host Country (NB): 1
Reigning Champion: 1

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Provided that the reigning champion from 2025 still fulfills the age criteria, he/she is given a spot in this year's World Championship. If the reigning champion is unable to compete in the current championship for any reason, including age eligibility, the quota place will be returned to the WPA.

Country Nomination Restriction – Each country is limited to a maximum of one girl and one boy nomination. Requests for an additional quota place will only be considered once a country has confirmed participation in both categories. If the reigning champion competes, the respective Continental Federation may nominate an additional athlete from the same nation. The Continental

Federation may also nominate one athlete from the host nation without affecting the host nation quota, which may still be used to nominate an additional host nation athlete.

Nominations will only be accepted through WPA Continental Members. Once nominations are submitted to the WPA, the athletes' names will be added to the official online registration system. All online registrations must be completed no later than **30 April 2026**.

TEAM LEADER SUPPORT

JOY will provide flights and accommodation for one (1) team leader per continent. Although WPA rules recommend both a male and female leader for mixed teams, only one team leader per continent will be sponsored.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

All athletes are required to arrive no later than on **12 June 2026** and depart on **17 June 2026**, in accordance with the official tournament schedule and the accommodation period provided by the host. Athletes who wish to arrive earlier or extend their stay beyond these dates are welcome to do so; however, any additional accommodation arrangements and associated costs will be their own responsibility.

ACCREDITATION AND ATHLETE'S MEETING

Accreditation will take place at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences on 12 June between 09:00 and 15:00. Later that day, a mandatory athletes' meeting is scheduled for 16:30 at the same venue and will be led by the Tournament Director.

 Athletes who do not attend may be replaced by local players on the waiting list.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be held in the competition arena at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences on 12 June at 19:00. All athletes are required to attend and must be dressed in accordance with the dress code specified later in the Athletes' Guide.

TRAVEL DETAILS

The official arrival airport is **Oslo Airport, Gardermoen (IATA: OSL)**.

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The Hotel, Thon Hotel Ullevaal Stadion, is approximately 50 km from the airport — 40 minutes by car. Uber, Bolt and taxis are available from the airport, with fares ranging between NOK 700–1000 per trip.

Bus is another option from Oslo Airport, Gardermoen directly to Ullevaal Stadion (where the hotel is located). The bus takes approximately 55 minutes. Costs: children under 17 years old, NOK 136, students between 18-30 years old, NOK 169, and adults (over 18 years old), NOK 269.

Trains are also available from Oslo Airport, Gardermoen to Oslo Sentral Station. The Airport Express Train is the easiest route with free travel for children under 16 years of age, NOK 134 for youth between 16-20 years, and NOK 268 for adults. The train to the Sentral Station takes 20 minutes.



The best way to get around Oslo is by metro. The metro provides easy access to Ullevål Stadion, Sognsvann (where the arena is located), the city center, and many other parts of the city. A weekly travel pass for youth under the age of 20 costs 190 NOK and provides unlimited access to all public transport within the city zone, including travel to Ullevål Stadion and Sognsvann. Visit ruter.no to download the app and get started.

Metro lines 4 and 5 (westbound) run from the city center to Ullevål Stadion. From Ullevål Stadion, you can continue westbound on line 5 towards Sognsvann to reach the arena. Metro services to and from Sognsvann operate every 15 minutes. Ullevål Stadion to Sognsvann is only an 8 minute ride.

The sponsors will provide flight tickets for all athletes and one team leader per continental federation (CF). Flight bookings will be confirmed once athletes and the team leader have successfully completed their online registration and submitted their approved visa for entry into Norway (Schengen visa).

⚠ Athletes and continental team leaders must not book their own flights. No refunds will be given for self-booked travel.

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PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY

We strongly encourage all participants to allow ample time when traveling to the airport. Please be aware that the organizers are not responsible for any travel-related issues, including airline delays, lost luggage, traffic congestion, or other unforeseen circumstances that may result in missing the Athletes' Meeting or forfeiting your place in the event. All flights arranged by the sponsors are non-refundable; if a flight is missed, the individual will be responsible for rebooking their own travel at their own expense.

⚠ Matches will not be delayed or rescheduled to accommodate individual travel challenges.

VISA INFORMATION

Norway is part of the Schengen Area. Citizens of many countries can enter Norway visa-free for short stays (typically up to 90 days within a 180-day period) for tourism, business, or participation in sporting events. However, visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Athletes and team leaders are strongly advised to carefully check the entry requirements that apply to their country well in advance of travel.

If in need of a visa support letter, please provide a copy of the passport and submit this to events@wpapool.com as soon as possible.

MANDATORY HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

All participants and accredited team officials, including the team leader supported by the Organizer, must hold valid health and travel insurance covering the full duration of travel and participation in the championship. Written confirmation of such insurance is mandatory.

Parents, guardians, guests, and any additional team officials not covered by the Organizer are responsible for arranging their own health and travel insurance. Failure to provide adequate insurance may result in visa denial or refusal of participation, for which the Organizer accepts no responsibility.



Each participating Member Federation is responsible for appointing a team leader who shall assume responsibility for the supervision, conduct, and welfare of their delegation. The appointed team leader acts on behalf of the Member Federation and is accountable for ensuring appropriate agreements and responsibilities between the federation, athletes, and their parents or guardians.

ACCOMMODATION

All athletes and continental team leaders will be accommodated at:

Thon Hotel Ullevål Stadion

Sognsveien 77C, 0855 Oslo

Accommodation is provided on a bed and breakfast basis and will include:

- Twin sharing rooms for athletes
- Single rooms for one team leader per continent

Remaining meals, including lunch and dinner, will be provided to athletes and the one team leader per continent at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences.

Parents, guests, and coaches are welcome to book their own rooms directly with the hotel. To book visit the hotel website [here](#). Please note that also parents, guardians and guests will be able to dine at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences at a modest cost compared with regular restaurants.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- Table: JOY Billiards Heyball Table
- Rack: Triangle
- Cloth: LiberWin
- Balls: Dynaspheres Balls

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FORMAT & PLAY SCHEDULE

Play will occur across four full days, from 13–16 June 2026.

The race length will be race to 7 or 100 minutes for boys, and race to 6 or 100 minutes for girls.

The full match schedule and format will be determined before the event and communicated during the athletes' meeting. We will use Digital Pool for play schedule and live scores.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on <https://wpalive.tv/wpalive-tv>

RULES

Breaking:

- Alternate breaks; lag for the first break of the opening set
- Referee racks all tables — athletes may not inspect racks

Schedule:

- Late athletes will be penalized one frame and put on the clock



- One game will be forfeited for every additional 5 minutes
- After 15 minutes, the match is forfeited

Practice:

- No open practice on the feature table
- The two players scheduled may shoot one rack each
- Other tables may be used for one rack each before matches

Shoot-out:

If the match is a tie at full time (100 minutes) there will be a shoot-out in order to determine the winner. The athletes will take turns and are given 5 shots each. In case of a new tie, “sudden death” will follow.

 **DRESS CODE**

Approved Clothing:

Athletes must wear WPA-compliant attire throughout the event — including during matches, practice, athlete interviews, and in public areas of the venue. Waistcoats are optional.

Prohibited Clothing:

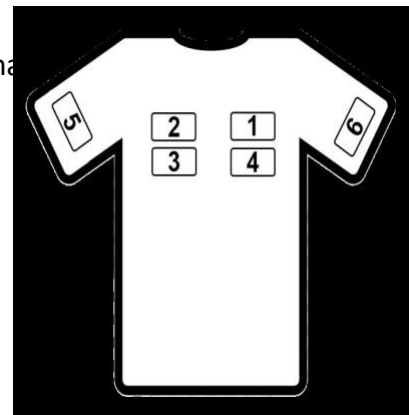
- Athletic wear (sweats, joggers, uniforms with stripes)
- Shorts of any kind
- Overalls, jeans, hats, headphones, or earpieces (unless medically exempt)

Logos & Patches:

Athletes may wear a maximum of four (4) sponsor logos. A fifth logo may be worn if it is from an official event partner.

Logos must:

- Be placed in positions 2–6
 - Not exceed 65 cm²
 - Be submitted in advance for approval
- Organizers may provide a fifth patch to be worn in position 1.
Unapproved or conflicting logos may be disallowed.



 **WPA ATHLETE LICENSE REGISTRATION**

All participants must hold a valid WPA Athlete’s License to compete. Register here: <https://wpapool.com/register/wpa-player-license/>
Visit www.wpapool.com or contact events@wpapool.com for help.

 **ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

By registering, athletes agree to:

- Follow all official tournament rules and WPA regulations
- Stay informed of updates prior to the event
- Comply with all health and safety measures



Participation is voluntary. By entering, athletes release the organizers from liability for injuries, illness, losses, or damages. Organizers reserve the right to modify the event, refuse entry, or disqualify athletes if necessary.

Participation implies agreement for use of names, images, and recordings for media, reporting, and promotional use. It also includes consent for all matches to be live-streamed on social media platforms and broadcast on television channels.

 **SEE YOU IN OSLO!**

We are truly excited to welcome you to Oslo, Norway, for the 2026 WPA Junior's Heyball World Championship. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out via

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