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Karate 1 – Youth League

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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from the Head of the host NF

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all of you on behalf of the Croatian Karate Union and the Organizing Committee to the Karate-1 Youth League Porec 2024.

As we approach June, my anticipation grows for what promises to be another exhilarating WKF Karate-1 Youth League tournament. Over the years, June has become synonymous with this event, and I eagerly await the opportunity to witness the remarkable skills and sportsmanship on display once more.

Reflecting on our journey together, it's remarkable to see how far we've come since our initial gatherings in Croatia almost a decade ago. Every year, we've tried hard to meet the changing needs of our karate athletes, keep up high-quality standards, and improve how we organize things. I am confident that this year's edition will surpass all expectations, thanks to the collective effort of everyone involved.

Undoubtedly, 2024 will be a year you'll remember for the sports victories you achieve. I look forward to celebrating these achievements with all of you in Poreč.

See you soon!

Warm regards,

Davor Cipek, president of the Croatian Karate Union



2. INTRODUCTION

The Karate 1 – Youth League is a competition conceived to highlight the impact of Karate in young ages.

Established under the umbrella of Karate 1 and designed to complete Karate 1-Premier League and Karate 1 - Series A, the Karate 1 - Youth League aims at becoming a platform for the development of youngsters in their quest to progress in the sport.

The competition was devised to respond to the increasing interest of young competitors to have more options to compete at the highest level and it puts the focus on karatekas aged 12 to 17.

The number of competitors for **Kumite** modality is limited to a maximum of 96 athletes per category. (U21, Junior, Cadet, Under 14). All members of WKF are permitted to participate.

For **Kata** modality the number of competitors is limited to a maximum of 128 athletes per category (U21, Junior, Cadet, Under 14). All members of WKF are permitted to participate.

The WKF [Competition Rules](#) in force will be applied.

3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1- YOUTH LEAGUE POREČ 2024

The Karate 1 – Youth League Poreč 2024 will be held next June 27 to June 30 in Poreč, Croatia.

Competition Venues: **Žatika Sports Hall** Vukovarska ul. 3, 52440, Poreč, Croatia

Veli Jože Sports hall, 52440, Poreč, Croatia

HQ Hotel: **Hotel Parentium** Address: Zelena laguna 6, 52440, Poreč

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Categories

Under 21 (18 – 20 years old): 12 categories (10 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 50kg, - 55kg, - 61kg, -68kg, +68kg
- Male Kumite: - 60kg, - 67kg, -75kg, - 84kg, +84kg
- Kata: Female, Male

Junior (16 - 17 years old): 12 categories (10 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 48kg, - 53kg, - 59kg, -66kg, +66kg
- Male Kumite: - 55kg, - 61kg, - 68kg, - 76kg, +76kg
- Kata: Female, Male

Cadet (14 - 15 years old): 11 categories (9 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 47kg, - 54kg, -61kg, +61kg
- Male Kumite: - 52kg, - 57kg, - 63kg, - 70kg, +70kg
- Kata: Female, Male

Under 14 (12 - 13): 11 categories (9 Kumite + 2 Kata)

- Female Kumite: - 42kg, - 47kg, -52kg, +52kg
- Male Kumite: - 40kg, - 45kg, - 50kg, - 55kg, +55kg
- Kata: Female, Male

4.1.1 Age

IMPORTANT NOTE

The age limit of competitors for the corresponding category will be the first day of the entire event.

4.2 Prizes

The event prizes (medals and trophies) are to be provided by the host.

In each individual category, the first prize will be a gold medal.

The second prize will be a silver medal.

The third prizes will be bronze medals.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

5.1 Organizers contact details

Croatian Karate Union

Address: Trg Krešimira Čosića 11, 10000 Zagreb CROATIA

e-mail address: karate.tajnistvo@karate.hr

5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

Mr. Marc-Antonio Haberle, Project and Competition Manager

e-mail: porec2024@karate.hr

Ms. Ema Đurić, International Relations

e-mail: office@karate.hr

Ms. Dunja Bošnjak, Accommodation and Transportation Manager

e-mail: karate@uniline.hr

5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

The WKF Event Supervisor for this Youth League event is Mr. Luca Valdesi. His contact details are as follows:

Email: lucavaldesi76@gmail.com



5.4 Safe Sport contact

WKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Your first point of contact for any incident at this event is the WKF Event Supervisor, whose contact information you can find detailed above.

Otherwise, any other incident can be reported via the [WKF Official Complaint Form](#) and sent to: safekarate@wkf.net

6. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The Karate 1-Youth League complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, the following brands exclusively are **WKF Approved** for use in the 2024 Karate 1-Youth League Season.

“WKF Approved” SPORT PROTECTIONS



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CHECK THE COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION

WKF Helmet and Children Chest Protector for those under 14 years of age are used according to WKF Competition Rules:

<https://wkf.net/karateprotections/protections/children-chest-protector>

<https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections/helmet-protection>

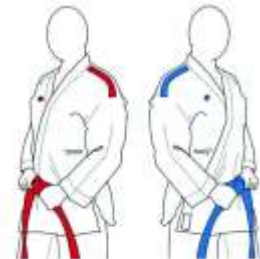


WKF Female Chest Protector for those under 14 years of age female athletes are used according to WKF Competition Rules.

OFFICIAL KARATEGI KARATE 1 – YOUTH LEAGUE

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED** or **BLUE** are of **MANDATORY** use in Karate 1- Youth League tournaments.

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



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7. EVENT SCHEDULES

THERE WILL BE 3 ACCREDITATION DATES AND 4 WEIGH-IN DATES

THE WEIGH-IN IS MANDATORY AND, IN CASE IT IS NOT EXECUTED, THE INSCRIPTION WILL BE CANCELLED

WEDNESDAY 26/06/24	ACTIVITY	PLACE
10:00-18:00	Official Accreditation (For All Categories)	Žatika Sports Hall
14:00-18:00	Weigh-in (Only for U21 Category)	Žatika Sports Hall
17:00 – 18:30	Accredited Coach Briefing	HQ Hotel Parentium
19:00-20:00	Coaching Meeting & Draws	HQ Hotel Parentium
19:30-20:30	Referee Briefing	HQ Hotel Parentium
THURSDAY 27/06/24	ACTIVITY	PLACE
10:00-14:00	Additional Accreditation (Only For U14, Cadet, Junior Categories)	Žatika Sports Hall
10:00-14:00	Weigh-in (Only for Junior Category)	Žatika Sports Hall
FRIDAY 28/06/24	ACTIVITY	PLACE
10:00-14:00	Additional Accreditation (For U14, Cadet Categories)	Žatika Sports Hall
10:00-14:00	Weigh-in (Only for Cadet Category)	Žatika Sports Hall
SATURDAY 29/06/24	ACTIVITY	PLACE
10:00-14:00	Weigh-in (Only for U14 Category)	Žatika Sports Hall

Competition Schedule - Žatika Sports Hall

Thursday, 27/06 09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Repechages U21</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (-60kg, -67kg, -75kg, -84kg, +84 Kg) Kumite Individual, Female (-50kg, -55kg, -61kg, -68kg, +68kg) Finals U21</p>
Friday, 28/06 09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Repechages Junior</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (- 55kg, - 61kg, - 68kg, - 76kg, +76kg) Kumite Individual, Female (- 48kg, - 53kg, -59kg, - 66kg, +66kg) Finals Junior</p>
Saturday, 29/06 09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Repechages Cadet</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (- 52kg, - 57kg, - 63kg, - 70kg, +70kg) Kumite Individual, Female (- 47kg, - 54kg, -61, +61kg) Finals Cadet</p>
Sunday, 30/06 09:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eliminations & Repechages U14</u> Kata Individual Male/Female Kumite Individual, Male (-40kg, -45kg, -50kg, -55kg, +55kg) Kumite Individual, Female (-42kg, -47kg, -52kg, +52kg) Finals U14</p>

Please note that **this is a provisional schedule**. Due to the number of registered athletes, the competition will take place in two different venues. The additional venue is located 350m away from the original venue.

The final Competition Program will be available on the WKF website after onsite accreditation closes in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes participants.

Only the appointed categories will be allowed to stay in the stadium during the authorized timetables.

Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

Competition Venue: Žatika Sports Hall Vukovarska ul. 3, 52440, Poreč, Croatia

Additional Venue: Veli Jože Sports hall, 52440, Poreč, Croacia

HQ Hotel: Hotel Parentium Address: Zelena laguna 6, 52440, Poreč

8. RANKING

Competitors can earn ranking points in every Karate 1 event according to the official WKF Ranking Criteria, point 3.2 of the WKF World Ranking Rules. For more information about ranking rules click [here](#).

The [current ranking](#) is dynamic file which updates at the beginning of each month and after each event on the [WKF Calendar Event](#).

9. ONLINE REGISTRATION & OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

Registration in a Youth League event must be processed ONLINE.

The registration will be validated once completed the online payment through the payment platform.

No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline and all requests will be declined.

Onsite registrations will NOT be accepted.

Registrations subjected to the payment of a registration fee will not be validated until the payment is completed through the online payment platform.

Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

Individuals, Clubs and National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The online registration will be openly disclosed for everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by WKF NFs of all registered participants in real time.

Any issue regarding online registration must be notified to the software provider and to the WKF, five days before the first day of competition at the latest, so that they can be properly taken in consideration without it altering the smooth running of the process.

Technical Support for Online Registration

In case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the Sportdata software team via the email address; karate1@sportdata.org

9.1 Athletes Registration

Athletes' registration is divided in two phases (all phases will open and close at the 12:00 h GMT +0 of the listed day);

- **Phase 1, from 27th March to 10th April 2024:** Registration only by National Federations. Maximum, 1 athlete per category.
- **Phase 2, from 11th April to 12th June, 2024:** Open registration.

All **competitor** registrations must be made **ONLINE**:

ATHLETES
REGISTRATION

9.1.1 Entry Fee

The entry fees are (per individual category entry) are as follows:

- 50€/ 1st month (until **27/04** at 23:59 hrs GMT +0)
- 60€/ during the following month (from **28/04** at 00:00 hs to **27/05** at 23:59 hrs GMT +0)
- 75€ last 15 days (from **28/05** at 00:00 hs to **12/06** at 23:59 hrs GMT +0).

9.1.2 Payment

All payments must be processed through the ONLINE PAYMENT PLATFORM. Onsite cash payments will NOT be accepted.

The ownership of the PayPal account --> [UNILINE d.o.o.] who is positioned as the provider of the service and responsible for disputes and chargebacks --> [UNILINE d.o.o. will provide the registration service and collect registration fee with the authorization of Croatian Karate Federation. And, it is Croatian Karate Federation who actually hosts the WKF event and responsible for all of the disputes and chargebacks]

9.2 Referees Registration

REFEREE
REGISTRATION

After accessing the registration page, you will need to choose your registration group:

- Referees with WKF and/or Continental License
- Referee Commission members
- Referees ranked within the top 25 of the WKF Referee Ranking on the opening date of registration for each event.
- NF Referees without WKF and/or Continental License

The Referee Ranking applicable for the Porec 2024 YL will be the one of the opening day of the online registration, 27/03/2024.

REFEREE RANKING
TOP 25

All **referee** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

9.3 Coaches Registration

The minimum level required to perform as a coach in Youth League events is the **WKF Accredited Coach Certification (Coach level 1)**.

All **coach** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

COACH
REGISTRATION

9.4 Official Onsite Accreditation

The onsite official accreditation will take place on:

- Wednesday, 26/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For all categories.
- Thursday, 27/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For U14, Cadet and Junior categories only.
- Friday, 28/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For U14 and Cadet categories only.

Weigh-in must be done on:

- Wednesday, 26/06/24, from 14.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For U21 category only.
- Thursday, 27/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For Junior category only.
- Friday, 28/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For Cadet category only.
- Saturday, 29/06/24, from 10.00 a.m. to 14.00 p.m. at the Žatika Sports Hall. For U14 category only.

If changes are required during the official registration session, because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of € 50 is charged for each change.

Accreditation cards will be issued at registration, displaying the participants main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be carried at all times during the event.

The athlete's accreditation must contain an updated photograph that allows the athlete to be identifiable throughout the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted to participating, as per the Karate 1 - Youth League Organising Rules 2024.

All participants must submit an official passport for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.

Every competitor's accreditation must be done in person by the athlete's delegate by bringing the athlete's passport to the accreditation session.

Any competitor who may not have collected their accreditation during official registration, either personally or through their delegate, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.

The weigh-in will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation. Those athletes who fail to attend the weigh-in WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW.

10. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

All participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form at the onsite accreditation.

There are 3 kinds of forms; one is for the Club/Team Delegate, while the other 2 are for all other participants (Over 18 years old and under 18 years old). Please find the links to each of them below.

Waiver of Liability Forms:

- i. NF/Team Representative Waiver ([link](#))
- ii. Individual +18 Form ([link](#))
- iii. Individual - 18 Form (Parental Consent) ([link](#))

• The NF/Team Delegate takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.



11. ANTI DOPING EDUCATION

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click the [here](#) to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our [website](#). In exchange for a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



Course Recommendations

International-level Athletes Education
High Performance Coach Education
Medical Professionals Education
Parents of Elite Athletes Education

12. WKF COACH COURSE PROGRAMME

According to the WKF Coach Educational Programme, **the minimum certification required to take part in Karate 1 – Youth League events is the “Accredited Coach” (level 1)**. To obtain such certification, coaches must attend the corresponding **briefing**.

The Accredited Coach licence can be obtained;

- through the [WKF E-learning platform for Coaches](#).
- or by attending to one of the Programmes for Coaches that the WKF will hold in official events.

A WKF Programme for Coaches (Level 1) will be held at all Karate 1 - Youth League events 2024.

12.1 WKF Coach Programme / Accredited Coach Certification Poreč 2024

Please find below the Coach schedule and the details for the registration process:

12.1.1 Schedule

Accredited Coach Briefing				
Wednesday	26/06	from 17:00 hrs	to 18:30 hrs	HQ Hotel Parentium

12.1.2 Online Registration

Those coaches who wish to attend to the “WKF Accredited Coach Briefing” in Poreč must be registered online with deadline June 12th, 2024 (15 days prior to the event) through the following [link](#).

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact karate1@sportdata.org for technical support.

12.1.3 Fees

We would like to remind you that the fees for the Program for WKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for “Accredited Coach” level (new application or license renewal)
300 EUR

12.1.4 Payment

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

13. MEDIA

13.1 Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration form which can be found here:

**PRESS
REGISTRATION**

Video recording will not be allowed

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please directly contact the World Karate Federation's office: press@wkf.net

14. COMPETITION VENUE

Žatika Sports Hall, address: Vukovarska ulica 3, 52440 Poreč CROATIA
Veli Jože Sports hall, 52440, Poreč, CROATIA

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[OFFICIAL TATAMI FOR THIS TOURNAMENT](#)

15. TICKET FOR SPECTATORS

Entrance for spectators will be free of charge.

16. OFFICIAL HOTELS

16.1 HQ Hotel

PARENTIUM ****

Address: Zelena laguna 6, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 4,1km / 6 minutes by car



16.2 Official hotels

HOTEL MOLINDRIO ****

Address: Zelena laguna 2, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 3,5 km / 5 minutes by car



HOTEL ALBATROS***

Address: Zelena laguna 20, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 3,9 km / 6 minutes by car



HOTEL PLAVI***

Address: Zelena laguna 10, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 3,9 km / 6 minutes by car



HOTEL ISTRA***

Address: Zelena laguna 12, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 3,7 km / 5 minutes by car



HOTEL GRAN VISTA***

Address: Zelena laguna 13, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 4 km / 6 minutes by car



HOTEL DELFIN**

Address: Zelena laguna 27, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 4,3 km / 6 minutes by car



APARTMENTS BELLEVUE****

Address: Plava laguna 10, 52440, Poreč

Distance to the sports venue: 2,7 km / 4 minutes by car



**Photographs of accommodation facilities are for informational purposes only and are taken from the hotel's website. The organizer cannot guarantee that they will fully correspond to reality due to varying standards.*

16.3 Hotel Prices

Prices in EUR per person and night				
HOTEL NAME	MEAL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
PARENTIUM - HQ HOTEL ****	With Breakfast	304	152	-
	Half Board	319	167	-
	Full Board	334	182	-
MOLINDRIO ****	With Breakfast	150	100	90
	Half Board	165	115	105
	Full Board	180	130	120
ALBATROS ****	All Inclusive	192	128	118
HOTEL *** (Plavi / Istra / Gran Vista)	With Breakfast	110	73	65
	Half Board	125	88	80
	Full Board	140	103	95
DELFIN **	With Breakfast	93	62	-
	Half Board	108	77	-
	Full Board	123	92	-
APARTMENT NAME	MEAL	APP 2/3/4 BASIC		
APARTMENTS BELLEVUE ****	With Breakfast	73		
	Half Board	88		
	Full Board	103		

*Rates (in EUR) are per person and night, inclusive of VAT and tourist city tax. Minimum stay 3 nights.

** Guests booking the HOTEL *** will be allocated at either of the hotels listed above (Plavi / Istra / Gran Vista). The allocation will be based upon availability. Guests will be informed of their allocated hotel no later than 24 hours before check in.

The listed rates are valid for bookings until April 30th. For all bookings made after that date, the rates will increase by 10%.

Check in: 14:00 | Check out: 10:00

Pets are not allowed in the official hotels nor in the apartment complex.

Reservation & Payment Policy:

In order to secure the reservation, at least 50% of the total amount has to be paid within 24 hours of making the reservation and receiving a confirmation of availability from Uniline operators. The rest of the payment has to be done until May 25th.

After the bank transfer is done, a guest needs to send a proof (confirmation) of payment received from the bank to the email address: karate@uniline.hr
Otherwise, Uniline will not be obligated to carry out the services.

Confirmation is subject to availability. Please bear in mind that accommodation capacity is limited, and the reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. The organization reserves the right not to accept further reservations once the limit is reached. To ensure the best possible accommodation for all athletes, please make your reservations as soon as possible.

For any question, please contact the official travel agency Uniline d.o.o.: karate@uniline.hr

Cancellation Policy:

Until April 15th: no penalties

Between April 16th and May 31st: 50% penalties

After June 01st: 100% penalties

16.4 Transport Services

Uniline Travel Agency will also provide transportation services from and to the airport, including different cities in Croatia, Italy, and Slovenia. Please find below a table with the official pick-up points, distances and transfer prices. Kindly note that all indicated prices refer to one way transport only.

One way transfer rates Airport – Porec / Porec – Airport	One way distance	Car up to 3 seats	Minivan up to 7 seats	Minibus up to 15 seats	Bus up to 49 seats
Pula	57 km	110 €	135 €	265 €	425 €
Trieste	130 km	230 €	265 €	415 €	495 €
Ljubljana	185 km	300 €	340 €	815 €	1.200 €
Venezia / Treviso	235 km	365 €	425 €	815 €	1.200 €
Zagreb	275 km	345 €	405 €	815 €	1.200 €

16.5 Meals at the Venue

Meals at the Venue will be available at food courts for an additional fee. Reservations in advance or coupons will not be required.

17. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please see visa requirements overview / search engine per country:

<https://mvep.gov.hr/services-for-citizens/consular-information-22802/visas-22807/visa-requirements-overview-22879/22879?country=3>

INVITATION LETTER:

Croatian Karate Union will prepare an invitation letter for all participants registered through SportData. Requests should be sent at: office@karate.hr

18. CITY / COUNTRY INFORMATION

18.1 About Poreč



The City of Poreč is located on the Istrian peninsula's western coast, in Istria County, Republic of Croatia. Today's favorite tourist destination of many Croatians and Europeans is also known as a city with a thousand-year history. It had been inhabited even in the Neolithic, and the present structure is due to Romans who formed the City two thousand years ago.

At first, the City was the Roman castrum, constructed 200 years before Christ on the small peninsula, which, up until today, stayed the old town's core. The old town Poreč conserved the old street layout, so the main streets of Decumanus and Cardo Maximus are still in their original ancient form. Although the oldest fortifications have not been preserved, the City claims two medieval fortresses on the peninsula's eastern and northern side and many other significant monuments. The most notable landmark is the 6th-century Euphrasian Basilica, a real architectural treasure, which UNESCO protected in 1997 as a World Heritage Site. Moreover, in Poreč you can also find remains of the Roman forum (Marafor) with Capitoline and Neptune Temple and the Romanesque House nearby, the Church of St. Francis, a dozen gothic palaces, a tower at the entrance to the old part of town, baroque palaces, and the baroque Church of St. Mary of the Angels.

Today, the wider Poreč area has approximately 17000 inhabitants, and its municipal area covers 142 square kilometers with 37 kilometers long shoreline. Mediterranean surroundings, a gentle climate, fertile land, and lush vegetation have made Poreč unique and one of the most visited tourist destinations in Croatia. In Poreč, you can choose between as many as 21 Blue Flag beaches that guarantee a clean sea whose quality has been regularly measured and monitored for more than 25 years. Also, of many Poreč's beauties, we must highlight the Lim Bay, ideal for everyone fond of walking, biking, or hiking. The 11-kilometer-long Lim Bay is known for fish and shellfish farming, and if you decide to take a boat ride, dolphins might wish you a warm welcome to our host city.

Last but not least, years of experience in competitions and tournaments, coupled with constant investment in equipping sports facilities, have resulted in Poreč being granted the title The City of Sports. Except for its extensive sports infrastructure, Poreč boasts 34 sports clubs and an estimated 2500 active athletes of all ages.

18.2 How to get to Poreč

The City of Poreč has a favorable geographical and traffic position, making it easily accessible from all European countries. No matter which mode of transport you prefer, you will find an acceptable solution. As mentioned, Poreč is located on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula, relatively close to the Slovenian border, making it easily reachable even from other countries such as Italy, Austria, and of course, Slovenia. Further below you can find valuable inputs if you decide traveling by plane or by bus, but even if you are considering a car, we can guarantee that it is a very convenient choice to reach Istria. Roads in Istria are excellent. The highway, known as Istrian Ypsilon, is a modern and fast road that connects Istria with both the Italian and Slovenian border and Rijeka (Croatia) to the southeast.

Flight

There are several options if you decide to fly. The closest airport to Poreč is Pula Airport. It is a small and seasonal airport, with a couple of low-cost airlines (Germanwings, Jet2, Norwegian, Ryanair, Vueling) that connects Pula with a dozen European cities. You can fly to Pula Airport from Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Koeln, Bruxelles, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Rome, London, Leeds, Manchester. Most flights operate from May to October. The distance from Pula airport to Poreč is 57 km, which is approximately 45 minutes by car.

There are also other airports that you can consider: Zagreb Airport (Croatia) is 275 km away, which evens approximately three hours by car. The second option is Slovenian Ljubljana Airport, less than 200 km away, equal to two and a half hours car ride. Finally, there are two Italian airports close to Poreč - Venice Airport that is 235 km away and 2 hours and 45 minutes by car, and Trieste Airport 130 km away, which implies 1 hour and 45 minutes car ride.

AIRPORT	COUNTRY	DISTANCE	CAR RIDE
Pula Airport	Croatia	57 km	approx. 45 min
Zagreb Airport	Croatia	275 km	approx. 3h
Trieste Airport	Italy	130 km	approx. 1h 45 min
Venice Airport	Italy	235 km	approx. 2 h and 45 min
Ljubljana Airport	Slovenia	185 km	approx. 2 h and 30 min

Bus

Poreč is also easily reachable by bus. There are regular buses daily from all major cities in Croatia, wherever you might find yourself on your way to Poreč - Zagreb, Pula, or Rijeka. It will take roughly 4 hours bus ride from the capital (Zagreb), and one and a half hours if your starting points are Pula or Rijeka. You can purchase your bus tickets online, at the bus stations, and often even on the bus from the driver.

BUS STATION	DISTANCE	BUS RIDE
Zagreb	262 km	approx. 4h
Pula	58 km	approx. 1h and 30 min
Rijeka	104 km	approx. 1h and 30 min

18.3 Practical Information

Opening times: Mostly all shops, stores, and pharmacies in Croatia are opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Some supermarkets, bakeries, and kiosks are likely to be opened from 7 a.m. and closed at 9 p.m. or even 10 p.m.

How to pay: It is possible to pay both in cash or with a credit card in most stores and shops. In the case of paying with a credit card, it is recommended to have an identification document by your side. However, if you are buying some goods at the market or stands, it is advisable to have cash.

Currency: From January 1, 2023, the Croatian currency is the euro (EUR). Croatian kunas (HRK/kn) will not be accepted except in banks for exchange.

Electricity: Electrical supply is 230V, 50Hz AC. Croatia uses the standard European plugs.

Language: The official language in Croatia is Croatian. However, most people speak at least basic if not advanced English, and many locals in Poreč speak Italian.

Time: Croatian time is in the Central European Time Zone (CET). CET is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Like in most European countries, Summer Time is observed in Croatia Time, where the time is shifted forward by one hour; 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

18.4 Side Events

WKF YOUTH TRAINING CAMP

YOUTH AND PARA-KARATE CUP

Registrations: June 21-22

Training days: June 23-25

Youth and Para-Karate Cup: June 25

19. MISCELLANEOUS

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20. OMISSIONS

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations.

