

# SAVATE NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL SAVATE FEDERATION

Welcome to the FISav Newsletter - Spring 2026

In this edition, we report on 2025 World Championships, high-level international competitions in Europe and technical development initiatives in Asia.

Savate continues to grow in both performance and professionalism. This edition highlights key events shaping the sport across continents.



## World Savate Day 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is World Savate Day. Join us in celebrating the day by posting your favourite Savate and Canne photos, reels and videos on your social media. Tag FISav so we can share your post!



## SavatePlus 2026

The SavatePlus Competition 2026 will also be launched on the Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The competition runs until 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Check our social media for news!



## Celebrating a Successful 2025 Season

An exceptional Savate competition season, 2025 was marked by high-level international events, sporting excellence, and continued global development of Savate, the French combat sport. Throughout the year, the federation delivered major Savate championships and tournaments that reinforced the sport's international profile, technical standards, and competitive integrity.

The achievements of the 2025 Savate season were made possible by the dedication and professionalism of Savate officials worldwide. FISav commissions, technical delegates, referees, judges, coaches, and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth organisation, fairness, and safety of all international Savate competitions. Their expertise remains essential to the credibility and development of competitive Savate.

### Youth Savate Championships 2025 in Tashkent

The Youth Savate Championships 2025 in Tashkent were widely praised for the excellent organisation, high technical level, and strong focus on athlete development. Efficient logistics and warm hospitality created an ideal environment for young Savate athletes, setting a benchmark for future international youth Savate championships.

### Savate Combat Qualifying Tournament and World Championships Finals

The Combat Qualifying Tournament in Plovdiv featured hard-fought bouts and intense competition. This was followed by the Savate World Championships Finals, staged as prestigious gala events in Split, Sarcelles, Pontivy, Draveil and Yaounde. We thank the Bulgarian, Cameroonian, Croatian, and French Savate Federations for their invaluable support. Videos of some of the finals can be found on Youtube : @savateTV and @fightnation8854



## Congratulations to the Indonesian Savate Federation

### Development in Asia

The Indonesian Savate Federation (Federasi Savate Indonesia) which has been formally accepted as a member of the National Sports Committee of Indonesia (KONI)

FISav extends its congratulations to the Indonesian Savate Federation for its continued development and commitment to the sport.

Through sustained efforts in athlete development, organisation, and international participation, Indonesia is strengthening its position within the global Savate community and contributing to the sport's expansion in Southeast Asia.

## 13th Budapest Savate Open

### January 2026

#### Open competitions

The Budapest Savate Open continues to grow as one of the largest international events in Savate. The 13th edition brought together: 260 fighters representing 37 clubs, from 12 countries.

A particularly encouraging development was the high number of young athletes. This strong youth participation highlights the continuous development of Savate at grassroots level and confirms that a new generation of athletes is actively emerging and gaining valuable competition experience.

The competition has established itself as a key platform for both elite performance and youth development.





## Savate Refereeing Seminar in India

### International Officiating Standards

A major step forward for officiating development took place in New Delhi, where 51 referees and judges successfully completed an international seminar and certification programme.

Led by Anna Khosravi, Chair of the Arbitrage Commission of Asian Savate Confederation, the seminar focused on:

- Updated international rules
- Practical decision-making
- Consistency and professionalism in judging

This initiative significantly enhances the quality and readiness of officials ahead of continental competitions.

## Helsinki Savate Open 2026

### Open competitions

The March 2026 Helsinki Savate Open once again confirmed its place as a major fixture in the international Savate calendar. Held in Finland, the event welcomed 61 athletes from 10 countries, showcasing high-quality assaut competition under FISav regulations.

Athletes were able to participate in an Open competition and an assaut tournament called the Mika Kalliomaa Challenge, named after one of the great pioneers of Finnish Savate, Mika Kalliomaa (1972–2016).

With strong international participation and an atmosphere of technical excellence, the Helsinki Open continues to play an important role in developing athletes and strengthening cooperation in Savate.



Thanks to London Savate for the photos



# Upcoming events

## World Championships and Major events 2026

World SAVATE Day Worldwide 23 March 2026

SavatePlus Online Competition Worldwide 23 March - 18 April 2026

World Canne de Combat Championships Prague, Czechia 17 – 19 July 2026

World Savate Assaut Championships Boulogne-sur-Mer, France 9 - 12 September 2026

## Continental and Major Regional Championships 2026

Asian Championships Kathmandu, Nepal 30 Apr - 4 May 2026

African Championships Casablanca, Morocco October /November 2026

European Youth Championships Terme Olimia, Slovenia 11 - 14 June 2026

European Combat Championships Plovdiv, Bulgaria 24 - 27 September 2026

## World & Continental Cup, and Open Competitions

Top Sport Savate European Cup Plovdiv, Bulgaria 1 - 3 May 2026

Tokyo Open Tokyo, Japan 10 May 2026

Top Sport Savate European Cup Genova, Italy 30 May 2026

Therme Open Terme Olimia, Slovenia 6 June 2026

London Open London, UK 4 July 2026

World Cup Canne de Combat Prague, Czechia 17 - 19 July 2026

Austria Belt, World Cup of Clubs Weiz, Austria 17 October 2026

Türkiye Savate Assaut & Combat Open Çankırı, Türkiye 12 - 15 November 2026

World Cup Dakar Dakar, Senegal 15 November 2026

## Closing Note

Across competitions, education, and federation development, Savate continues to advance as a modern, structured, and truly global sport. The International Savate Federation thanks all its members and partners for their ongoing dedication.

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