

WORDS OF WELCOME

ETC Squash 2026

After months of preparation, the moment is almost here, the European Team Championships 2026 are about to begin, and we are incredibly excited. With 40 teams competing across two divisions, it promises to be a spectacular event. Which teams will be crowned champions this year, and which will earn promotion or face relegation?

The Frans Otten Stadium and Amsterdam provide the setting for this year's European Team Championships and what a fantastic venue it is! The centre court of the Frans Otten Stadium has witnessed history many times and is annually home to the Dutch Junior Open.

We promise you an amazing tournament, filled with great matches and plenty of emotions, all taking place at this fantastic club in the beautiful city of Amsterdam. In addition, we would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors, and partners, especially the ESF. Everyone has worked incredibly hard over the past period to take the European Championships to the next level.

We are ready! Are you?

I hope that together we will make it an unforgettable experience. On behalf of the Frans Otten Stadium Team and the ETC2026 Team, I wish you all the best of luck and a wonderful time. And enjoy Amsterdam as well!

Kind Regards,

Donny van Hal
Tournament Director ETC 2026



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Welcome to the European Team Division 1 & 2 Squash Championships 2026



As the president of the European Squash Federation, it is an honour to welcome you all to Amsterdam, Netherlands, for the 2026 European Team Championships.

We are very thankful to be able to hold the Championships at the newly renovated, family run, Frans Otten Stadion, which has been the venue for many great international events over the years. I would like to especially thank Patrick and Martijn Koopman for their love for squash and making their facility available for us.

It's exciting times for Squash with its inclusion in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028. In Europe we have also recently been accepted to the European Games in Istanbul in 2027, which is part of the qualifying process to LA28. All this opens a whole new world for our sport. The Olympic inclusion has made a lot of positive differences for many of our members and their top athletes – with more access to financial support, access to training facilities and support teams. We are, finally, getting the recognition that Squash so well deserves.

As usual we organise the ESF Annual General Meeting, as well as the Members Forum, alongside this Championship. We have several exiting developments for squash to discuss and make decisions to prepare our organisation for the future.

I'm very grateful to Squash Bond Nederland for organising these Championships. The tournament director, Donny van Hal, is supported by his organising committee as well by the ESF Championship Committee with ESF Event Director Michael Khan and Tournament Software Operator Daniel Sima. Not to forget the many volunteers who are helping to make this a great Championship.

I also would like to thank all the referees organised by tournament referee, Marko Podgorsek, all of whom have volunteered to help these four days. I hope all of you-players, coaches, and managers can appreciate their effort and time to make this a successful event.

Finally, we must not forget all the sponsors and partners who support these championships and ensure that they are financially viable.

I wish you all best of success with many good and fair matches and a great time in Amsterdam.

Thomas Troedsson
President



SQUASH INFORMATION



Firstly, in this section, we would like to welcome you all to this event. We hope that everything runs smoothly and that we can enjoy all aspects of this year's Dutch Junior Open.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

You will find the complete draws on the tv's in the venue or visit esf.tournamentsoftware.com

LIVE STREAM

Live stream available at <https://esfsquash.tv/>
The show court and courts 19 & 20 will be streamed.

STRINGING SERVICE

If you need your racket to be restrung then please go to the reception of the Frans Otten Stadion and ask about the prices and possibilities.

PRACTISE COURTS

On arriving date you can book your training court. Please send an email to events@squashbond.nl to arrange the courts.
On day 1 courts will be allocated by ESF.

SQUAD EXCEL SHEET

Please if you didn't send your excel list yet please send it to us with all your team members. We need this to make badges for all players, mangers, physios, coaches etc. We want to make this on time so please share ASAP your excel list with us, events@squashbond.nl

OPENING CEREMONY AND OTHER TIMETABLES

See here the timetable for the Opening Ceremony and other meetings:

- Opening Ceremony: 18:00-18:45 ±
- **Team managers meeting: 20:00-20:45 at the venue (meeting room)**
All teams are expected to send a representative!

- Closing Dinner: 19:00.
- Closing Party: 21:00.

For the opening ceremony please provide one player for each team and bring your own country flag. If you hear your country in the opening ceremony they can come on court.

The closing ceremony and medal award will take place on the show court after the last final.

VENUE



The Frans Otten Stadion is one of the most modern accommodations in Europe. Besides the 21 squash courts there is also the opportunity to play tennis, play padel, to use the fitness accommodation and congress facilities.

Squash Bond Nederland has organized various championships, such as the Dutch Nationals, European (Team) Championships and World Championships.

Where is what at the Frans Otten Stadion?

- Ground Floor: court 11 to 21, Centre Court (21)
- First Floor: changing rooms and toilet
- Second Floor: court 1 to 10, restaurant.

Lunch and dinner will take place on the upper floor on the right side near the view on the Centre Court.

Wi-Fi

There is free Wi-Fi in the stadium.

- WIFI: FOS Gasten

IMPORTANT INFO

All participants who have booked a hotel package receive a badge for entrance to the lunch and dining hall to get their meals. If you lose your badge, please come to the tournament desk

The badge gives entry to the following meals:

- Dinner on Tuesday
- Lunch and dinner on Wednesday
- Lunch and dinner on Thursday
- Lunch and dinner on Friday
- Lunch on Saturday

The final dinner on Saturday evening is for everyone.

LUNCH & DINNER TIMES

Lunch will be served in the dining hall at the Frans Otten Stadion between 13:00h and 16:00h, dinner will be served between 18:00h and 21:00h.



EMERGENCIES AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

In case of emergency always inform the tournament organization. They can offer support if necessary. Depending on the emergency, they can call the central emergency number 112 or take the victim to the A&E department, a nearby hospital, or to a general practitioner (GP)

May there be a small injury during the tournament, you can visit the tournament First AID.

What to do in case of emergency?

In case of a situation or accident requiring emergency help, there are various options:

- Report a emergency as quickly as possible to Michael Khan (Event Director) or Donny van Hal (TD).
- Telephone the emergency number 112.
- Take the victim to the Accident and Emergency (A&E) department or a nearby hospital.

The nearest hospital to the squash centre is:

VU Academic Medisch Centrum

De Boelelaan 1117

1081 HZ Amsterdam

Tel: +31 20 444 44 44

This can be reached by turning right out of the venue and right again at the traffic lights.

Go under the motorway bridge and turn left at the 2nd traffic lights. It is a 3-minute drive.

THINGS TO BRING TO FIRST AID/HOSPITAL

Bring your identification, cash/credit card and insurance card if possible to the emergency

PHYSIOS

There is space available for team physios to set up their tables. We are working on providing a physio for other teams against payment.

HOTEL

Van Der Valk Hotel and Olympic Hotel:



When expected to make extra expenses at the hotel, you must deposit a credit card at the hotel check-in desk. It is possible to have multiple rooms on one credit card, but only when the owner of the credit card agrees.

At the hotel there is a fitness, sauna and swimming pool. You can make use of these facilities.

The hotel packages are including breakfast, which is served between 05:00h and 11:00h.

IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE TOWELS FROM THE HOTEL TO VENUE.

ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Upon arrival, all participants will receive their accreditation. Team packages will be prepared in advance and can be collected by the team coach or manager at the venue desk.

BUS SCHEDULE VAN DER VALK HOTEL AND SCHIPHOL AIRPORT

For transport from the Airport to the Hotel or from the Hotel to the Airport please visit this link: <https://www.hotelschiphol.com/park-sleep-fly/shuttle-service/>



This is only for Hotel VD Valk, if you booked The Olympic Hotel please go to the next page.

Departure from Schiphol airport is at bus stop A9 - A13 in front of the arrival hall.

DEPARTURE TIMES FROM HOTEL TO SCHIPHOL AIRPORT

05.00 hrs	11.20 hrs	18.00 hrs
05.30 hrs	12.00 hrs	18.40 hrs
06:00 hrs	12.40 hrs	19:20 hrs
06.40 hrs	13.20 hrs	20.00 hrs
07.20 hrs	14.00 hrs	20.40 hrs
08.00 hrs	14.40 hrs	21.20 hrs
08.40 hrs	15.20 hrs	22.00 hrs
09.20 hrs	16.00 hrs	22.40 hrs
10.00 hrs	16.40 hrs	23.20 hrs
10.40 hrs	17.20 hrs	

DEPARTURE TIMES FROM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT TO HOTEL

05.10 hrs	11.40 hrs	18.20 hrs
05.40 hrs	12.20 hrs	19.00 hrs
06.20 hrs	13.00 hrs	19.40 hrs
07.00 hrs	13.40 hrs	20.20 hrs
07.40 hrs	14.20 hrs	21.00 hrs
08.20 hrs	15.00 hrs	21.40 hrs
09.00 hrs	15.40 hrs	22.20 hrs
09.40 hrs	16.20 hrs	23.00 hrs
10.20 hrs	17.00 hrs	23.40 hrs
11.00 hrs	17.40 hrs	

BUS SCHEDULE OLYMPIC HOTEL AND SCHIPHOL AIRPORT

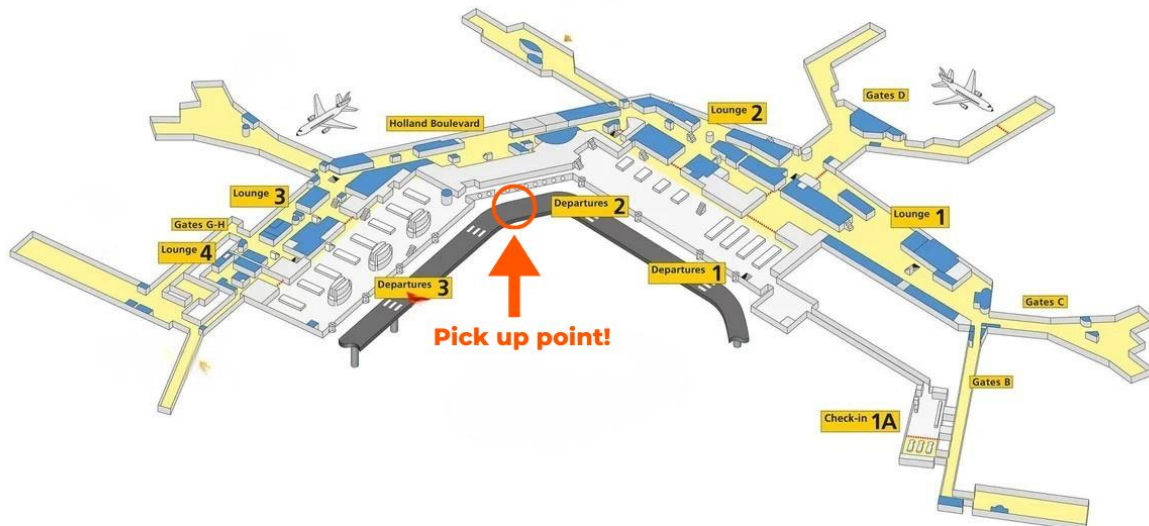
For The Olympic Hotel, we organize airport pick-up and drop-off ourselves. Two volunteers will drive you from the airport to the hotel and back on Sunday.



Please read the following instructions carefully to ensure the pick-up runs smoothly. The pick-up point is located outside, where passengers are dropped off. The driver will be waiting for you there.

Below you will find the locations and a step-by-step plan.

The pick up point:



The pick up bus:



Take the following steps:

1. Welcome to Schiphol! Your tournament experience is about to begin.
2. Please proceed to baggage claim and collect all your luggage.



3. Once you have all your luggage, please send a WhatsApp message to Donny so we can direct the driver to the pick-up point. Do not message earlier, as the bus cannot wait long at the pick-up location.
4. Go with your team to the pick-up point. How? After leaving the gate, you will see escalators—please take them one level up. Then go outside and walk to the pick-up point between Departures 2 and 3.
5. Our driver will be there or will arrive shortly to pick you up and bring you to The Olympic Hotel.

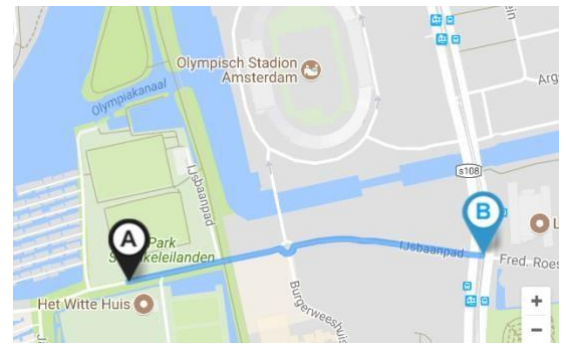
NOTE: We need to know your flight details to plan the pick up and organize your drop off. Please share your details with us events@squashbond.nl ASAP!

LOCAL TRAVEL

There are excellent connections to the city centre. Several buses and trams leave from the stop IJsbaanpad, 8 minutes' walk from the venue (Turn right out of the venue, and the tram stop is 750 m. down the road). Tram 16 goes to Amsterdam Central Station.

To schedule your journey to your destination you can use the link below. Please make sure you use IJsbaanpad 43, Amsterdam as location of the Frans Otten Stadion.

<https://9292.nl/en>



Tickets should be bought when starting the journey, the tickets lasts for one hour. The trams stop running at midnight. Everywhere in the city, you must pay to park your car. If you fail to pay and display a ticket, you risk a large fine or your car will be towed.

BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

During the tournament, we are providing a shuttle bus service between the Frans Otten Stadion and the Van der Valk Hotel for package players and coaches only. Be sharp that the pick up location is at the parking place in front of Sporthallen Zuid.

At the hotel the bus will stop in front!

The bus has a note at the window with ETC Squash on it. The bus is from Oostenrijk group on the side.



BUS SCHEDULE: VAN DER VALK – FRANS OTTEN STADION

There will be a bus driving from hotel Van der Valk to the Frans Otten Stadion, below you will find the days, times and the frequency of the bus.

Note: Please be aware that yellow times are normally busy times and the bus may take longer than normal due to traffic jam. It's a player's responsibility to make sure they are at the venue on time to play their matches. Please take the yellow times into account.

Tuesday 28th april	
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Wed 29th april, Thu 30th april, Fri 1st May	
Hotel VD Valk - FOS	FOS - Hotel VD Valk
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Saturday 2nd May	
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CITY OF AMSTERDAM

Let us welcome you to Amsterdam, a place of many inspiring and surprising faces. No other city mixes cosmopolitan style and relaxed atmosphere quite like Amsterdam, where our hospitable nature attracts an excitingly diverse population. We invite you to join us and make our metropolis your own during your stay.

Whether admiring the Golden Age gabled merchants' houses of the old city center or marveling at the sleek skylines of the new Zuid as and harbor areas, you will see that the people of Amsterdam pride themselves on the city's rich history while keeping focused on the future. Creative energy and innovation abound, strengthening and inspiring the established international business community.

Amsterdam has a long and impressive sporting tradition. In 1928 the city hosted the Olympic Games. The recently renovated Olympic stadium is the legacy of this event. During this Olympics, it has been the first time where the Olympic fire got lighted.

More recently the city has hosted numerous major sporting events. In 2010 Amsterdam hosted the start of the Giro d'Italia. With 35,000 participants, the annual Amsterdam marathon is one of the largest marathons in Europe. In 2016 Amsterdam organized the European Athletics Championships. In addition, the city has witnessed the many successes of Amsterdam-based football club Ajax, both nationally and internationally.

Do you want discover Amsterdam? Trough [this link](#) you can find activities, sports, musea and food and drinks.

