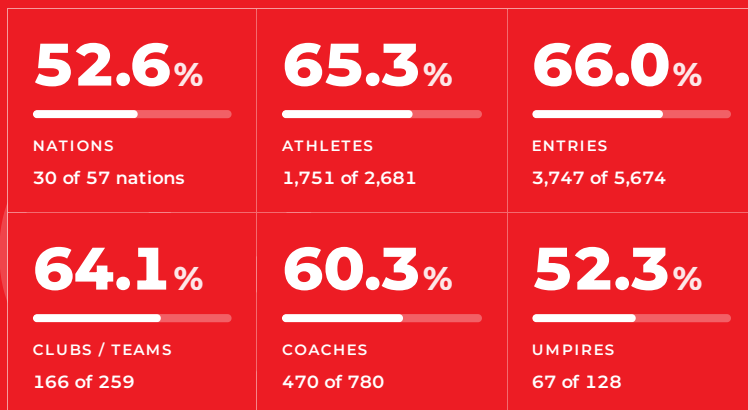


ENTRY STATISTICS · A EUROPEAN VIEW

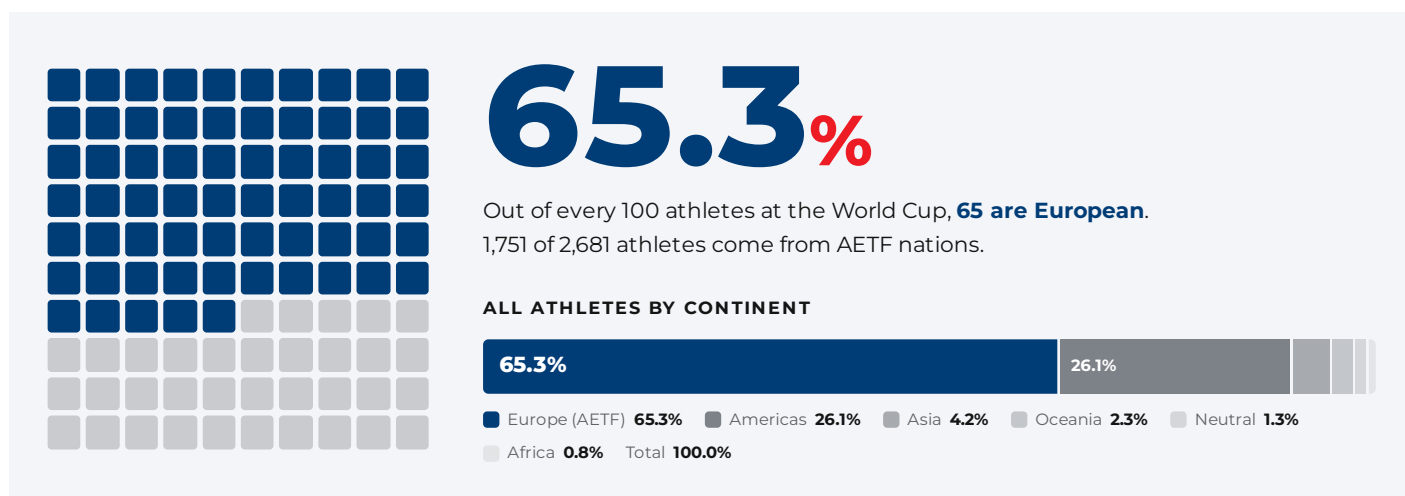
# TWO OF EVERY THREE WORLD CUP ATHLETES COME FROM EUROPE

30 AETF member nations send 1,751 athletes to Benidorm, making Europe by far the largest continent at the biggest ITF World Cup in history.

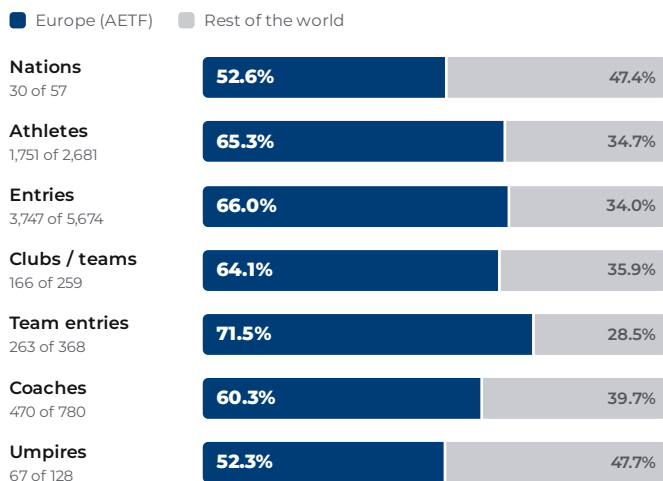


## EUROPE AND THE WORLD

AETF nations' share of each World Cup total



### EUROPEAN SHARE BY MEASURE



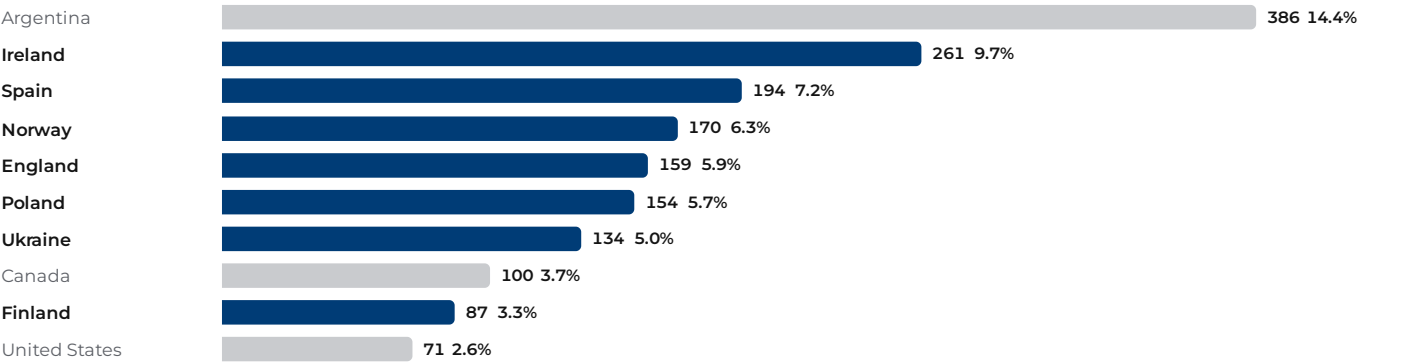
### ATHLETES BY CONTINENT

| CONTINENT                   | NATIONS   | ATHLETES     | SHARE         |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Europe (AETF)               | 30        | 1,751        | 65.3%         |
| Americas                    | 12        | 699          | 26.1%         |
| Asia                        | 9         | 113          | 4.2%          |
| Oceania                     | 2         | 62           | 2.3%          |
| Individual Neutral Athletes | 1         | 35           | 1.3%          |
| Africa                      | 3         | 20           | 0.8%          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>57</b> | <b>2,680</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

Share of the 2,680 athletes assigned to a nation (official total: 2,681). Europe brings almost two-thirds of the field from 30 of the 57 nations.

TOP 10 NATIONS BY ATHLETES

7 of the 10 largest national teams are AETF members



TEAM EUROPE PROFILE

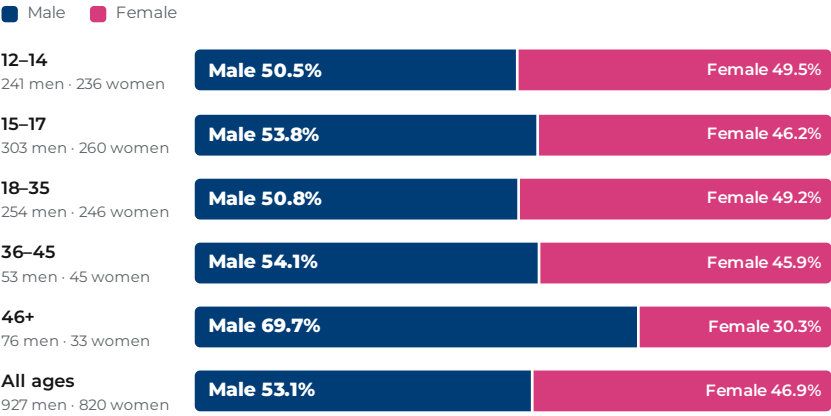
How the 1,747 individually entered European athletes break down, with the whole World Cup field for comparison

HOW OLD IS TEAM EUROPE?

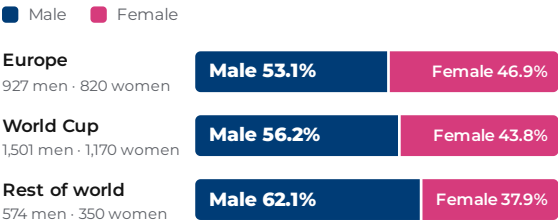
| AGE DIVISION | EUROPEAN ATHLETES | SHARE OF TEAM EUROPE | WHOLE WORLD CUP |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 12–14        | 477               | 27.3%                | 25.5%           |
| 15–17        | 563               | 32.2%                | 29.7%           |
| 18–35        | 500               | 28.6%                | 31.2%           |
| 36–45        | 98                | 5.6%                 | 6.8%            |
| 46+          | 109               | 6.3%                 | 6.8%            |
| Total        | 1,747             | 100.0%               | 100.0%          |

How to read it: 27.3% of European athletes are aged 12–14; across the whole World Cup the figure is 25.5%. Under 18s make up 59.5% of Team Europe, against 55.2% of the whole field.

MEN AND WOMEN IN EACH EUROPEAN AGE DIVISION

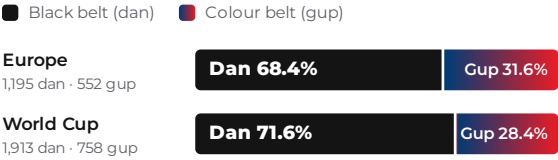


MALE AND FEMALE ATHLETES



Each bar is one group of athletes split into men and women. Europe's team is 53.1% male and 46.9% female, a more balanced field than the rest of the world (62.1% male, 37.9% female).

BLACK BELTS AND COLOUR BELTS



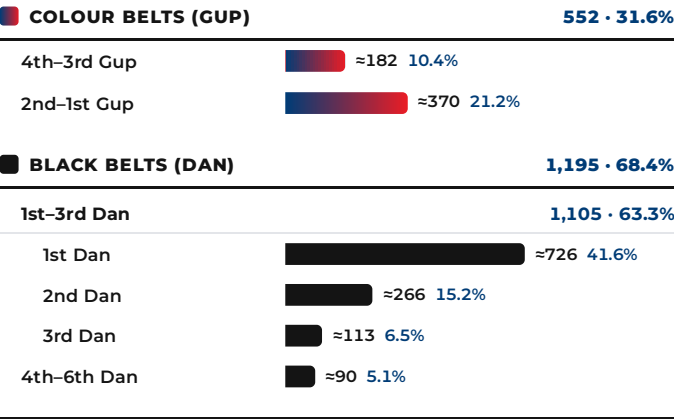
BLACK-BELT SHARE BY AGE DIVISION

| AGE DIVISION | EUROPE             | WORLD CUP          |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12–14        | 41.9% (200 of 477) | 46.3% (316 of 682) |
| 15–17        | 73.7% (415 of 563) | 74.1% (588 of 793) |
| 18–35        | 84.2% (421 of 500) | 86.2% (718 of 833) |
| 36–45        | 74.5% (73 of 98)   | 79.0% (143 of 181) |
| 46+          | 78.9% (86 of 109)  | 81.3% (148 of 182) |

GRADES AND DISCIPLINES

Grade bands count athletes; disciplines count entries

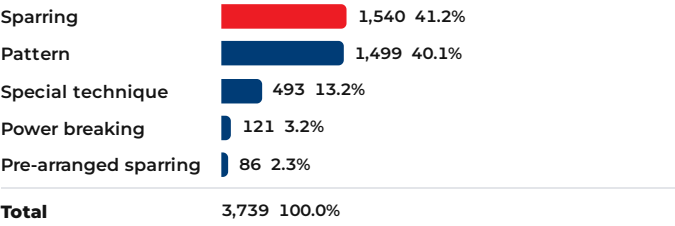
EUROPEAN ATHLETES BY GRADE BAND



ALL EUROPEAN ATHLETES1,747 · 100.0%

Every athlete is counted once and the rows add up to 100%. Group totals (552 colour belts, 1,195 black belts) are exact. 325 athletes (18.6%) registered with a grade range only (e.g. "1st–6th Dan"); they are shared out across the grades in that range in proportion to the athletes whose exact grade is known, so the individual grade rows (≈) are estimates.

EUROPEAN ENTRIES BY DISCIPLINE



DISCIPLINES ENTERED PER ATHLETE

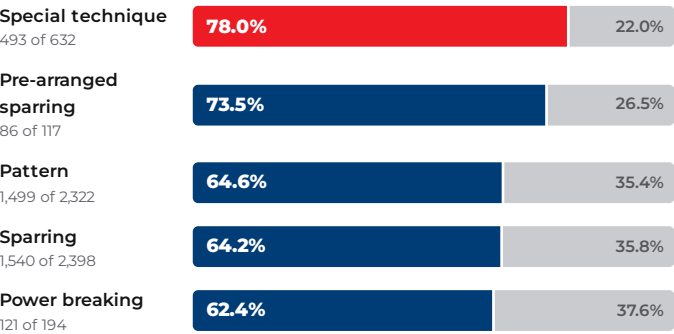
| DISCIPLINES | EUROPE         | WORLD CUP      |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1           | 464 (26.5%)    | 661 (24.8%)    |
| 2           | 861 (49.3%)    | 1,440 (53.9%)  |
| 3           | 398 (22.8%)    | 529 (19.8%)    |
| 4           | 24 (1.4%)      | 41 (1.5%)      |
| Total       | 1,747 (100.0%) | 2,671 (100.0%) |

24 of the 41 athletes who enter all four individual disciplines (58.5%) are European: Norway 9, England 4, Sweden 4, Ireland 3, Poland 2, Austria 1, Belgium 1.

WHERE EUROPE LEADS

European share of each group. Disciplines count entries; age, grade and gender count athletes

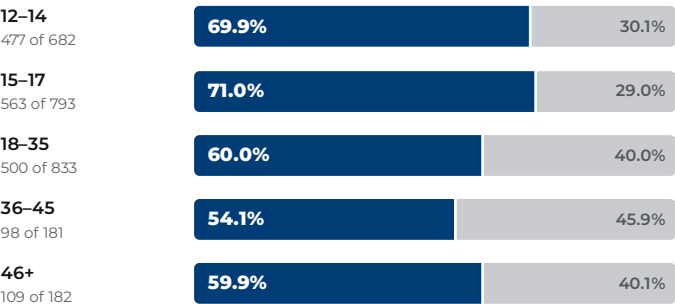
BY DISCIPLINE (ENTRIES)



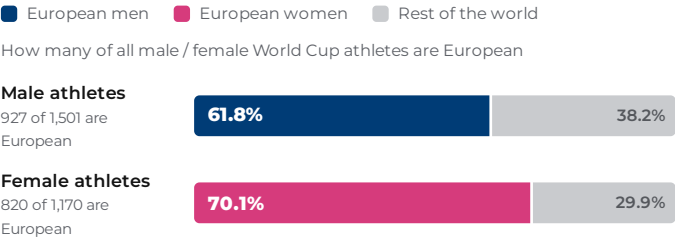
BY GRADE (ATHLETES)



BY AGE DIVISION (ATHLETES)



BY GENDER (ATHLETES)



# THE 10 BIGGEST CATEGORIES

Discipline + age + gender + grade, the level at which athletes actually meet

| #  | CATEGORY                                       | ENTRIES | EUROPEAN ENTRIES | EUROPEAN SHARE               |
|----|------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1  | Pattern · 15–17 · Male · 1st Dan               | 170     | 119              | <div><div></div></div> 70.0% |
| 2  | Pattern · 15–17 · Female · 1st Dan             | 158     | 130              | <div><div></div></div> 82.3% |
| 3  | Pattern · 12–14 · Male · 1st Dan               | 132     | 81               | <div><div></div></div> 61.4% |
| 4  | Pattern · 12–14 · Female · 1st Dan             | 117     | 88               | <div><div></div></div> 75.2% |
| 5  | Pattern · 12–14 · Male · 2nd–1st Gup           | 116     | 88               | <div><div></div></div> 75.9% |
| 6  | Pattern · 12–14 · Female · 2nd–1st Gup         | 105     | 80               | <div><div></div></div> 76.2% |
| 7  | Special technique · 15–17 · Male · 1st–3rd Dan | 96      | 76               | <div><div></div></div> 79.2% |
| 8  | Pattern · 18–35 · Female · 1st Dan             | 91      | 60               | <div><div></div></div> 65.9% |
| 9  | Pattern · 18–35 · Female · 2nd Dan             | 87      | 62               | <div><div></div></div> 71.3% |
| 10 | Pattern · 18–35 · Male · 1st Dan               | 86      | 51               | <div><div></div></div> 59.3% |

## CATEGORY COVERAGE

221 event categories on the World Cup programme

97.7%

of categories have at least one European competitor (216 of 221).

80.1%

of categories are majority-European (177 of 221).

91.9%

of junior categories (ages 12–17) are majority-European (91 of 99).

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Ireland is Europe's biggest team** with 261 athletes (9.7% of the whole field), second only to Argentina (386, 14.4%).

**Youth is Europe's strongest pipeline.** 69.9% of all 12–14 and 71.0% of all 15–17 athletes are European, and 59.5% of Europe's athletes are under 18 (World Cup: 55.2%).

**Special technique is a European speciality:** 78.0% of all special technique entries and 73.5% of pre-arranged sparring entries come from AETF nations.

- Six of the seven largest national teams are European:** Ireland, Spain, Norway, England, Poland and Ukraine each bring more than 130 athletes.

**Europe is close to gender parity.** Team Europe is 53.1% male and 46.9% female, against 62.1% male and 37.9% female for the rest of the world. In the 12–14 and 18–35 divisions the European split is almost exactly 50/50.

**Host nation Spain** brings 194 athletes (7.2% of the field) and 14 umpires, the most of any nation. The UK home nations together (England, Scotland, Wales) bring 238 athletes (8.9%).

| #          | NATION                 | ATHLETES ▾ | % OF EUROPE | % OF WORLD CUP | ENTRIES | CLUBS | TEAM ENTRIES | COACHES | UMPIRES | MALE / FEMALE |
|------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|---------|-------|--------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 1          | Ireland                | 261        | 14.9%       | 9.7%           | 601     | 9     | 67           | 51      | 1       | 56.1% / 43.9% |
| 2          | Spain                  | 194        | 11.1%       | 7.2%           | 373     | 20    | 24           | 46      | 14      | 59.6% / 40.4% |
| 3          | Norway                 | 170        | 9.7%        | 6.3%           | 377     | 21    | 30           | 65      | 5       | 41.7% / 58.3% |
| 4          | England                | 159        | 9.1%        | 5.9%           | 382     | 17    | 19           | 43      | 1       | 55.7% / 44.3% |
| 5          | Poland                 | 154        | 8.8%        | 5.7%           | 351     | 14    | 26           | 27      | 9       | 58.4% / 41.6% |
| 6          | Ukraine                | 134        | 7.6%        | 5.0%           | 305     | 4     | 27           | 24      | 2       | 56.0% / 44.0% |
| 7          | Finland                | 87         | 5.0%        | 3.3%           | 145     | 12    | 8            | 26      | –       | 36.8% / 63.2% |
| 8          | Germany                | 70         | 4.0%        | 2.6%           | 131     | 5     | 13           | 13      | 8       | 48.6% / 51.4% |
| 9          | Netherlands            | 67         | 3.8%        | 2.5%           | 101     | 2     | 2            | 19      | 6       | 41.5% / 58.5% |
| 10         | Romania                | 66         | 3.8%        | 2.5%           | 142     | 13    | 9            | 16      | 6       | 62.1% / 37.9% |
| 11         | Sweden                 | 65         | 3.7%        | 2.4%           | 154     | 8     | 11           | 18      | –       | 46.2% / 53.8% |
| 12         | Scotland               | 65         | 3.7%        | 2.4%           | 146     | 8     | 6            | 25      | 4       | 50.8% / 49.2% |
| 13         | Italy                  | 38         | 2.2%        | 1.4%           | 68      | 2     | 5            | 10      | 1       | 71.1% / 28.9% |
| 14         | Israel                 | 29         | 1.7%        | 1.1%           | 71      | 1     | 7            | 6       | –       | 71.4% / 28.6% |
| 15         | Hungary                | 29         | 1.6%        | 1.1%           | 49      | 8     | –            | 15      | 1       | 58.6% / 41.4% |
| 16         | Belgium                | 27         | 1.5%        | 1.0%           | 60      | 4     | 1            | 13      | –       | 59.3% / 40.7% |
| 17         | Czech Republic         | 19         | 1.1%        | 0.7%           | 52      | 1     | –            | 7       | 2       | 47.4% / 52.6% |
| 18         | Croatia                | 15         | 0.9%        | 0.6%           | 18      | 1     | –            | 7       | –       | 33.3% / 66.7% |
| 19         | Wales                  | 14         | 0.8%        | 0.5%           | 28      | 2     | –            | 5       | –       | 28.6% / 71.4% |
| 20         | France                 | 12         | 0.7%        | 0.5%           | 33      | 3     | –            | 5       | –       | 58.3% / 41.7% |
| 21         | Switzerland            | 12         | 0.7%        | 0.5%           | 26      | 1     | 2            | 5       | 1       | 41.7% / 58.3% |
| 22         | Latvia                 | 11         | 0.6%        | 0.4%           | 24      | 1     | –            | 2       | 1       | 54.5% / 45.5% |
| 23         | Bulgaria               | 10         | 0.6%        | 0.4%           | 28      | 1     | 3            | 3       | 2       | 80.0% / 20.0% |
| 24         | Georgia                | 9          | 0.5%        | 0.3%           | 24      | 1     | –            | 2       | –       | 55.6% / 44.4% |
| 25         | Austria                | 9          | 0.5%        | 0.3%           | 20      | 1     | 2            | 7       | –       | 66.7% / 33.3% |
| 26         | Slovakia               | 9          | 0.5%        | 0.3%           | 17      | 1     | 1            | 4       | –       | 0.0% / 100.0% |
| 27         | Slovenia               | 8          | 0.5%        | 0.3%           | 8       | 1     | –            | 2       | –       | 37.5% / 62.5% |
| 28         | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 4          | 0.2%        | 0.2%           | 5       | 2     | –            | 2       | –       | 75.0% / 25.0% |
| 29         | Denmark                | 2          | 0.1%        | 0.1%           | 4       | 1     | –            | 1       | 1       | 100.0% / 0.0% |
| 30         | Andorra                | 2          | 0.1%        | 0.1%           | 4       | 1     | –            | 1       | –       | 50.0% / 50.0% |
| AETF total |                        | 1,751      | 100.0%      | 65.3%          | 3,747   | 166   | 263          | 470     | 67*     | 53.1% / 46.9% |

**Source.** WC26\_Entry\_Statistics, the official "All Entries" export from SET Online / sportdata.org (pulled 22 September 2026), plus the official coach and umpire rosters. Analysed by the AETF Marketing & Communications Committee before the start of competition. Figures may change with late withdrawals and on-site accreditation.

**Definitions.** *Athletes* are unique people (headcount); *entries* are category registrations, and one athlete usually has several. *Nations:* 57 teams take part, 56 countries plus the Individual Neutral Athletes team (35 athletes competing under a neutral flag), who are not counted as European. *Europe* means the 30 AETF member nations present, with England, Scotland and Wales counted separately. This includes Israel, an AETF member; on a purely geographic basis Europe is 29 nations and 1,722 athletes (64.3%). Age, grade and gender splits use the 2,671 individually entered athletes.

**Percentages.** Every breakdown adds up to exactly 100.0% (rounded to one decimal using the largest-remainder method). The per-nation headcounts in WC26\_Entry\_Statistics add up to 2,680, one fewer than the official total of 2,681, so continent and nation shares use 2,680 as their base.

**\* Umpires.** 120 umpires on the entry roster plus 8 European umpires appointed later (Spain 4, Hungary 1, Netherlands 1, 2 nationality to be confirmed).

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