

ebt Finals THESSALONIKI 2016

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The geographic and historical region of Greece in the southern Balkans, the largest and second most populous Greek region, dominated by mountains in the interior and the port cities of Thessaloniki and Kavala on its southern coastline. Macedonia is part of Northern Greece.

It incorporates most of the territories of ancient Macedonia, a kingdom whose most celebrated members were Alexander the Great and his father Philip II.



The city: Thessaloniki

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Thessaloniki is the second-largest city in Greece and the capital of the region of Macedonia. Lies on the northern fringe of the Thermaic Gulf. Its proximity to imposing mountain ranges, hills and fault lines, especially towards its southeast have historically made the city prone to geological changes. In 2015 reached a total of 1,500,000 inhabitants.

Thessaloniki is a major economic, industrial, commercial and political center of Greece and a major transportation hub for the rest of southeastern Europe.

The city: Thessaloniki (cont.)

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The city has always been known between Greeks for its vibrant city culture, including having the most waterfront cafe's and bars per-capita than any other city in Europe and culinary tastes; and as having some of the best nightlife and entertainment in the country, thanks to its large young population and multicultural feel.

Recently Lonely Planet listed Thessaloniki as the world's fifth-best "ultimate party city".



The venue: Avant Garde Sports Club

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The Avant Garde Sports Club is located at the village of Kardia (altitude: 81- 127m, coordinates: 40°29'01.35"N 22°59'17.26"E, <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=el&ll=40.484078,22.98755&spn=0.004578,0.010568&t=h&z=17&vpsrc=6>), about 20km southeast of Thessaloniki.

A private multiplex built on a hillside in an area of 80 acres, surrounded by 3,500 trees, overlooking Thessaloniki and the Thermaic Gulf. The complex features sporting facilities, restaurants, congress/social events hall, children playground, leisure facilities and swimming pools, folk art museum, and a church. It has a parking capacity of up to 400 cars.

The venue: Avant Garde Sports Club (cont.)

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Facilities available to the tournament participants



- Swimming pools (free of charge)
- Tennis courts
- Tavern
- Open air bar
- Cafe
- Showers, changing cabins



The venue: Avant Garde Sports Club (cont.)

Venue plan

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Courts

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- Two permanent competition courts, arranged on the Northwest - Southeast axis, featuring:
 - Center court: 300 seats
 - Secondary court: 200 seats
- A large electronic scoreboard is available on each one of the courts
- Both courts feature permanent floodlight (800 lux) installations permitting night competition and very good quality night match internet live streaming transmission



Both courts are laid with competition quality sand, meeting the IHF and the FIVB standards for top international beach handball and beach volleyball events, respectively.

Sand specifications*:

Name	Particle diameter	Specifications (% retention in sieves)
Medium sand	0.25mm - 0.5mm	max. of 92%
Fine sand	0.15mm - 0.25mm	7% - 18%

* Laboratory test results available

Competition services

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- Match production team: DJ, announcer, cheerleaders, audio system
- First aid team
- Experienced court personnel
- Showers and dressing cabins
- Tournament merchandising store
- Photo and video recording service



Weather data

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Situated next to the sea, the climate is directly affected by it. Thessaloniki has a humid subtropical climate that borders on a semi-arid climate with annual average precipitation of 450 mm due to the Prokletije rain shadow drying the westerly winds. The city lies in a transitional climatic zone, so its climate displays characteristics of continental and Mediterranean climates.

Thessaloniki averages on weather in month May:

Temperature	Rainy days	Hours of sunshine daily	Relative humidity
12°C - 24°C	9 (40mm)	12	63%



Internet and media services

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- Internet live streaming from both (2) courts
- Event's website: <http://www.ebtfinals2016.gr/>)
- Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Thessaloniki-2016-European-Beach-Handball-Tour-ebt-Finals-236461823353421/>
- Instagram page: THESSALONIKI2016
- Event photographer
- Match video service



Pre-tournament event (test event)

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- An ebt-registered tournament is staged at the venue, right before the ebt Finals, as a test event and team preparation event: <http://www.eurohandball-beachtour.com/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-60/detail-541?season=2016>
- Event title: **Test Event - EBT Masters Thessaloniki 2016**
- Dates: 16 - 18 May 2016
- Contact - information: ebtfinals2016@gmail.com

Arrival airport



Arrival airport “Makedonia” (SKG)

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The International Airport “Makedonia” (SKG) is the arrival point for all the local and international flights. It operates 24 hours as a passenger and freight station. The airport is the second busiest airport in Greece in terms of flights served and the third busiest in terms of passengers, serving also the popular tourist destination of Halkidiki and the surrounding cities of the region.



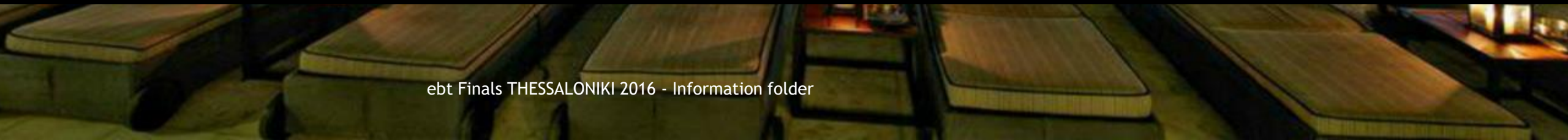
Arrival airport “Makedonia” (SKG, cont.)

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Accommodation



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EHF hotel

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Royal Hotel (4*, 6km from the venue, <http://www.royal-hotel.gr/>) is the EHF Family and the tournament's main hotel

The hotel's meeting rooms will host the EHF Beach Handball referee, delegate and coaches candidate courses as well as the tournament's technical meeting

Accommodation at the Royal Hotel is limited to the EHF Family and the coaches course participants (*coaches, please, contact: info@voyatravel.gr*)

Team hotels



Four event hotels are available for team accommodation via the Organizers:

- **Sun Beach Hotel** (4*, 11km from the venue, <http://www.sunbeach.gr/>).
- **Santa Beach Hotel** (4*, 12km from the venue, <http://www.santahotel.gr/>)
- **Ambassador Hotel** (3*, 6km from the venue <http://www.ambassador.gr/>)
- **Avalon Hotel** (4*, 11km from the venue, <http://www.avalonhotel.gr/en>)

Accommodation costs (per day per person)

Bed and breakfast:

Hotel	1-bed room	2-bed room	3-bed room
Sun Beach	50€	38€	34€
Santa Beach	58€	42€	-
Ambassador	63€	41€	35€
Avalon	52€	37€	37€

Half board (*dinner*):

Hotel	1-bed room	2-bed room	3-bed room
Sun Beach	58€	44€	40€
Santa Beach	63€	46€	-
Ambassador	70€	48€	42€
Avalon	58€	43€	43€



Accommodation information

- Accommodation and transfer/shuttle bookings: info@voyatravel.gr
- Fee: The teams choosing to book accommodation outside of the event's official accommodation system will have to pay a fee of 750€ to the OC. The fee is payable up to the event's Technical Meeting (19 May, evening)
- The standard accommodation period for a team participating to the event is considered 19 May IN, 23 May OUT (4 nights)



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- The OC provides free shuttle service (hotel/venue/hotel) to all the teams and coaches course participants booking accommodation via the OC's system
- The cost for the airport/hotel/airport transfer is 200€ per team
- Shuttle services (hotel/venue/hotel) to teams booking accommodation outside of the OC's system is provided at a price of 100€ per round trip, upon request.

- Tournament director: Ioannis Meimaridis (+30 6974884607 tel.)
- Contact with the OC: ebtfinals2016@gmail.com
- Accommodation and transportation manager: George Vogias
- Accommodation and transportation information and bookings: info@voyatravel.gr

Have a fantastic event!

