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SAVATE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL SAVATE FEDERATION

Welcome to the FISav Newsletter - May 2026

In this edition, we report on the Asian Savate Championships and competitions in Istanbul, Plovdiv and Tokyo, as well as technical development initiatives in Africa and Asia.
Savate continues to grow in both performance and professionalism. This edition highlights key events shaping the sport across continents.

European Youth Championships 2026

The Youth Championships are for athletes aged from 15 to 17 years. They will be held at Terme Olimia, Podčetrtek, Slovenia, from 11th - 13th June. Go along to support these young athletes!

Savate featured in Sportsin

Sportsin is a sports news platform covering international sports events, analysis, and opinions. The platform provides objective and timely information in the sports community. Out thanks to our friends at Sportsin for featuring Savate Development!

Nepal Hosts 7th Asian Savate Championships in Kathmandu

The 7th Asian Savate Championships were successfully held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 1–3 May 2026, following an international referee seminar led by Gilles Le Duigou.

Organised by the Nepal Savate Association with support from the Fédération Internationale de Savate and the Asian Savate Confederation, the event welcomed around 300 athletes from nine countries across Asia and Oceania.

Hosted at Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel, the championships showcased the rapid growth of Savate in the region. Nepal topped the medal standings with 31 gold medals, followed by India and Indonesia, while Uzbekistan received the Disciplined Team Trophy.
Sadly the Iran team, which normally features highly in the rankings, was unable to attend due to the ongoing conflict in their region.

Several athletes were recognised with special awards, including Nepal's Amrita Tamang (Fair Play Award), Uzbekistan's Mashrapov Omidillol (Best Male Athlete), and India's Watanpai (Best Female Athlete). Veteran athletes from New Zealand were also honoured for their contribution to the sport.

During the closing ceremony, officials praised the organisers for delivering a successful international event and highlighted Nepal's growing ability to host major Savate competitions. Indonesia also expressed interest in hosting the 8th Asian Savate Championships, reflecting the continued expansion of Savate across Asia.

Tokyo Open Celebrates 15th Edition

Competitions

The 15th edition of the Tokyo Open was successfully held in Tokyo, Japan, on 10 May 2026, bringing together Savate athletes from Japan, China, France, and Germany in a celebration of international exchange and sporting friendship. Organised annually during the spring season, the event has become an important fixture for the Japanese Savate community.

This year's tournament highlighted the growing involvement of young athletes, with competitors as young as 12 taking part. Participants demonstrated strong technical skills, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Organisers thanked all athletes, officials, volunteers, and supporters for helping make the 15th edition of the Tokyo Open another successful celebration of Savate.

Successful Week of Savate Held in Plovdiv

Development and Competitions

An international week of Savate activities was successfully held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, bringing together athletes, coaches, and officials from 12 countries for the TOP SPFL CAMP, European Savate Cup, and a Combat & Savate Pro gala evening. The programme combined high-level training sessions with international competition, creating a full week dedicated to the development of Savate.

The training camp included twice-daily sessions for athletes of all levels, led by experienced specialists including Ismaila Sarr and Guillaume Chauchet, who worked with athletes on both technical and mental preparation.

Across the week, nearly 150 matches took place in different categories and age groups, reflecting the growing participation in international Savate events. The organisers, who have more than twenty years of experience hosting Savate competitions, expressed their satisfaction with the positive feedback received from teams and participants. Organisers thanked all athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers for contributing to the success of the event and praised the positive atmosphere throughout the week.

Anastasia Konovalchuk

Savate Athlete, Coach and Academic Researcher

Personality of the Month

Ukrainian Savate athlete Anastasia Konovalchuk has built an impressive career both in competition and in academia.

An Honoured Master of Sports of Ukraine, she began practicing Savate in 2014 and has since built an exceptional competitive record at national and international level.

Her accomplishments include four Savate World Cup titles (2021, 2023, 2024, and 2025), appearances in World and European Championship finals, and a bronze medal at the 2023 World Combat Games in Riyadh.

Between 2015 and 2026, she also won 12 Ukrainian national championships, demonstrating remarkable consistency and dedication to the sport.

Alongside her sporting success, Konovalchuk has developed an important academic career focused on athlete preparation and training methodology in combat sports.

F*or Anastasia, Savate is no longer simply a sport. It has become a lifelong mission.*

She works as a coach and university teacher while publishing scientific research related to flexibility, performance, and technical development in Savate.

She recently published her first monograph, and is currently completing PhD research dedicated entirely to Savate, contributing to the professional and educational development of the discipline and helping strengthen the connection between sport science and high-level competition.

Savate is growing in Congo

Development - Republic of Congo

French coaches Paul Marques and Olivier Menzio returned to Brazzaville in May 2026 to lead the second international Savate training camp in the Republic of the Congo. Organised in partnership with the Congolese Savate Federation and National Technical Director Brunel Bouap, the volunteer-led initiative aims to support the development of Savate across Central Africa through education, inclusion, and grassroots engagement.

The camp welcomed more than 100 participants, including children, teenagers, and adults, with men and women training together in an inclusive environment. Sessions combined indoor technical work with outdoor training along the Brazzaville corniche, focusing on fundamentals, sparring, movement, and coordination. The event also received strong local visibility, including television coverage and support from Congolese sports officials. Organisers hope the project will help establish long-term Savate development in the region through coach education, club support, and youth participation.

Türkiye Youth Championships

Competitions

The Turkish Savate Federation successfully organised their Mini, Star and Youth Championships in Istanbul, bringing together 210 young athletes from 16 provincial teams across Türkiye. Held over four days, the event highlighted the rapid growth of Savate among young people, with strong participation from both male and female athletes.

The championships featured competition across multiple age categories, providing valuable experience for the next generation of Turkish Savate athletes while promoting the sport's values of discipline, respect, and sportsmanship.

Turkish federation officials also emphasised the importance of international cooperation and technical education in supporting the sport's development. The successful organisation of the championships reflects the continued strengthening of Savate structures and youth programmes throughout Türkiye.

Upcoming events

World Championships and Major events May - December 2026
World Canne de Combat Championships Prague, Czechia 17 – 19 July 2026
SavatePlus Online Competition Worldwide 15 July - 15 August 2026
World Savate Assaut Championships Boulogne-sur-Mer, France 9 - 12 September 2026

Continental and Major Regional Championships 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
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
WSC Savate Pro, Saint-Malo, France 28 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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