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The 2026 WWR European Championship Division B will be held between May and July of 2026. This tournament will determine the two countries to qualify for the 2027 European Championship Division A, and the two countries to compete in the 2027 European Championship Division C. The 2027 Events have not been confirmed at this stage.

The European Championship Division B will be WWR Licensed at full competition level. Athlete classification **will** take place at the event.

Eligibility to Host

The WWR will accept bids from countries which are WWR members in good standing as of the date the bid is submitted.

The bid can come from a WWR member organisation (WWR Member) or from another organisation with the approval of the WWR Member. Only one bid per country will be accepted. If more than one organisation in a country wishes to submit a bid, the WWR Member for that country is responsible to select which bid will be submitted.

Bids will be accepted from any European country not currently in the WWR European Championship Division A or WWR European Championship Division C. Current countries from the World Ranking list eligible to bid are **ISRAEL**, **CZECH REPUBLIC**, **SPAIN**. The remaining three teams to compete at the event in 2024 will be determined following the completion of the 2025 European Championship Division C. Teams competing in the 2025 European Championship Division C may also submit a bid to host the event and will have all fees returned if they are unsuccessful in qualifying for the 2026 European Championship Division B.

Bid Fee

Each bid organization must submit a Bid Fee of USD1500 to WWR, no later than **14 February 2025**. The bid fee will be used to cover the costs to WWR of the Host Selection Process. Bid fees must be received before a site evaluation visit is conducted.

Site Evaluation

Following completion of the Host Application and submission of the Bid Fee, WWR may shortlist the bids before conducting site evaluations of the bidding cities. Bids not shortlisted will be refunded 90% of the bid fee.

One representative appointed by WWR may visit to verify the information in the Host Application and to confirm that the bid meets all Event Requirements. Costs for travel for the Site Evaluation will be paid by WWR; the bid organization is responsible for local costs including accommodation (single occupancy), local transportation, and meals.

Site evaluations will take place on an ongoing basis until **28 February 2024**. WWR will contact each bid organization upon receipt of the completed Host Application to determine possible dates for the Site Evaluation. WWR may determine to perform the site evaluation virtually if appropriate



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Evaluation Priorities & Reporting

The selection committee will consider all information provided through the bid documents and site visit.

A comprehensive evaluation process has been developed. If you would like a copy of the evaluation form, please contact Tim Johnson at <u>tim.johnson@worldwheelchair.rugby</u>

Site Selection

Following the Site Evaluations, a WWR Site Selection Committee will make the final decision on which bid will be awarded the right to host the 2026 WWR European Championship Division B. The final decision will be made no later than 7 March 2025.

Key dates:

3 December 2024	Opening of Host Selection Process
14 February 2025	Last date to submit Host Applications
28 February 2025	Last date for Site Evaluation visits
7 March 2025	Site Selection and announcement.

If you have any questions regarding the site selection process or require more information, please contact me via <u>tim.johnson@worldwheelchair.rugby</u>

Best regards,

John Timms Operations Manager WWR

