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THE ROMA INTERNATIONAL FREESTYLE CUP 2026

The “Roma International Freestyle Cup 2026” - RIFCUP26 – is the most important Football Freestyle world open event in Rome. It will take place from Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th of May 2026, at the “Castel Romano Designer Outlet” in Via del Ponte di Piscina Cupa 64, 00128 Rome.

In addition to the competition a training meeting will be organised on the 15th of May at the ASD Scuola Calcio Freestyle training center in Via Pietro Mascagni 169, 00199, Rome.

The RIFCUP26 is an international open Freestyle Football competition for both male and female players organised by A.S.D. Scuola Calcio Freestyle, OPES and Gesis, it is included in the WFFA world ranking and OPES Football Freestyle national ranking.

The RIFCUP26 includes different kinds of challenges for the lower and for the all-round categories and a junior juggling championship dedicated to ASD Scuola Calcio Freestyle students or under 14 nonprofessional Freestylers. This year, we will introduce national 2vs2 team battles, a new format that allows players of the same nationality to play in exciting 2vs2 battles.

Competition format:

- Junior juggling championship for ASD Scuola Calcio Freestyle students.
- Professional 1vs1 international battles male/female.
- Professional 1vs1 Italian national battles male/female.
- Professional 2vs2 national team battles male/female (Nations are allowed to have more than one team in the competition).
- Professional Sick3 male/female

REGISTRATION AND FEE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM THE 12th OF JANUARY TO THE 12TH OF MAY.

The registration is open on **www.scfroma.com** where is possible to provide to pay the participation fee and fill the registration form.

The participation fee is 30€ and includes:

- Meeting day at Scuola Calcio Freestyle
- Participations to the competitions
- Welcome box
- Injury insurance

For any inquires write an email to scuolafreestyle@gmail.com or contact us at on Instagram @romainternationalfreestylecup.

EVENT FLOW: Meeting & Competitions

A) Friday 15th of May: Meeting and training

We are organising an open meeting at the *ASD Scuola Calcio Freestyle* training center in *Via Pietro Mascagni 169, 00199 Roma,* where all the players are welcome to stay and training for have fun and join the atmosphere of the competition.

- 16:00: Starting the meeting
- 23:00: End of the meeting

B) Saturday 16th of May: Junior juggling championship and professional qualifiers

- 10:30 – Welcome ceremony
- 11:00 – Junior juggling championship for the ASD Scuola Calcio Freestyle students or Under 14 nonprofessional Freestylers.
- 11:30 – Professional players registration
- 13:00 - Starting the professional competitions with the qualification games for 1vs1 international and Italian battles, 2vs2 national team battles
- 19:00 - End of the day

C) Sunday 17th of May: Final rounds and Sick3

- 11:30 – Player's arrival
- 13:00 – Starting the competitions with the final rounds and the Sick3
- 18:30 – Award ceremony

- 19:00 – End of the event

PANEL OF JUDGES:

The panel will be composed by three Freestyle masters choose as international judges in according with the WFFA.

First judge: Difficulty and all-round

Second judge: Execution and control

Third judge: Originality

Details about the judging criteria are available on The WFFA Judging criteria summary.

All information regarding the judges will be communicated through the competition's official channels, namely the website *www.scfroma.com/rifcup26* and Instagram account @romainternationalfreestylecup.

PRIZES:

The competitions will include big prizes given by the sponsors of the event.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

The competitions are governed by the key principle of respect for Athletes and opponents, as well as for Judges and the Event director.
Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the rules of Fair Play, the WFFA and OPES. Any form of disrespect will be evaluated by the Jury and the Organizing Body, under penalty of disqualification from the competition; in the most serious cases there will also be exclusion from the National Ranking and future competitions.

It is forbidden to:

- Introduce two balls on the stage/performance area.
- Introduce any object/material that changes the consistency and characteristics of the ball.
- Use size 4 and controlled rebound balls*.
  *It is allowed to use size 4.5 balls in agreement with the Jury.
- Use more than one pair of shoes during the performance.
- Harm the performance of opponents in any way.
- Offend opponents in any way.
- Disrespect, offend or corrupt the Jury, under penalty of disqualification from all National Competitions.
- Throwing the ball at spectators, the Jury, the DJ or the Presenter and/or at structures adjacent to the performance area.
- Offend in any way, the people present at the National Competition.
- It is forbidden to make claims, anthems or political ideas during the competition.
- Complaints and specific requests during the competition can be made directly to the competition organizer or the competition company.

COMPETITION FORMAT AND RULES

BATTLES 1VS1 INTERNATIONAL

- **Qualification routines:** All the players will show their tricks in short freestyle routine. The judges will give an evaluation from 1 to 10 (or 1 to 5) for creating a ranking useful for the creation of the Groups A, B, C, D etc.
- **Groups stage:** There will be qualifying rounds consisting of 4 or more athletes, who will compete against each other in 2-minute games. The top two finishers in each group will advance to the final round.
- **Knock out stages:** The knockout matches will be 3-minute battles organised into round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, third-place play-off and final, depending on the number of participants.

BATTLES 1VS1 ITALY

- **Italian battles:**

The best eight (according to the number of participants) Italian players advancing in the international tournament will have the opportunity to play separate elimination rounds composed by 3 minutes battles, to determine the national champion. The preliminary rounds will consist of quarter-finals, semi-final, third-place play-off and final.

NATIONAL TEAM 2VS2 BATTLES:

- **Group stages and knock out stages:**

The national team competition proposes a completely new format allowing freestylers of the same nationality both male and female to compete in teams of two players.

The competition has the similar structure of the 1vs1 battles in terms of groups and knockouts, which depend on the number of participating nations.

The matches will last 4 minutes, divided into rounds of 1 minute each, during which it will be possible to play solo or in pairs (with only one ball) in order to increase the entertainment value of the game.

SICK3 COMPETITION:

- **Knock out stages:**

The Sick3 is Lower competition in which the Freestylers must complete one of two self-determined combos obligatory composed by three tricks. The Freestylers have three attempts for the first combo and four for the second. If the first combo is landed in the fewest number of attempts available, players can choose to complete a third combo using the remaining attempts. The winner will be the Freestyler who land one of the self-determined combos or the hardest one.

The choice of the two combos must be announced 30 minutes before the competition start.

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