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**SOMAIYA**  
VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY



Dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Somaiya Vidyavihar University for the 2026 FISU World University Championship Squash.

I would like to begin by addressing you, dear student-athletes, the true beating heart of FISU. Competing at the World University Championships is a career highlight for many of you. For others, it is a step up to the next level of performance. What you all have in common is your love of sport, your commitment, your fair play and your respect. You come together as rivals, from different places and different backgrounds, but you will almost certainly leave as friends.

Despite the challenging times we are all facing, you remind us of the special power of young people to reassure us that a better world is possible. You remind us of the need to prioritise sport, sustainability, inclusivity and healthy social exchange. FISU firmly believes that university athletes are the role models and future leaders the world needs.

Over the next 7 days, you will compete alongside some of the best student-athletes on the planet. The FISU World University Championships demand skill, athleticism, and single-minded determination to do your best. But beyond the competition, FISU urges you to have fun and enjoy the experience. May you return home with memories that will last a lifetime.

None of FISU's events would be possible without the generosity of our hosts. I want to extend our sincere gratitude to the All India Inter-University, India, the organisers, for their dedication, and the volunteers for their passion. I am confident you will do the same.

FISU is also grateful for the ongoing support of the International Sports Federations. Together, we aim to provide the highest level of technical excellence on and off the field of play. We remain convinced that the best student-athletes deserve nothing less.

I am confident that the 2026 FISU World University Championship Squash at Somaiya Vidyavihar University will give you every opportunity to shine, to interact, and to grow both as athletes and as individuals.

I wish you the best of luck!

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FISU President

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There is no religion greater than service to humanity.



# WELCOME

Dear friends,

The 2026 FISU World University Championship Squash will be hosted at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, in August 2026.

This is a proud and historic moment for all of us. My sincere thanks to Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU, and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, for their invaluable support in helping bring this championship to India and to Somaiya.

For me, this announcement holds special personal meaning. Having played squash for Cornell University in the 1980s, I have long dreamt of building world-class sporting infrastructure and opportunities for young athletes here in India, especially at Somaiya Vidyavihar University.

To witness this dream come to life through an event of such global stature is truly heartening. We look forward to welcoming universities from across the world and showcasing the excellence, spirit, and hospitality of Somaiya and of India.

**Shri Samir Somaiya,**  
Chancellor  
Somaiya Vidyavihar University



Dear Student-Athletes, Delegates, Officials,  
and Esteemed Guests,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, the entire community of Somaiya Vidyavihar University, and the vibrant city of Mumbai, it is with immense pride and great enthusiasm that I extend a truly heartfelt welcome to the FISU World University Championship Squash 2026!

We are honoured that the International University Sports Federation (FISU) has entrusted us with the privilege of hosting this prestigious competition from August 3rd to August 10th, 2026. This event is a magnificent showcase of the dual career of university sport where academic dedication meets athletic excellence, a principle deeply embedded in the ethos of Somaiya Vidyavihar University.

To the dedicated student-athletes: You are the finest ambassadors of your nations and your universities. Your presence here highlights not only your outstanding skill and dedication to the dynamic sport of Squash but also your commitment to achieving peak performance both on the court and in the classroom.

We are committed to ensuring your entire experience in Mumbai is exceptional, both on and off the court. We are proud to announce that our distinguished guests and athletes will be accommodated at one of the world's finest destinations: Taj, The Tree Hotel, Mumbai, ensuring maximum comfort and world-class hospitality throughout the championship.

The Championship is set against the backdrop of Mumbai, India's dynamic financial, entertainment, and cultural capital. We encourage you to immerse yourselves in the legendary hospitality of India and the unique energy of this 'City of Dreams.' While we assure you of a world-class venue and competition environment at our university, we invite you to explore the rich history, diverse cuisine, and cultural tapestry that surrounds us.

I express my deepest gratitude to FISU, all the participating national federations, and especially the hundreds of passionate volunteers from Somaiya Vidyavihar University, whose tireless efforts will ensure the seamless execution of this event.

May the FISU World University Championship Squash 2026 be a celebration of excellence, friendship, and fair play. We look forward to witnessing unforgettable performances and creating lasting memories together. Welcome to Mumbai. We are delighted to have you here!

Aazaz Khan  
Organizing Committee President

# HOST COUNTRY



# INDIA

India is the world's most populous democracy and one of its fastest-growing economies. With a young population, strong sporting traditions, and rapidly developing infrastructure, India is an emerging global force in competitive and professional sports



**Official Language**  
English widely spoken



**Currency**  
Indian Rupee (INR ₹)



**Time Zone**  
UTC+5:30



**Calling Code**  
+91 / 00 91

HOST CITY



# Mumbai

Set along the western coast of India, Mumbai, the “CITY OF DREAMS”, is a bustling metropolis that beautifully blends tradition with modernity. Home to iconic landmarks like the Gateway of India and Marine Drive, Mumbai is a city that never sleeps, radiating energy, ambition, and cultural richness at every corner.

Known for its thriving sports culture, Mumbai has produced some of India’s finest athletes across Cricket, Football, Hockey, and Athletics. With world-class infrastructure, passionate fans, and a spirit of inclusivity, the city provides an electrifying atmosphere for athletes and visitors alike.

## WEATHER



**Temperature:** Daytime temperatures range from 27°C to 30°C, with high humidity levels. Nights remain warm, maintaining Mumbai’s tropical and humid climate.



**Sunshine:** In Mumbai during August, sunshine is intermittent. The city sees occasional bright spells, though the skies are mostly overcast due to the monsoon.



**Rain:** August is at the peak of the monsoon season, with moderate to heavy rainfall expected. Rainfall can occur in frequent showers or short bursts, making wet conditions common throughout the month.



**Cloudy:** Skies in Mumbai are predominantly cloudy during August, with thick clouds covering most of the day and limiting direct sunlight.

# HOST UNIVERSITY



# Somaiya Vidyavihar University

At SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY, our identity is deeply rooted in the timeless philosophy “ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम् – Knowledge Alone Liberates.” This belief shapes every experience we create and every initiative we champion. For us, knowledge is not just an academic pursuit; it is a force that empowers individuals, transforms communities, and inspires purposeful action. Guided by the principle नमानुषात् परो धर्मः, we remain committed to nurturing an environment where learning becomes a pathway to inclusive growth and meaningful contribution to society.

Our journey began in 1942 with the visionary Padma Bhushan Shri Karamshi Jethabhai Somaiya, who understood the transformative power of education long before it became a national priority. What started as a single school in rural Maharashtra has grown into a thriving ecosystem of education, research, innovation, and culture. Today, Somaiya Vidyavihar University stands as a multidimensional academic community with over 39,000 students and 1,500 faculty members across diverse disciplines while remaining anchored in its founding values of access, opportunity, and service.

As a university, we take pride in offering an experience that blends scholarship, innovation, and holistic development. Our approach encourages learners to explore the intersection of subjects, engage in real-world projects, question assumptions, and create solutions that have a lasting impact. Whether through entrepreneurship, research, community engagement, or sports, we strive to cultivate individuals who are resilient, curious, and grounded in integrity. Sports and physical education hold a significant place in our philosophy, fostering teamwork, discipline, and mental well-being, echoing the Gita’s wisdom: “अभ्यासेन तु कौन्तेय...” growth through consistent practice.

Somaiya Vidyavihar University is proudly Indian in spirit and global in vision. We celebrate our cultural heritage, embrace multilingual expression, and integrate India’s ancient knowledge traditions with modern academic practices. At the same time, we encourage global perspectives, collaborations, and research that empower our students to engage confidently with the world.

Through all our initiatives, our aspiration remains constant to create an environment where every learner can develop character, expand intellect, discover purpose, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Somaiya Vidyavihar University stands as a place where knowledge empowers, values guide, and possibilities unfold.

# COMPETITION VENUE



Located within the lush green, centrally situated campus of Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Somaiya Sports Academy stands as a benchmark for integrated sports education and high-performance training in India. Established in 2001, the Academy was envisioned as a unique ecosystem where elite coaching, sports science, and academics converge to develop athletes capable of excelling at national and international levels.

A constituent of Somaiya Vidyavihar University, the Academy is equipped with state-of-the-art sports infrastructure and an advanced High-Performance Lab, supporting athlete training, recovery, rehabilitation, and long-term development. Complementing its training excellence, the Academy also offers robust academic pathways in sport, including a BSc and MSc in Sports Science, as well as an MBA in Sports Management, reinforcing its leadership in sports-education integration.

The venue features 5 WSF-standard Squash courts, a first-class Cricket ground, a 50-meter international-standard Swimming pool with steam and sauna facilities, and an IAAF-approved 400-meter Athletics track. Highlights include two natural grass Football fields, 2 Futsal- 5-a-side turfs, 2 BWF-approved Badminton courts, and an international banked track 200M Skating rink. A multi-sports hall hosts Judo, Taekwondo, Aerial Silk, and Mallakhamb, while synthetic courts cater to Basketball, Tennis, and 1 mud-based Volleyball. Other features include life-size Chess, Zumba spaces, and 14 Cricket practice nets.

Further strengthening this vision is the Eklavya Sports Complex, a landmark development that reinforces Somaiya's long-term commitment to sporting excellence. Designed as a future-ready hub, Eklavya embodies the Academy's philosophy of excellence, inclusivity, and opportunity, supporting athletes and sports professionals across disciplines.

# COMPETITION RULE

The rules for the 2026 FISU World University Championship Squash will be based on the most recent Laws and Regulations of Squash as set by the World Squash Federation (WSF), along with any local or event-specific rules approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair.

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## EVENT REGISTRATION

### Registration Deadlines

General Entries: 28th February 2026

Quantitative Entries: 3rd May 2026

Individual Entries: 3rd July 2026

**Click here to register:** <https://gms-fisu.net/>

### Age Criteria

Athletes must be at least 18 years old and no older than 25 years as of 31st December 2026.

Eligible participants should have been born between 01 January 2001 and 31 December 2008.

### Participation Fees

Accommodation: EUR 80 per person, per night.

Extra Officials: EUR 120 per person, per night for officials exceeding the allowable number specified in the technical handbook.

FISU Registration Fees: EUR 20 per athlete and EUR 20 per official. These fees will be invoiced by FISU at the end of the World Championship season. For non-members, the fee is EUR 40.

# EVENT FLOW

DATE	ACTIVITY	NOTES
31st July 2026	Team Arrivals & Accreditation	Practice Courts Available (booking required)
1st August 2026	Team Arrivals & Accreditation	Practice Courts Available (booking required)
2nd August 2026	Final Arrivals / General Technical Meeting	Practice Courts Available (booking required)
	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
3rd August 2026	Individual Competition Day	Start of Individual Competition
4th–6th August 2026	Individual Competition Day	Individual Competition Continues
7th August 2026	Team Competition Day	Team Competition Begins
8th–9th August 2026	Team Competition Day	Team Competition Continues Finals and Concluding Matches
	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony
10th–11th August 2026	Departures	Departures of all Teams and Officials

# ACCOMMODATION



# TAJ THE TREES

TAJ THE TREES, Vikhroli, Mumbai, is a luxurious five-star hotel nestled amidst lush greenery, offering the perfect blend of comfort and tranquility. Conveniently located just 8 kilometres from the airport, it ensures easy access for travellers. The event venue is only 6.4 kilometres away, reachable within 13 minutes.

## Transportation

### 1. Upon Arrival

Transportation from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai, to the official accommodation, Taj The Trees, Mumbai, will be arranged by the Organizing Committee through a designated local transport provider. Organizing Committee personnel will be present at the airport to assist all participants upon arrival.

### 2. Shuttle Service to Competition and Training Venues

Shuttle services will be provided for teams travelling from Taj The Trees to Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, which will serve as the competition and training venue.

### 3. Internal Transportation

The OC will also provide all internal transportation between the hotel, competition venues, training venues, and all official activities, including opening and closing ceremonies, official dinners, cultural events, and related functions.

**Note: Details regarding the frequency of shuttle services, as well as the designated pick-up and drop-off points, will be shared in due course. Participants may use Ola/Uber at their own expense outside official event activities.**

Ola: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/ola-book-cab-auto-bike-taxi/id539179365>

Uber: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/uber-request-a-ride/id368677368>

## Meals & Dining

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served, where all participants will be accommodated.

### DURING COMPETITION

Water and fruits will be available at the competition venue for all team members.

### DURING TRAINING

Water will be available at the training venues for all team members.

**Note: Please note that the campus is strictly vegetarian.**

## Hotel Cancellation Policy– TAJ THE TREES, MUMBAI

### Cancellation:

Guests can cancel their reservation without penalty up to 90 days prior to the event. Cancellation beyond this time may incur charges.

### Rate-Specific Policies:

Cancellation terms may vary based on the rate or package booked (e.g., refundable vs non-refundable).

Guests are advised to review the specific terms provided at the time of booking.

### Modifications:

Any changes to reservations (dates, room type) are subject to availability and may be treated as a cancellation and rebooking, depending on the terms of the original rate.

### Note:

Policies are subject to change based on seasonality, special events, or blackout periods.

The Organizing Committee (OC) is responsible for all accommodation bookings and cancellations; participants should not make bookings directly. All accommodation requests must be communicated to the OC and will be processed based on entries submitted in the GMS.



# IMMIGRATION



## General Information about Indian Visas

India offers e-Visa facilities to citizens of many countries under bilateral agreements. Participants are advised to check visa eligibility and requirements well in advance, as conditions may vary by nationality and are subject to change. For the official and most up-to-date list of visa-eligible countries and visa categories, please visit: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

Each visa application is treated as an individual case. Participants should contact the nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate or apply through the official Government of India e-Visa portal to confirm whether a visa is required.

## Important Notice

Visas are not issued on arrival (except where explicitly permitted under specific e-Visa categories).

Airlines are required to verify valid visas before boarding. Participants are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of travel.

All requests for Visa Invitation Letters must be sent to the Organising Committee at [fsu.mumbaisquash@somaiya.edu](mailto:fsu.mumbaisquash@somaiya.edu). Invitation letters will be issued within 5 working days, subject to receipt of complete and accurate information.

## Requirements for Entering India

Participants travelling to India must ensure they have:

A valid passport (minimum validity of 6 months from date of arrival)

At least two blank pages in the passport for immigration stamps

A valid Indian visa / e-Visa, if required

Sufficient funds to cover expenses during the stay

A return or onward journey ticket

An official invitation letter stating the purpose of the visit (sports competition)

Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate, if arriving from or transiting through a yellow-fever-affected country (as per WHO guidelines)

# VISA + FAQs

## 1. What type of visa should participants apply for?

Participants should apply for an appropriate e-Visa (Tourist / Conference / Sports category) or a Regular Entry Visa, depending on eligibility and nationality.

## 2. Where should visa applications be submitted?

All applications must be made through the official Government of India portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

## 3. Are visas issued on arrival in India?

No. A valid visa must be obtained prior to travel.

## 4. Is an invitation letter mandatory?

Yes. An official invitation letter issued by the Organising Committee is required for visa processing.

## 5. How long does visa processing take?

Processing times vary by country. Applicants are advised to submit visa applications at least 4–6 weeks before travel.

## 6. Is a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate required?

Only participants arriving from or transiting through Yellow Fever affected countries are required to present a valid certificate.

## VENUE MEDICAL SERVICES

The Organizing Committee (OC) will provide first-aid services at competition, training, and accommodation venues, including hospital transfer if required.

All participants must have valid personal medical insurance to cover any additional medical expenses, including treatment and hospitalization.

## DOPING CONTROL

During the event, doping testing will be carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations of FISU on doping control.

## EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, please dial the number below according to the necessity:

**Police: 100   Medical / Ambulance: 102   Firefighters: 101**

# CONTACT US



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