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Istanbul Gelisim University Hosts “AI and the Future of the Sports Industry” Symposium Successfully Held



The “AI and the Future of the Sports Industry” Symposium, organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Istanbul Gelisim University and the Turkish Bodybuilding, Fitness and Armwrestling Federation, was held on June 3–4, 2026, at Istanbul Gelisim University with great participation. Bringing together academicians, industry representatives, coaches, sports administrators and students under one roof, the symposium addressed the transformation of artificial intelligence technologies in sports sciences and the sports industry from a scientific perspective.



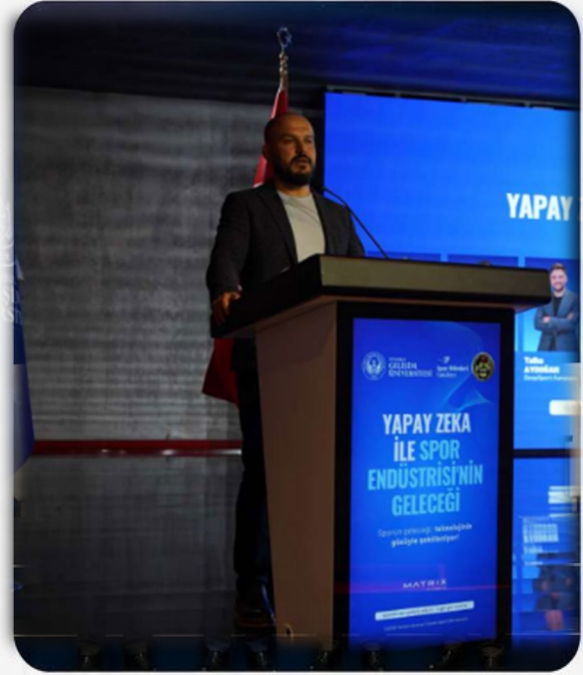
The opening program on the first day of the symposium was attended by Prof. Dr. Ali Kızılet, Dean of the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Istanbul Gelisim University, and Mahmut Talha Sağlıklı, Vice President of the Turkish Bodybuilding, Fitness and Armwrestling Federation. On the second day, the opening program was attended by Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University, Dr. Enes Eminoğlu, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, and Koray Girgin, President of the Turkish Bodybuilding, Fitness and Armwrestling Federation.



In the opening speeches, it was emphasized that artificial intelligence is not just a technological innovation, but a strategic transformation that will shape the future of sports. The importance of strengthening university-industry collaborations, increasing interdisciplinary research, and developing AI-supported sports technologies was highlighted.



AI IS
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SPORTS



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During the two-day sessions, current topics such as sports sciences, artificial intelligence technologies, performance analytics, athlete health, digital transformation, and sports entrepreneurship were discussed. Scientific studies on improving sports performance, predicting injury risks, data-driven decision-making processes, personalized training systems, and the future of sports technologies were shared with the participants.



The symposium featured presentations by leading academicians, sports technology entrepreneurs, and industry professionals covering data analytics, AI-supported training systems, performance monitoring, digital sports ecosystems, and innovative sports technologies from various perspectives. Panel discussions and presentations provided participants with the opportunity to review both theoretical knowledge and practical, up-to-date examples.



The event also addressed the ethical, legal, and social dimensions of artificial intelligence, emphasizing that the protection of personal data and data security are critical issues for the future of sports.



Matrix Fitness, which contributed to the symposium, shared its innovative solutions in sports technologies with the participants and made significant contributions to strengthening collaboration between the sector and academia. We would like to thank all institutions and organizations that supported the event. Istanbul Gelisim University will continue to lead scientific events that bring together technology and sports and contribute to the future sports ecosystem.





IGU AND AVCILAR MUNICIPALITY COLLABORATION COMPLETED

The basic movement education program conducted at Gülten Nakipoğlu Accessible Life Center has ended



“ The basic movement education program carried out at Gülten Nakipoğlu Accessible Life Center within the scope of the collaboration between Istanbul Gelişim University Faculty of Sports Sciences and Avcılar Municipality was successfully completed. The program, which aimed to support the participation of individuals with special needs in physical activity, also provided university students with applied field experience.

OBJECTIVE OF THE COLLABORATION

The program was planned to support participation in physical activity among individuals with special needs, develop their fundamental motor skills, and help them gain movement experience in a safe environment. In addition, students of the Faculty of Sports Sciences were encouraged to take an active role in socially oriented practices.

WHAT WAS DONE IN THE PROGRAM?

Participants took part in basic movement education, balance and coordination activities, physical activity practices, and motor-skill activities tailored to individual needs. Throughout the activities, attention was given to supporting participants' attention, movement control, participation levels, and social interaction.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The program started on May 22, 2026, and was completed on June 5, 2026. Throughout the process, all activities were carried out in an academic, supervised, and safe manner.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The completed program was assessed as making a positive contribution to participants' participation in physical activity and fundamental movement skills, while also providing students with valuable field experience in working with individuals with special needs. In this respect, the collaboration set a meaningful example for future community-focused initiatives between the university and local administration.



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This collaboration both supported the participation of individuals with special needs in physical activity and provided our students with valuable field experience.

- Istanbul Gelişim University
Faculty of Sports Sciences

IGUSPORFEST 2026

BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER

THROUGH THE UNIFYING POWER

OF SPORT AND SOCIAL LIFE

Organized by the Department of Recreation, Faculty of Sport Sciences, Istanbul Gelisim University, **IGÜSPORFEST 2026** was held on **June 1-2, 2026** with strong participation from students. Aiming to enhance sporting competition, social interaction, and faculty belonging, the event brought students together through competitions in various sports over two exciting days.



HIGH PARTICIPATION, WIDE SCOPE

A total of 97 applications were received, covering 10 different sports disciplines. Table tennis attracted the highest interest with 28 applications, followed by 3x3 football, foot tennis, and basketball. The inclusion of both team and individual sports provided students with the opportunity to showcase their skills and enhance their social interaction.



DIVERSE SPORTS AND INCLUSIVE APPROACH

Competitions were organized in table tennis, badminton, 3x3 football, 3x3 basketball, dart, pickleball, foot tennis, tug of war, sitting volleyball, and boccia for athletes with disabilities. The inclusion of sitting volleyball and boccia for athletes with disabilities added special value to the event by promoting inclusive sport and raising awareness for individuals with disabilities.



ORGANIZED WITH FAIR-PLAY SPIRIT

IGÜSPORFEST 2026 was carried out through an organizational structure coordinated by the academic staff of the Faculty of Sport Sciences. Competitions, planned by the technical responsables of each sport, were completed in line with fair-play principles, and successful athletes were awarded certificates and medals.



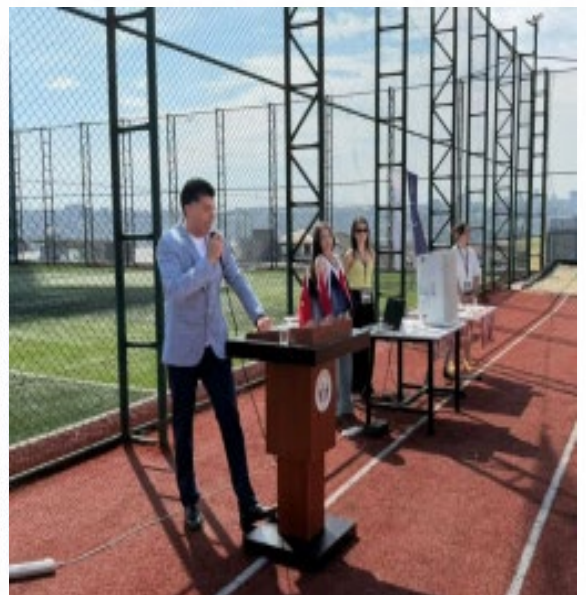
AWARD CEREMONY AND CLOSING PROGRAM

The award ceremony and closing program held at the end of the event contributed to making athletic achievements visible and strengthening the sense of unity and togetherness within the faculty. Participants, faculty members, and the organizing team commemorated the event with a group photo, concluding IGÜSPORFEST 2026.



CONTRIBUTION TO FACULTY BELONGING AND SPORT CULTURE

IGÜSPORFEST 2026 provided students with the opportunity to make the most of their time outside the classroom through sportive and recreational activities, contributing to the promotion of physical activity culture, the development of team spirit, and the strengthening of faculty belonging.





Mersin Hosts the 2026 World Abilitysport Youth Games



Mersin hosted the international para sport event as part of the 2026 World Abilitysport Youth Games. The opening ceremony brought together athletes, coaches, referees, and delegates from different countries, creating an important platform for inclusivity, international unity, and the development of para sport.

According to the news published by World Abilitysport, competitions were held in Para badminton, Para dance sport, and Para fencing during the event. Organized in collaboration with the Turkish National Paralympic Committee, the Games strengthened Mersin's role in international para sport events while offering young para athletes the opportunity to gain experience at an international level.

This development is considered a noteworthy example in terms of increasing the participation of people with disabilities in sport, promoting adaptive sport practices, and enhancing Türkiye's visibility in international para sport organizations.



Key Takeaways



International para sport event



Para badminton, Para dance sport, and Para fencing competitions



Organized in collaboration with the Turkish National Paralympic Committee



Opportunities for young para athletes to gain international experience



Strengthening inclusivity and Türkiye's visibility in international para sport



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<https://worldabilitysport.org/news/mersin-welcomes-the-world-as-2026-world-abilitysport-youth-games-declared-open/>



University of Worcester Launches Adapted Physical Activity Research Unit



At the University of Worcester, it was announced that a new research unit called the **Adapted Physical Activity Research Unit (APARU)** will be established, focusing on inclusivity, physical activity, and participation in sport. According to the news published by IFAPA, APARU aims to conduct research on adapted physical activity, disability sport, and the sport experiences of disadvantaged groups.

The research unit's work will focus on areas such as physical activity among people with disabilities, disability sport, health inequalities, sport and migration, gender, and participatory research approaches. The launch event is planned to bring together researchers, practitioners, students, policymakers, and community organizations to provide opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration.

This development is considered an important step toward increasing the participation of people with disabilities in physical activity, developing adaptive sport practices on a scientific basis, and supporting inclusive sport policies.



Highlights



Adapted physical activity



Disability sport



Health inequalities



Sport and migration



Gender issues



Participatory research



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<https://ifapa.net/university-of-worcester-launches-adapted-physical-activity-research-unit-aporu/>



CHANGES TO FOOTBALL RULES IN THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP AND SPORTS SCIENCE EVALUATION



INTRODUCTION

The International Football Association Board (IFAB) and FIFA implemented the most comprehensive rule revisions in football history ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which starts on 11 June 2026 in the USA, Canada and Mexico. These changes aim to increase continuity of play, prevent time-wasting, strengthen referees' authority and make better use of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system. This article discusses the new rules from both legal/technical and sports science perspectives, examining their possible effects on game tempo, physiological load, tactical structure and athlete psychology.



Effective playing time accounts for only **%50–55** of total match time.

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RULE 1 BAN ON GOALKEEPER TACTICAL TIMEOUTS



The so-called "goalkeeper tactical timeout", which has become common in recent years, involves the goalkeeper intentionally going down on the pitch to call a physio while outfield players run to the technical area to receive instructions from the coach.

With IFAB's 2026 decision, players are no longer allowed to go to the technical area when the goalkeeper is injured. In case of a breach, no disciplinary card will be shown; only a warning will be issued. NWSL will take a stricter measure in the 2026 season by requiring all players to gather at the center circle when the goalkeeper is injured.



Tactical timeouts usually last 2–4 minutes and can be used several times in a match — removing them will increase total effective playing time.

02

RULE 2 EXPANDED VAR SCOPE: ATTACKING FOULS AND CORNER REVIEWS



In the 2026 World Cup, VAR's scope is significantly expanded. Now, clear and illegal attacking blocks that prevent the defense from taking up position before the ball enters play can be reviewed by VAR; if a violation is determined, the corner kick will be retaken.

Semi-automated offside technology has been improved: when a player is more than 10 centimeters offside, the system will send an instant audio alert to the referee's earpiece, without sending the decision to the VAR room, thus reducing decision time.



By expanding VAR coverage, erroneous decisions are reduced and the flow of the game is enhanced.

03

RULE 3 5-SECOND TIME LIMIT FOR THROW-INS AND GOAL KICKS



If the referee considers that a throw-in or goal kick is being deliberately delayed, a visual countdown may be started. When the time is up, the throw-in will be given to the opponent, and the goal kick will be converted into a corner.

Research shows that the ball is in play for only %50–55 of total match time. This rule is expected to increase effective playing time, leading to higher energy expenditure and greater aerobic capacity demands.



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04

RULE 4 10-SECOND TIME LIMIT FOR SUBSTITUTIONS



When the referee signals a substitution, the player leaving the field must do so within 10 seconds. If the time is exceeded, the incoming player must wait until the next stoppage, and the team will temporarily play with one fewer player.

A fast substitution protocol may reduce the injury risk of players suffering from fatigue and make the warm-up process of substitutes more disciplined.



A faster substitution protocol can help reduce injury risk and support better performance management.

05

RULE 5 RED CARD FOR PLAYERS WHO LEAVE THE FIELD TO PROTEST



Players who leave the field to protest a referee's decision will be shown a direct red card; players who cover their mouth, face or ears with their hand, arm or shirt will also be shown a red card.

This rule aims to prevent the hiding of words spoken during disagreements and to reinforce the authority of the referee.



Sports psychology research shows that group protest rituals can increase collective aggression and weaken the perceived authority of the referee; this new penalty acts as a deterrent.

06

RULE 6 WATER BREAKS (HYDRATION BREAKS)



An approximately 3-minute water break is allowed between the two halves.

Considering the high temperature and humidity conditions in the USA, Canada and Mexico during the summer, this practice is a sound decision from a sports science perspective in terms of reducing heat stress and lowering the risk of cramps. The literature shows that a %2 body mass loss significantly decreases aerobic performance.



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EVALUATION

Conclusion and Evaluation

The rule changes in the 2026 World Cup represent a major step in adapting football to modern needs. Regulations targeting time-wasting will increase effective playing time and game intensity; this will have direct effects on training planning, workload–recovery balance and injury prevention strategies. It is crucial for sports science researchers to systematically monitor physiological and performance data during the tournament to evaluate the real effects of these reforms.



KEYWORDS

- FIFA 2026
- IFAB
- Football rules
- VAR
- Ban on goalkeeper tactical timeouts
- Effective playing time
- Sports science
- Hydration



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MORE CONTINUITY
OF PLAY



REDUCED
TIME-WASTING



MORE EFFECTIVE
USE OF VAR



STRONGER
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ATHLETE HEALTH AND
PERFORMANCE SUPPORT



MORE DYNAMIC,
MORE FAIR,
MORE SCIENTIFIC FOOTBALL!



SUCCESS NEWS

Res. Asst. Görkem Açar and Res. Asst. Dr. Sinan Demirci's **AQUAREFLEX** Project Ranks in the Top 5 at the HealthTech Demo Day!



Academics from the Faculty of Sport Sciences at İstanbul Gelişim University have achieved a remarkable success in the field of health technologies and entrepreneurship.

The AQUAREFLEX project, developed by Res. Asst. Görkem Açar from the Sport Management Department and Res. Asst. Dr. Sinan Demirci from the Recreation Department, stood out among **65 projects** and ranked in the **Top 5** at the HealthTech Pre-Incubation Demo Day Project Competition organized by İstanbul University-Cerrahpaşa ENTERTECH Technopark and University of Health Sciences TEKNOPOL.



The event brought together academics, researchers, entrepreneurs, investors and industry representatives to support innovative ideas in health technologies and strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem. Projects were evaluated by an expert jury based on multiple criteria including innovation, technological adequacy, feasibility, social impact, sustainability and commercialization potential.



INNOVATIVE APPROACH

AQUAREFLEX integrates rehabilitation, physical activity and health technologies with an innovative approach.

It aims to enhance physical functions, make rehabilitation processes more effective and accessible, and provide technology-supported solutions for health professionals.



ACADEMIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The project combines research and development activities with an entrepreneurial vision. It stands as a successful example of transforming academic knowledge into innovative products and services.

AQUAREFLEX contributes to the digital transformation of healthcare by aiming to create social value through technology.



OUR UNIVERSITY VISION

This success reflects İstanbul Gelişim University's vision focused on research, innovation, entrepreneurship and creating societal value.

We encourage our academics and students to transform scientific knowledge into innovative initiatives that benefit both the economy and society.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPACT

The Faculty of Sport Sciences contributes beyond the field of sports to health, rehabilitation, technology and entrepreneurship.

Such achievements inspire young researchers to develop innovative ideas and connect their work with the entrepreneurship ecosystem.



We congratulate Res. Asst. Görkem Açar and Res. Asst. Dr. Sinan Demirci for representing our university successfully and wish them continued success in their future research, development and entrepreneurship activities in health technologies.

Congratulations!



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HEALTH THROUGH
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NEW RESEARCH IN SPORTS SCIENCES

EFFECTS OF OSMOTIC-PRESSURE CARBOHYDRATES

The study examined the metabolic and performance effects of carbohydrates with different osmotic pressures after resistance training

“ At Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Sports Sciences, a study is being conducted to investigate the metabolic and performance effects of carbohydrates with different osmotic pressures after resistance training. The measurements were performed with Faculty of Sports Sciences students in the Performance Measurement and Evaluation Laboratory.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

Participants completed three different resistance training protocols. Before each session, drinks containing 10 g of carbohydrate and with different osmotic pressures were given.

APPLICATION PROCESS

After training, participants' blood glucose and blood lactate levels were assessed. All measurements were performed in the Faculty of Sports Sciences Performance Measurement and Evaluation Laboratory.

VARIABLES EVALUATED

The data were used to evaluate the effects of carbohydrates with different osmotic pressures on metabolic responses and exercise performance.

IMPORTANCE OF THE RESEARCH

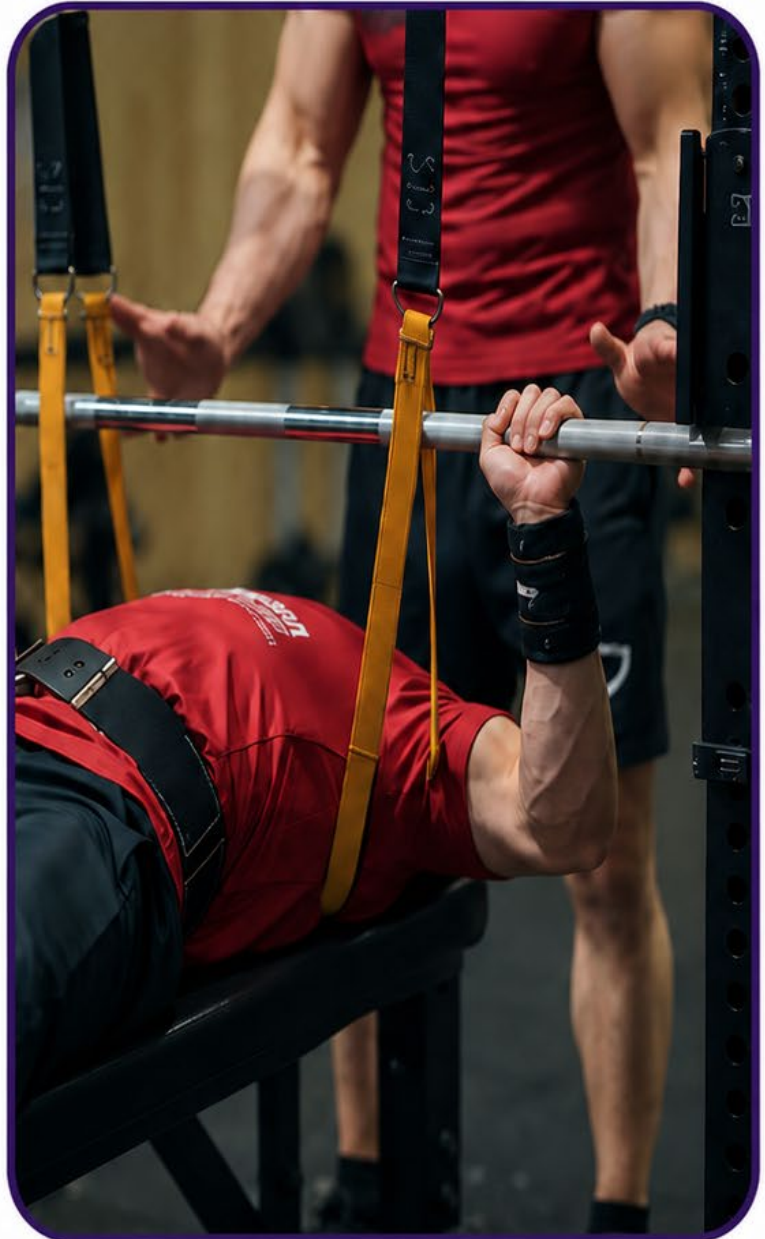
The study aims to help clarify the role of nutrition strategies in performance and recovery after resistance training.



STRENGTH TRAINING THE KEY TO LONG LIFE

Research has shown that regular strength training may reduce the risk of early death.

In the U.S., a study based on data from three comprehensive studies that followed about 150,000 nurses and health professionals for 30 years evaluated participants' resistance exercise and aerobic exercise habits. The findings showed that regular muscle-strengthening activities may have important effects on life expectancy and health.



1) SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH



The study was based on physical activity data reported every two years by about 150,000 adults. Time spent on aerobic exercise and strength training was examined.

2) KEY FINDINGS



Over 30 years, about 36,000 participants died, allowing researchers to assess the link between muscle-strengthening activities and early death risk. Regular strength training showed notable benefits.

3) MAIN RESULTS



People who did 90-120 minutes of strength training weekly had a 13% lower risk of early death from any cause. Cardiovascular death risk was 19% lower and chronic illness death risk 27% lower.

4) EXERCISE DURATION AND BALANCE



The risk did not continue to decrease when weekly strength training exceeded two hours. This shows that balanced and sustainable programs are important.

“ Regular strength training supports not only performance, but also long-term health and life expectancy. ”



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The 11th Social Development and Media Awards Ceremony Held at Istanbul Gelisim University

The 11th Social Development and Media Awards Ceremony, organized this year by Istanbul Gelisim University, brought together many prominent names from the media, sports, art, science, business and the world.



During the ceremony hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University, Department of Sports Management Chairman **Assoc. Prof. Dr. İrfan Kara** presented the National Athlete Award in the category of Climate, Environment and Women Empowerment Activist to national athlete **Şahika Ercümen**, and the award was presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Sports Sciences, **Prof. Dr. Ali Kızılet**.



Şahika Ercümen, in her speech after receiving the award, stated that although these awards recognize achievements in areas such as environment and seas, they are not just a sports field for her, but rather a field of life, and that this type of award motivates her work.

Uşak's World Fair Play Day Activities Featured in International Report

In the report evaluating the activities carried out in different countries within the scope of World Fair Play Day on May 19 by the World Fair Play Committee (CIFP), the organization held in Uşak, Türkiye, was also included.



In the report, together with the practices in Poland, India and Belgium, example studies conducted in Uşak were also presented.

The report emphasized that the common aim of organizations held in different countries is the widespread promotion of Fair Play values such as **honesty, respect, equality, solidarity and responsibility** in society.



This evaluation featured in the international report contributed to the global visibility of World Fair Play Day activities organized in Uşak.



HONESTY



RESPECT



EQUALITY



SOLIDARITY



RESPONSIBILITY

Asst. Prof. Dr. Yunus Şahinler Successfully Completed YÖK Data Analysis School Modules

Asst. Prof. Dr. Yunus Şahinler, under the coordination of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), Marmara University Niche and Social Sciences Research Institute and in cooperation with Middle East Technical University, Istanbul Technical University and Boğaziçi University, has successfully completed the modules of the Data Analysis School in the 2025–2026 program.

Within the scope of the program, Asst. Prof. Dr. Yunus Şahinler successfully completed the modules of Psychometrics and Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and earned the right to receive a certificate of achievement.





1. Full Gender Equality Highlighted in Para Powerlifting at LA28 Paralympic Games



The International Paralympic Committee has announced that the Para Powerlifting programme at the LA28 Paralympic Games will feature 10 men's and 10 women's weight categories. This milestone decision is part of the IPC's ongoing commitment to gender equality and inclusion. Following the example set by the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, the balanced competition format will continue at Los Angeles 2028.

This development is not only about athletes' performance, but also reflects the success of the Paralympic Movement in promoting equal participation, inclusivity and fairness. It is an important step towards ensuring that female and male athletes compete under equal conditions and that their achievements receive equal recognition.

In the context of exercise and adaptive sport for people with disabilities, this decision is inspiring for all stakeholders in sport. Equal representation, inclusivity and fairness are essential for the sustainable development of Para sports. The equality-focused approach in the Para Powerlifting programme is directly linked to the universal values of the Paralympic Movement.



Key Highlights



The LA28 Para Powerlifting programme includes 10 men's and 10 women's weight categories.



Full gender equality will be ensured.



Equal participation, inclusivity and fairness are at the core.



More athletes will have the opportunity to compete and succeed.



The values of the Paralympic Movement – courage, equality, inclusion and determination – will be strengthened.



Source:

International Paralympic Committee. "Here is the LA28 Paralympic Para powerlifting competition schedule." 1 June 2026.



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Source link:

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/here-la28-paralympic-para-powerlifting-competition-schedule>



2. IPC and UNESCO Call for Global Collaboration to Strengthen Disability Inclusion



In a news release published in June, the International Paralympic Committee emphasized the need for stronger collaboration among governments, international organizations, sports institutions, and civil society stakeholders to advance disability inclusion. Speaking at the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport meeting held in Paris on 15 June 2026, IPC Deputy Chief Executive Officer Kristina Molloy stated that Paralympic sport is not only a platform for elite performance, but also a powerful tool for accessibility, social participation, and improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

In her remarks, Molloy drew attention to the Paris 2024 Call to Action document and highlighted the need for governments to develop more concrete policies in areas such as accessible infrastructure, Para sport programs, representation, inclusive physical education, data, and research. This call to action demonstrates that the participation of persons with disabilities in sport should not be limited to international events but must also be supported at the levels of schools, communities, local authorities, and grassroots sport programs.

This development is highly significant for the field of Exercise and Sport Sciences for Individuals with Disabilities. Because adaptive sport applications, inclusive physical education, and participation in physical activity for persons with disabilities are directly linked not only to sporting success but also to social responsibility, equal opportunity, and social transformation. IPC's motto "Change Starts with Sport" provides a universal framework that empowers persons with disabilities through sport and enhances their visibility in society.



Key Takeaways



Call for stronger collaboration among governments, international organizations, sports institutions, and civil society stakeholders



Paralympic sport as a powerful tool for accessibility, social participation, and quality of life



Reference to the Paris 2024 Call to Action and call for concrete policies in key priority areas



Support needed at all levels: schools, communities, local authorities, and grassroots sport programs



Link between adaptive sport, inclusive physical education, physical activity, social responsibility, and social transformation



IPC's "Change Starts with Sport" approach: empowering persons with disabilities and increasing their visibility in society



Source:
International Paralympic Committee. "IPC calls for global collaboration on disability inclusion with UNESCO." 15 June 2026.



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A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR TURKISH E-SPORTS FROM AURORA!

ALL-TURKISH ROSTER REACHES THE MAJOR SEMIFINAL

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Aurora's all-Turkish roster advanced to the semifinals of IEM Cologne Major 2026, marking a historic achievement for Turkish esports.

COUNTER-STRIKE / AURORA



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Nuke 13-6
Anubis 13-9

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HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT

Aurora, featuring five Turkish players, reached the semifinal stage of a Major.

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QUARTERFINAL

Aurora advanced after defeating Russian representative BB 2-0.

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MAP SCORES

Aurora won Nuke 13-6 and Anubis 13-9.

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SEMIFINAL OPPONENT

Aurora's semifinal opponent is FURIA, who defeated 9z.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Aurora won the series without dropping a map in the quarterfinal. The 13-6 score on Nuke and the 13-9 score on Anubis demonstrated the team's strong form on the road to the final.

The lineup of Ali 'Wicadia' Haydar Yalçın, İsmailcan 'XANTARES' Dörtkardeş, Özgür 'woxic' Eker, Engin 'MAJ3R' Kùpeli and Caner 'soufly' Kesici strengthened the international visibility of Turkish esports.

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Source : <https://beinsports.com.tr/haber/tarihi-basari-bir-turk-takimi-dev-turnuvada-yari-finalde>

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FOUR TEAMS FROM TÜRKİYE HEAD TO THE \$3 MILLION TOURNAMENT IN PARIS



International success for Turkish esports
on the road to the PUBG MOBILE World Cup

“ Türkiye will be represented by four teams at the
2026 PUBG MOBILE World Cup to be held in Paris.

SUCCESS IN JAKARTA

As ULF Esports finished second in the world,
S2G Esports ranked 4th overall.

4 TEAMS ON THE ROAD TO PARIS

ULF Esports, S2G Esports, Gaming Stars
and IDA Esports secured World Cup tickets.

\$3 MILLION FINAL

The 2026 PUBG MOBILE World Cup will be
held in Paris on August 8-16, 2026.

LARGE PLAYER ECOSYSTEM

More than 250,000 players from Türkiye
joined the Road to PMGO qualifiers.

THE RISING TRAJECTORY OF TURKISH ESPORTS

The 2026 PMGO Season 1 tournament, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on June 2-7, 2026, once again showcased the competitive strength of Turkish teams in the PUBG MOBILE arena. In the event, which had a \$500,000 prize pool, ULF Esports finished second in the world, while S2G Esports ranked fourth overall.

Gaming Stars completed the tournament in 11th place, while FUT Esports and IDA Esports were eliminated in the Survival Stage. Following the results in Jakarta, ULF Esports, S2G Esports, Gaming Stars and IDA Esports earned the right to compete in the World Cup in Paris.

These results highlight the growth of Türkiye's esports ecosystem and show that Turkish teams are becoming more visible in international competition.

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TEAMS

\$3M
PRIZE POOL

8-16
AUGUST

Turkish esports is becoming more visible and competitive on the international stage.