

Iran Win Mixed Air Pistol Gold, Set World Final Record at Para Shooting World Cup



TEHRAN - Iran captured the gold medal in the mixed 10-meter air pistol (SH1) event at the World Shooting Para Sport World Cup in Novi Sad, Serbia, with Sareh Ja-

vanmardi and Ali Galavi also setting a new world final record.

The Iranian pair advanced to the gold-medal match after topping the qualification round with 565

points, the highest score in the field.

They maintained their form in the final, defeating India to secure the gold medal.

Javanmardi and Ghalavi also re-wrote the record books, setting a new world final record of 465 points in the event.

In addition to their gold-medal performance, both shooters achieved the qualifying standard in the 50-meter pistol event during the qualification and elimination rounds, earning places at the upcoming World Shooting Para Sport Championships and the 2026 Asian Para Games in Nagoya.

The World Shooting Para Sport World Cup has attracted 291 athletes from 51 countries, serving as one of the major international competitions on the para shooting calendar ahead of the world championships.

Iran's shooters are scheduled to return to the range on Wednesday to compete in the individual 10-meter air pistol event.

Alireza Rezaei Claims Gold at World U-17 Wrestling Championships



TEHRAN - Iranian Greco-Roman wrestler Alireza Rezaei captured the gold medal in the 80 kg weight class on Tuesday at the 2026 World U17 Wrestling Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Rezaei launched his campaign in dominant fashion, delivering consecutive 8-0 victories over Ivanov of the United States in the opening round and Kyrgyzstan's Kubatov in

the second round.

He continued his run in the quarterfinals by defeating Russia's Iliyas Gadaborshev 5-0 before securing a 5-1 victory against Abdulaziz Kholmiraev of Uzbekistan in the semifinals to reach the gold medal match.

In the final, Rezaei defeated host country favorite Isfahan Hasanov of Azerbaijan 2-1 to claim the world title.

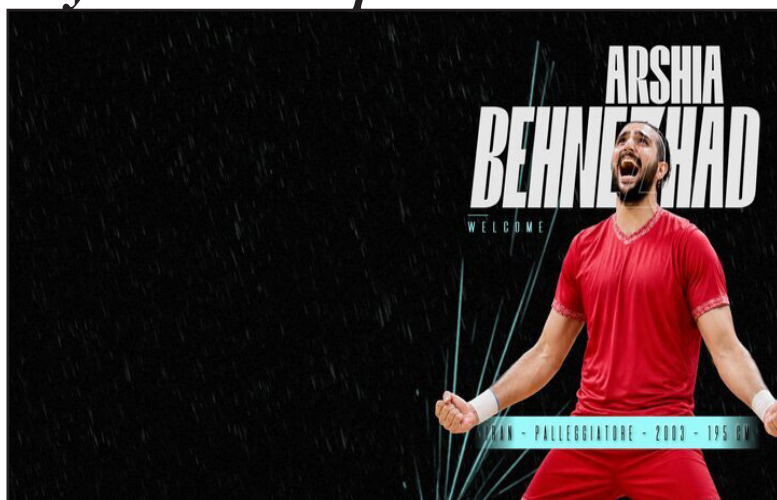
Four Iranian Players to Compete in Italian Volleyball League

TEHRAN - The upcoming Italian volleyball league season will feature four Iranian players across different clubs, with Iran ranking among the top nations in terms of foreign player representation.

The Italian Volleyball Federation has released the official list of foreign players for the 2026-2027 Serie A season, which includes four Iranian names.

The Iranian players and their clubs are:

Arshia Behnejad - Padova
Amir Muhammad Golzadeh - Padova



Seyed Matin Husseini - Perugia

Pouria Hussein Khanzadeh - Piemonte

A total of 66 foreign players

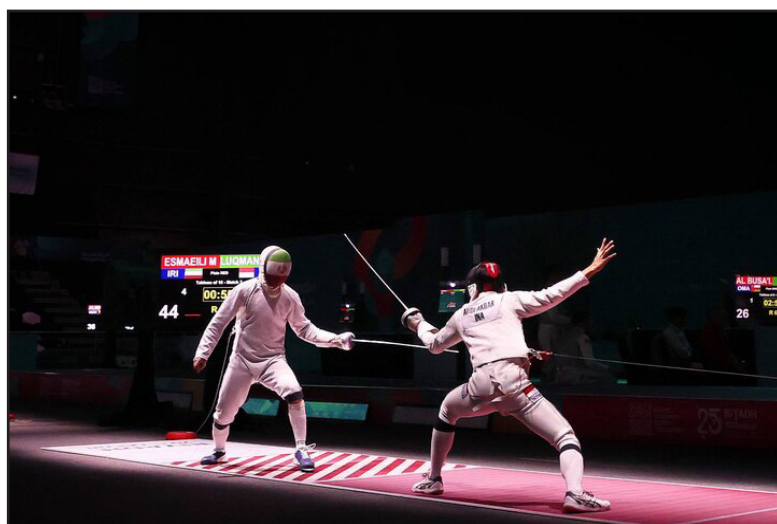
from 27 countries will compete in the league this season. Iran ranks sixth in representation with four players, following France, the United States, Bel-

gium, Brazil, and Bulgaria.

France leads with 10 players, followed by the United States with six, Belgium with five, and Brazil, Bulgaria, and Iran each with five, five, and four players respectively.

Polish national team star Kamil Semeniuk will be the only Polish representative in the league. Several players are set to make their Italian league debuts, including Simon Nikolov of Bulgaria, Nik Mugnjancovic, Basil Dermaux of Belgium, Cooper Robinson of the United States, and Maksym Tonkonoh of Ukraine.

Iran's Fencing Team to Face Japan at Hong Kong World Championships



TEHRAN - The Iranian saber fencing team will hold its first match in the team category of the world championships against Japan on Thursday.

The world fencing championships is underway in Hong Kong and Iran's saber team will hold its first match in the team category.

The team, which faced a bye in the first round, will hold its first match in the 32-team table.

Japan is Iran's opponent in this table. If it wins against Japan, the Iranian fencing team will hold its second match against the winner of the match between China and Saudi Arabia.

Ali Pakdaman, Muhammad Fotuhi, Nima Zahedi and Taha Kargarpour will make up Iran's fencing team in the world championships. These individuals failed to win a medal in the individual category.

Persepolis Complete Signing of Mohebbi

TEHRAN - Iranian football club Persepolis have completed the signing of Mohammad Mehdi Mohebbi.

Mohebbi is an Iranian footballer who will play as a winger for Iranian club Persepolis in the next Persian Gulf Pro League.

Persepolis signed a contract with the player after reaching an agreement with the Emirates' Etihad to receive Mohebbi's final consent, allowing him to wear the red shirt of the capital for the next three seasons.

Mohebbi, who played on loan for Sepahan Isfahan in the second round of last season's competition, is scheduled to travel to Erzurum, Turkey, if possible, to continue the team's pre-season training.

The Red's new player became the team's eighth summer signing after Pouria Shahrabadi, Pouria Pourali, Pouria Latififar, Majid Eidi, Abolfazl Jalali, and Muhammad Mehdi Zare, making this team the most active club in current Iranian club football transfers.



AFC Denounces FIFA's Trump-Linked \$20bn Privatization Plan



KUALA LUMPUR (AFC) - The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has noted FIFA's announcement concerning the proposed establishment of FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE).

The AFC was not consulted on the proposal and is disappointed that a matter of such significance entered the public domain before the AFC family had been afforded the opportunity to examine and discuss it through the appropriate and established governance channels.

While the AFC recognizes the importance of exploring innovative approaches that can strengthen the future of global football, initiatives of this scale and consequence must be founded upon the principles of good governance, transparency and meaningful consultation. Decisions that may reshape the commercial and financial future of the game require comprehensive prior engagement with Confederations, Member Associations and other relevant stakeholders before any proposal is made to the appropriate decision-making body(ies).

The AFC firmly believes that all stakeholders should

be provided with sufficient information and adequate time to assess the proposal in full, including its governance, legal, commercial and strategic implications. Such a process is essential to ensuring that any decision reflects the collective interests of the global football community and reinforces confidence in FIFA's governance framework.

As one of global football's six Confederations, the AFC remains committed to the continued growth of world football.

Under the plan, FIFA would establish an optional program allowing member associations to access up to \$20 million in one-off capital.

Infantino argued that the initiative aims to increase baseline funding per member association from \$8 million to \$20 million for the 2027-2030 cycle, with a target of \$24 million by the 2035-2038 cycle.

Thrive Eternal, which recently acquired a minority stake in Major League Baseball's San Francisco Giants, was founded by Joshua Kushner, brother of Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of US President Donald Trump.