



**BID GUIDELINES 2026
ASPC CONTINENTAL
FORUM ON
ELITE SPORT**



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1. Introduction

The Association of Sport Performance Centres (ASPC) hosts an international Forum on Elite Sport every two years. The goal of the biennial forum is to explore ways to better collaborate across the world, to provide an opportunity for sharing of best practices and for professional development of the leaders of high-performance training centres. The ASPC has encouraged regions to host Continental Forums on opposite years to our International Forums. These events can focus on specific topics of priority to the region and are open to ASPC members from across the world. These events have been held frequently in the past but have been disrupted due to the COVID pandemic. Our ambition is to reintroduce the opportunity to host these events.

2. Background on the ASPC

Prior to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, a group of personnel representing High Performance Training Centres from around the world got together to share their experiences. Building upon this positive experience, the Association of Sport Performance Centres (ASPC), formerly the International Association of High Performance Sports Training Centres (IAHPSTC) was conceived in Barcelona on September 11th, 2001. Over the past several years, the ASPC has become formalized and has established a Secretariat in Catalonia, Spain, hosted at the Centre d'Alt Rendiment de Sant Cugat del Valles, Barcelona.

Biennial Forums have been held on fourteen (14) occasions:

| Date | Location |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 1999 | Sydney, Australia |
| 2001 | Barcelona, Spain |
| 2003 | Loughborough, England |
| 2005 | Montreal, Canada |
| 2007 | Beijing, China |
| 2009 | Colorado Springs, USA |
| 2011 | Paris, France |
| 2013 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| 2015 | San Juan, Puerto, Rico |
| 2017 | Durban, South Africa |
| 2019 | Barcelona, Spain |
| 2023 | Paris, France |



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| 2024 | Hong Kong, China |
| 2025 | Helsinki, Finland |

ASPC Mission: To elevate sport centers globally through collaboration and innovative leadership.

ASPC Vision: Pursuing excellence through sharing expertise and experiences globally.

3. Guidelines for Selection of the Continental Forum Host

The ASPC is interested in:

- ✓ Bids from ASPC member organizations. Partnerships are encouraged, however, the ASPC member must be the lead organizers of the event.
- ✓ A country that has not previously hosted an ASPC event, as this provides an opportunity to further develop membership.
- ✓ Providing an opportunity to link with another major event as this further encourages attendance.
- ✓ Demonstrating evidence of significant performance improvement indicating that examples of good practice may be provided.
- ✓ Letter of support from the most relevant government sport agency.

List of Obligations (approximately 75-100 delegates)

- ✓ Establish a Host Organizing Committee that will work closely with the designated ASPC Continental VP on all aspects of the Forum including the program and speakers;
- ✓ Provide monthly update reports to the designated ASPC Continental VP
- ✓ **It is important to note that the ASPC Continental VP has a role in the final approval of the Forum agenda and speakers as the Continental Forum is the property of the ASPC;**
- ✓ Host an Opening Reception;
- ✓ Provide lunch and coffee breaks for Forum delegates;
- ✓ Cover the expenses of up to 2 keynote speakers (accommodation, travel, internal transport and meals);
- ✓ Transportation for any official function
- ✓ Offering alternative events/excursions post Forum (at the participants' expense);
- ✓ Free access to wireless internet at the conference centre and host hotel;
- ✓ Forum website linked to the ASPC Website;
- ✓ Assistance with delegates Visas;
- ✓ Secure a Continental Forum hotel(s) with reasonable accommodation costs;
- ✓ Submit a budget for the Continental Forum; and
- ✓ Prepare a final report within 60 days of the conclusion of the Continental Forum ;
- ✓ Provide all presentations and forum materials to ASPC for posting on website after the conclusion of the Continental Forum;
- ✓ Abide by the obligations set out in the Host City Contract.
- ✓ Guarantee two free registrations for each ASPC member (only training centers).
- ✓ Guarantee one free registration for each ASPC supporter



4. Bid Requirements

i. **Vision**

Please state your vision and proposed theme for the 2026 ASPC Continental Forum on Elite Sport.

ii. **Purpose**

What is your purpose for hosting the 2026 ASPC Continental Forum on Elite Sport?

Provide background information on your Training Centre and describe why it is important to host the ASPC International Forum on Elite Sport.

iii. **Benefits to ASPC Members**

Describe the benefits to ASPC members by hosting the 2026 ASPC Continental Forum on Elite Sport in your city/country?

iv. **Host Organizing Committee (HOC)**

List the members of the proposed Host Organizing Committee include brief bios, their roles and responsibilities.

v. **Host City and Country**

Tell us about your city, including population, past hosting of sporting events and conferences.

vi. **Transportation**

Provide information on how to get to the proposed conference location by air, including closest international airport(s), and general Visa information procedures.

Also, include an internal transportation plan for any venues/events that are not on site.

vii. **Accommodation**

Provide details on a designated host hotel including amenities, as well as a list of different types of accommodation available at different rates.



viii. **Conference Location**

Provide details on the venue to host the conference, including distance to the host hotel.

ix. **Sponsorship**

Any potential ASPC Continental Sponsors must be approved by the ASPC Board of Directors through the ASPC Continental VP.

x. **Dates**

List the proposed dates for hosting the 2026 ASPC Continental Forum on Elite Sport. The ASPC's preference is to host the Forum sometime between late-August to mid-October.

xi. **Schedule**

Attach a proposed schedule, list of topics, and a list of speakers.

5. Financial Commitments

Budget – provide a budget including Revenues and Expenses. Include the cost to delegates to attend (base budget on 75 – 100 delegates).

The ASPC will provide a hosting grant to the Host Organizing Committee. The most funding that can be provided to any host is 5,000 Euros for a Continental Forum.

Note – the Host Organizing Committee will be responsible to pay any shortfall in the hosting of the Forum. The ASPC will not be responsible for any shortfall incurred by the HOC.

6. Related Activities

Provide a list of local extra-curricular activities for delegates to participate in at their own cost prior to or following the Forum.



7. Legacy

Describe the legacy to the region that will be created by hosting the 2026 ASPC Continental Forum on Elite Sport.

8. Letters of Support

List and attach any letters of support.



9. Bid Timelines and Selection Process

i. Formal call for Bid submission:

A formal call for Bid submissions will be sent to all ASPC members on **March 15, 2025**.

ii. Deadline for Bid Submission:

- Bids are due by June 30, **2025**.
- An electronic copy of the Bid document must be submitted to the ASPC Secretariat at: secretariat@sportperformancecentres.org

iii. Presentation to the Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is comprised of the ASPC Board of Directors. Should there be a bid from a country with a Board member on the Selection Committee then that Board member must recuse himself/herself from voting and from the entire bid process. This will ensure complete transparency from the Board in their deliberations.

Bid Committees will present their bids to the ASPC Board of Directors at the Board meeting preceding the 2025 ASPC Forum in Helsinki on **September 29, 2025**.

iv. Selection of Successful Candidate

The successful candidate will be announced at the General Assembly on **September 30, 2025**. The Host City Contract will be presented to the successful candidate at the General Assembly and will be signed by the lead HOC representative and the ASPC President ~~at that time~~.



Appendix A Contact List

Feel free to contact your local ASPC Vice President or the ASPC Secretariat should you have any questions throughout the Bid Process.

ASPC Secretariat

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Appendix B

FORUM ELITE SPORT

Workbook Organization 2026 ASPC Continental Forum Host

D-12 months: Selection of the 2026 Continental Forum host at the 2025 General Assembly
(September, 30 2025)

D-11 months: Monthly Organizing Committee meetings begin with ASPC liaison (October 2025)

D-10 months: Reservation of rooms (75-100) (November 2025)

Contacts and meetings with partners

Development of the website

Update budget

Prepare draft program (topics and speakers)

Develop sponsorship package (to be approved by ASPC Board)

D-9 to D-8 months: Logistics: (January 2026 to February 2026)

- Website launched and operational (include information about the host city and country, national training centre, program,)
- Provide details on registration fees and process including early bird registration
- Confirm list of available hotel accommodations available for delegates
- Update budget

D-8 months: Update program (identify list of possible speakers) (February 2026)

Present projected budget

Activate search for local sponsors

D-7 months: Finalize budget and program (March 2026)

D-5 months: Finalize speakers (May 2026)

Finalize social program

Recruit volunteers

D-5 to D-2 months: Request CVs and photos of speakers and ASPC Representatives. (May – August 2026)

Request Letters of Welcome from VIPs (ASPC President, Training Center CEO, Sports Minister)

D-4 months: Publish Final Program (June 2026)



Provide general information on transfers to/from airport, local transportation, Letters of Welcome, topics and speakers

D-4 to D2: On-going checks with hotels

(June to August 2026)

- Number of participants
- Number of reserved rooms (cancellation or addition of rooms if the center is forced to work with an outside hotel)
- Book AV equipment

Prepare Welcome Kits and Accreditation Badges

D-1 weeks: Check list of the reservations:

(September 2026)

- Meetings rooms
- Coffee breaks
- Meals
- Evenings
- Social Program
- Develop Participant Evaluation surveys

Forum Organization:

- Welcome, delivery of keys/presents/program, last payments
- Logistics (AV equipment, meetings rooms, presentations "power-point", coffee breaks, meals and evenings)
- Information Desk: problem about the Wi-Fi connection, problem in the rooms, diverse questions about the city, etc.

D0: On-line publishing of the post forum questionnaire/survey

(October 2026)

D+3 months: Submit Final Report to the ASPC Secretariat

(December 2026)