

Israeli International Sporting Events - Risk Assessment - May 2026

The following is a threat assessment of upcoming major sporting events involving Israeli teams abroad throughout **May 2026**. Please note that match details, including location and fan entry policies, may be subject to change.

- Games 4 and 5 of Hapoel Tel Aviv's EuroLeague playoff series, **scheduled for May 9 and May 13**, are optional, as they **depend on the results of the earlier games in the best-of-five format**.
 - Additionally, **Hapoel's "home" playoff games are being held in Botevgrad, Bulgaria** due to the **broader security situation that has prevented Israeli teams from hosting games domestically this season**.^{1 2}
- The **two-leg World Championship playoff handball games between Israel and Spain were relocated from Spain to Buenos Aires, Argentina**, due to **security concerns**. According to reports, both federations, together with the governing body, agreed to move the matches to a neutral and lower-risk environment, reducing the likelihood of protests, disruptions, or targeted incidents **that could have been expected in Spain**.³

Methodology

The threat assessment is reached based on a number of criteria, including the general internal country risk assessment towards Jews and Israelis, the size and relevance of the match, the discourse surrounding the match, and any additional intelligence that may indicate the potential for violence.

¹ <https://www.euroleaguebasketball.net/news/euroleague-basketball-approves-alternative-venues-for-israeli-and-dubai-teams-home-games/>

² <https://basketnews.com/news-245754-hapoel-to-host-euroleague-playoffs-in-small-bulgarian-town-with-4500-seat-arena.html/>

³ <https://ehfeuro.eurohandball.com/men/2026/news/en/adaptation-of-location-for-world-championship-play-off-match/>

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Sports Matches

Date	Israeli Team	International Team	International Team (Country)	Sport	Location (City)	Location (Country)	Risk Level
01/05	Hapoel Tel Aviv	Real Madrid	 Spain	Basketball	Madrid	 Spain	Medium
07/05	Hapoel Tel Aviv	Real Madrid	 Spain	Basketball	Botevgrad	 Bulgaria	Low
09/05 (Optional)	Hapoel Tel Aviv	Real Madrid	 Spain	Basketball	Botevgrad	 Bulgaria	Low
13/05 (Optional)	Hapoel Tel Aviv	Real Madrid	 Spain	Basketball	Madrid	 Spain	Medium
14/05	Israel	Spain	 Spain	Handball	Buenos Aires	 Argentina	Low
16/05	Israel	Spain	 Spain	Handball	Buenos Aires	 Argentina	Low

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Tournaments & Other Events

Dates	Israeli Team	Event	Sport	Location (City)	Location (Country)	Risk Level
11/04–25/05	Israel Automobile & Karting Association	Porsche 944 Spec Series	Motor Sports	Buttonwillow, CA	 USA	Low
17/04–26/05	Tal Ovdia	Spanish Motocross Championship + EMX (France, May 24)	Motor Sports	Barcelona	 Spain	Medium
23/04–02/05	Boccia Team	World Boccia Cup	Boccia	Montreal	 Canada	Low
25/04–03/05	Israel Senior Team	JJIF Grand Slam Paris	Ju-Jitsu	Paris	 France	Medium
28/04–04/05	Rowing Team	International Coastal Rowing Beach Sprint	Rowing	Limassol	 Cyprus	Low
28/04–03/05	Equestrian Riders	CSI Deurne	Equestrian	Deurne	 Netherlands	Low
28/04–03/05	Israel Junior Boys Road Team	La Coupe du Président de la Ville de Grudziądz	Cycling	Grudziądz	 Poland	Low
29/04–04/05	Orot Haifa	International Acro-Cup Augsburg	Gymnastics	Königsbrunn	 Germany	Low
29/04–03/05	Equestrian Riders	CSI5* La Silla GNP – MLSJ Final	Equestrian	Monterrey	 Mexico	Low
30/04–03/05	Micah Deligdish	CDI3*	Equestrian	Myakka City, FL	 USA	Low
30/04–10/05	Israel U16 Girls Team	UEFA Development Tournament	Football (Soccer)	Almaty	 Kazakhstan	Low
02–21/05	LEADER Netanya	Training Camp	Athletics	Nice	 France	Low
03–10/05	Israel National Team	European Wushu Championship	Wushu (Kung Fu)	Lyon	 France	Medium

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03–11/05	Sdot Yam IQ Foil	iQFOiL Games	Sailing	Torbole (Lake Garda)	 Italy	Low
05–15/05	Boccia Team	World Boccia Challenger – Finland	Boccia	Pajulahti	 Finland	Low
07–11/05	Haim Ben Har Practical Shooting Club	Championnat de France	Practical Shooting	Châteauroux	 France	Low
07–11/05	Israel U19 Tackle Team	European U19 Tackle Football Championship	American Football	Florence	 Italy	Low
08–10/05	Israel U23 Road Team	Road Cycling Race	Cycling	Katowice	 Poland	Low
08–10/05	Ironi Netanya	Ritam Cup	Gymnastics	Belgrade	 Serbia	Low
10–15/05	Israel National Team	UWW Wrestling Event	Ju-Jitsu	Yerevan	 Armenia	Low
13–19/05	Hapoel Ramat Eliyahu (Rishon LeZion)	FIG & Non-FIG Pazhava Cup 2026	Gymnastics	Tbilisi	 Georgia	Low
20–25/05	Israel Senior Flag Football Team	Copenhagen Bowl	American Football	Copenhagen	 Denmark	Low
22–26/05	Maccabi Acrobatics Jerusalem	Beskidy Cup 2026 – Trampoline & DMT	Gymnastics	Wilkowice	 Poland	Low
28–31/05	Israeli athletes	IFSC World Cup	Sport Climbing	Madrid	 Spain	Low

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