



Sherbrooke
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Information document

Open America Championship 2026



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Kin-Ball Estrie

The Eastern Townships Regional Kin-Ball Association is proud to welcome you to the Open America Championship 2026.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, it is with great pleasure that we welcome teams from several countries to join us in sharing this major international event. Above all, this competition is meant to be a true celebration of Kin-Ball, where passion, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence come together to create unforgettable moments and lasting connections.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our key partners: Kin-Ball Canada, the Quebec Federation of Kin-Ball, and the International Kin-Ball Federation. Thanks to your support, we are able to offer an experience worthy of this exceptional 30th anniversary.

We wish all teams a spectacular tournament filled with meaningful encounters and powerful emotions. May this first America Championship mark the beginning of a lasting tradition and a true celebration of Kin-Ball!

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The Organisation Committee

It is with great pride that we announce the launch of the first edition of the Open America Championship. This event represents an important milestone in the development of kin-ball across the continent and reflects our commitment to promoting this dynamic and inclusive sport.

We hope this unique occasion will allow new countries to discover kin-ball and join the international family that shares the values of respect, collaboration, and passion for the sport.

We extend our gratitude to all participants, partners, and volunteers who contribute to making this inaugural edition a success and laying the foundation for an event that we hope will continue to grow in the years to come.

Jérémie Desmarais-Fréchette

Organizing committee president

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Accomodations

Double Room – \$62 per person / per night

To make your participation in the tournament easier, we provide university housing located within immediate proximity to the competition venue.

These accommodations are reserved for participating teams, accompanying staff, and tournament officials. The residences are within walking distance of the sports facilities, ensuring quick access to game and training areas—ideal for maximizing recovery and performance. Each resident also has access to a common lounge area, the training room, and the university swimming pool.

Perfect for teammates the double occupancy room includes:

- Two single beds
- Individual storage space
- Wi-Fi access



Catering Service- 55\$ by person for the day

Our catering partner offers a full buffet-style meal service designed to meet the needs of athletes and accompanying staff. The resident chef prepares each meal with care and creativity, offering dishes that are both flavorful and nutritionally balanced.

The cafeteria is located in the heart of the campus, just a few steps from the residences and the competition venue.

 Breakfast (7h to 8h30 AM)

Breakfast includes a customized omelet station, a hot American-style meal with eggs, breakfast meats, hot cereals, and roasted potatoes, as well as a lighter continental option with cereals, fresh fruit, and yogurt. Fresh coffee and tea are available at all times.

 Lunch and Dinner (12h to 13h30 PM) (17h to 18h30 PM)

Lunch and dinner provide a wide variety of options: American-style grill selections, made-to-order sandwiches, a daily hot meal with a vegetarian option, and a soup, salad, and dessert bar.

Menus change daily to ensure variety and freshness for all participants.

Lunch boxes are also possible.





**Competition
site**

The Open America Championship will be hosted in Sherbrooke on the Bishop University campus.

John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre, 2600 College Street, Sherbrooke, QC, Canada, J1M 1Z7

Top-quality environment designed for high-level competition with two premium gymnasiums and professional support spaces including a locker room with shower, everything is in place for an unforgettable event.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6PURbB6Ph19vTDLy6>

Denver Gymnasium: A spacious, multi-functional gym with high ceilings and natural lighting, perfect for Kin-Ball matches. It features a cushioned floor, audio system, scoreboard, and seating for up to 700 spectators. The gym is accessible via a garage door, making equipment transport easy.

Mitchell Gymnasium: A second large gym with seating for up to 1,000 people, including 750 in beachers. It includes a raised jogging track, sound system, and live streaming capabilities—ideal for high-profile matches or finals.



Safety & Medical Support You Can Count On

Your teams are only a few minutes away from two major hospitals equipped with cutting-edge emergency services. Throughout the event, first-aid materials and ice are readily available to respond quickly to any need.

Bishop's University ensures a worry-free environment with **24/7 campus security**, supported by the Sherbrooke Police Service. Continuous patrols and an on-campus emergency line guarantee safety at every moment.



Regulation

**Week
program**

Competition Overview

Get ready for a full week of teamwork, passion, and high-level competition! The Kin-Ball Open America Championship brings together the most enthusiastic players of this unique sport from across the borders.

4 categories

Junior Category

- U15 Division (12–15 years)
- U18 Division (15–18 years)
- Match Format: tournament games, and at least 1 playoff/friendly game



Adult Category - open gender mix

- Intermediate Division (16+)
- Pro Division (16+)
- Match Format: tournament games, and at least 1 playoff/friendly game

- Matches follow International Kin-Ball Federation (IKBF) rules, with minor adjustments
- Open gender mix: at least 2 women per team, minimum 1 men and 1 woman on the court
- Full game schedule released after team registrations
- Participant's age on August 10th 2026



Day 1- Aug 10	Arrival of teams Captains' & Officials' Meeting Welcome Cocktail
Day 2 -Aug 11	Matches (Junior & Adult) 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Opening Ceremony
Day 3- Aug 12	Matches (Junior & Adult) 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Day 4- Aug 13	Matches (Junior & Adult) 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Day 5- Aug 14	Semi-final Rounds
Day 6- Aug 15	Finals, Awards Closing Ceremony
Day 7-Aug 16	Departure



Registration procedure

What you have to do

February 1st 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete and send the intention letter form• Complete the service application form
March 1st 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay the team registration and administration fees 1465\$ (adult), 1350\$(junior)• Pay the administration fee (players, coaching staff)- 65\$
March 15th 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay deposit of 25% on the total amount for reservation services (accommodation and catering) (non-refundable)
May 30th 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the payment of the total amount
July 1st 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send all forms for participants (Medical, Declaration of consent, Parental Consent for minor participants)

Please send your letter of intent by indicating "INTENTION" in the email subject bar to **kinball.americachampionship@gmail.com**

If you want to participate in the competition, but you can't gather enough people to form a team, please let us know via the organization's email address. We will put you in touch with teams where players are missing.

Prices Breakdown

Price \$/per pers	Adult	Junior
Team registration*	244\$	225\$
Administration fees	65\$	65\$
Room (6 nights)	372\$	372\$
Food (5 days + 1 breakfast)	287\$	287\$
Total	958\$	949\$
Welcoming cocktail & Fairwell party	to be announced	to be announced

*Price based on team of 6 members



Immigration and Visa information

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The organizing committee will provide support to athletes who require assistance with immigration or visa procedures.

We recommend that participants begin their visa application process as early as possible, as processing times may vary depending on the country of origin.

For official information on visitor visas for Canada, please consult the Government of Canada website:

www.canada.ca

How to apply for a Visitor Visa – Government of Canada



Geographical location



Arrival and Departure

Participants must arrive at the competition site on August 10. Departure will be on the morning of August 16.

Airport

Most international flights arrive at Montreal's Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport (YUL), approximately 90 minutes from Sherbrooke by car. Some international flights arrive at Quebec City's Jean-Lesage International Airport (YQB), about 2 hours and 30 minutes from Sherbrooke by car.

From	To Sherbrooke	
	In Km	In Time
Montréal	148	1h30
Québec	236	2h30
Drummondville	79	55 min
Ottawa (Ontario)	350	3h40
Toronto (Ontario)	701	6h45
Portland (Maine)	292	4h
Boston (Massachusetts)	425	4h
New York (New York)	661	7h

Shuttle Service

Aéronavette provides direct transportation between Trudeau International Airport and Sherbrooke 24/7. Individual and group rates are available. 175 \$ +tx (2 ways)

Rental Cars

The most flexible option is to rent a car directly at the airport. Multiple rental agencies operate on-site.

Coach Services

Coach companies offer trips between Montreal and Sherbrooke for approximately 65\$ per person per trip.



Public transportation

Sherbrooke has a great bus service. You can have transport for 3.50\$ one way or a day pass for 12.50\$.

Rental Bicycle

Electric bike rental stations are available



Appendix



Open America Kin Ball Sport
August 10 to 16, 2026



Sherbrooke
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Available Hotels

Sherbrooke has over 750 hotel rooms to suit all tastes and budgets. Here's a summary of the main hotels and their capacities.



LODGING ESTABLISHMENT	approx / per night (\$CAN)
Hôtel Delta Sherbrooke	229\$
OTL Gouverneur Sherbrooke	214\$
Grand Times Hotel	231\$
Hôtel Le Président	150\$
Comfort Inn	172\$
Hôtellerie Jardins de Ville	110\$
Motel le Floral	176\$
Quality Hôtel & Suites	164\$



Discover Sherbrooke & the Eastern Townships

A region known for nature, culture, and exceptional food—all just minutes from the venue.

Outdoor Highlights

- Parc du Mont-Bellevue – Hiking & mountain biking in the city
- Lac des Nations – Scenic 3.4 km lakeside walk
- Mont-Orford National Park – Beaches, viewpoints, and top-tier trails

Culture & City Life

- Sherbrooke Murals – Free open-air art tour
- Nature & Science Museum – Interactive and family-friendly
- Historic Downtown – Cafés, boutiques, local architecture

Near Bishop's University

- Riverside walking paths
- Lennoxville's charming village
- Cozy cafés, pubs, and green spaces

Local Food Scene

- Artisan cheese makers
- Microbreweries
- Bakeries & chocolate shops
- Farmers' markets with regional products

Easy Day Trips

- Magog & Lake Memphremagog (20 min) – Beaches, cruises, shopping
- North Hatley (10 min) – One of Quebec's prettiest lakeside villages
- Coaticook (30 min) – Nature, trails & the famous ice cream



Weather in Sherbrooke – August

August offers **warm, sunny, and comfortable** weather—perfect for sports and sightseeing.

Daytime: 22°C–27°C **Evenings:** 12°C–17°C **Humidity:** Moderate **Rain:** Occasional

Overall: Long sunny days ideal for travel and outdoor events



Contact



For Additional Information

For any further information, please contact us. We will be pleased to answer your questions.

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For Urgent Assistance, Please Contact:

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Thanks to our partners

