

European business schools gather at HEC Paris for the 26th “MBA Olympics”

HEC PARIS, LBS, IE finish in TOP 3


1,500 MBA student athletes competed in 23 different sports last week-end. For the past 26 years, the “MBAT” Tournament has been held and organized at HEC Paris. Students from all over Europe left their Excel spreadsheets, market segmentations, and SPSS analyses to challenge one another in climbing, swimming, running, and other sports activities.

A multicultural experience

This year’s MBAT gathered more than 70 nationalities from 17 leading business schools in Europe: Cambridge Judge Business School, Cass School of Management, Cranfield School of Management, ESADE, ESMT – European School of Management and Technology, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, IE Business School – Instituto de la Empresa, IESE Business School – Universidad de Navarra, IMD, Lancaster University, LBS – London Business School, Manchester Business School, Oxford Said, RSM Erasmus – Rotterdam School of Management, Tias School for Business and Society, St. Gallen Business School, and HEC Paris.

HEC Paris, LBS and IE business school finished in Top 3 at this year’s MBAT edition.

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2016 Schools Ranking



Rank	School	Points
1	HEC Paris	237
2	LBS	222
3	IE	214
4	Oxford	193
5	Cambridge	189
6	Esade	148
7	RSM	92
8	Manchester	91
9	Frankfurt	59
10	IESE	49
11	Cranfield	34
12	St Gallen	30
13	ESMT	29
14	TIAS	28
15	Lancaster	24
16	Cass	20
17	IMD	8

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Badminton	HEC Paris	Oxford	LBS
Basketball (Men)	IE	HEC Paris	LBS
Basketball (Women)	LBS	Esade	IE
Battle of the Bands	Manchester	HEC Paris	LBS
Beach volleyball	Oxford	IE	HEC Paris
Billiard	HEC Paris	IESE	LBS / Esade
Chess	Frankfurt	HEC Paris	Cam. / Manch.
Cricket	Oxford	HEC Paris	LBS
Extreme Dodgeball	Oxford	Cambridge	Manchester
Foosball	LBS	ESMT	HEC Paris
Football (Men)	Esade	HEC Paris	IE
Football (Women)	Esade	IE	Cambridge
Golf	Esade	LBS	Oxford
Petanque	HEC Paris	RSM	IE
Poker	RSM	LBS	TIAS
Relay	Cambridge	Oxford	LBS
Rock climbing	HEC Paris	Cambridge	Esade
Rowing	Oxford	Cambridge	Oxford
Rugby	IE	Cambridge	IE
Salsa	IE	RSM	Cambridge
Swimming	LBS	Cambridge	Oxford
Table Tennis	LBS	HEC Paris	IE
Tennis	Esade	Frankfurt	IE
Touch Rugby	IESE	IE	HEC / Oxford
Ultimate Frisbee	Cambridge	IE	LBS



This student-run event provides future leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to compete, network, and celebrate in an environment that reflects an increasingly global economy. “As multicultural workplaces are becoming the norm for many employers, the MBAT truly prepares participants for their future career through teamwork in an international context” says Sue Jean Tay, who is Co-President for HEC Paris MBAT and is leading the student body in organizing the 2016 edition of the games.

The opportunity to foster lifelong connections

26 years after its inception, the MBAT gives participants the chance not only to challenge themselves but also to create new friendships and develop their network. In this context, the organizing team launch a new initiative this year called the “*All Stars*”, with a goal to make these bonds even stronger by having players from other schools in the same team. “In a regular tournament, competitiveness and pride about your own program can be strong. The All Star Game initiative is all about having fun, integrating and creating a friendly atmosphere and fantastic experience between schools” says Paolo Durand, VP Sports for HEC Paris MBAT.



A leadership exercise

“Far from being just a sporting event, it’s the biggest gathering of MBA students in Europe” mentions Andrea Masini, Associate Dean of the HEC Paris MBA. Accordingly, the event is fully integrated to the HEC Paris MBA curriculum to ensure its success. More than 200 students work together every year to develop their leadership skills and manage every aspect of the MBAT from marketing, partnerships, and logistics to university relations, finance, IT and sports.

The 2016 sponsors of HEC Paris MBAT included Uber, iHealth, Prodigy Finance and more. More information: www.mbat.org/mbat/home

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Founded in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, HEC Paris is a founding member of the Université Paris-Saclay. It boasts a faculty of 138 full-time professors, more than 4,400 students and over 8,000 managers and executives in training each year.

HEC Paris was ranked second business school in Europe by the Financial Times’ overall business school ranking in December 2015.

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