## SPORT IN ROMANIA





#### We are the Romanian team:

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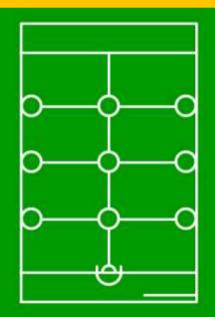
# Let's start from the beginnings, shall we?

Sports in Romania are an important part of the country's culture. Romania has risen to prominence in a number of sporting areas in recent decades.

The first documented sport is "Oina", a sport similar in many ways to baseball.

Oină was first mentioned during the rule of Vlaicu Vodă in 1364, when it spread all across Wallachia. In 1899, Spiru Haret, the minister of education decided that oină was to be played in schools in physical education classes. He organized the first annual oină competitions.

The sport is still enjoyed even today, with anual competitions and many teams fighting for the title of champion.



All competitions are organized by the governing body, the Romanian Oină Federation ("Federația Română de Oină" - FRO).

The main competitions are:

- The National Championship
- The Romanian Cup
- The Romanian Supercup
- The National Junior Championship

Here are some of the best teams:

- Avântul Vorona;
- Frontiera Tomis Constanța;
- Straja București;



# And here are the sports were all common with:

- Team sports: Football; Volleyball; Handball; Basketball; Rugby
- Individual sports: Gymnastics; Tennis; Boxing; Rowing and canoeing; Chess; Fencing; Motorsports
- And the newest of them all: eSports
- Romania is very diverse, we play them all!
- And we have a full arsenal of worldwide sports celebrities such as: Nadia Comaneci, Simona Halep, Ilie Năstase, Helmuth Duckadam and Gheorghe Hagi.

### We all love football, right?

Football is the most popular sport in Romania.

The Romania national football team played its first match in 1922 and is one of only four national teams to have taken part in the first three World Cups.

Overall, we played in seven World Cups, most recently in 1998 and also competed in four European Championships, most recently in 2016.



Some say that the most successful period was in the 1990s when led by **Gheorghe Hagi**, our national team reached the quarterfinals of the 1994 World Cup. (https://youtu.be/q3dtpy8gDZ0?t=170)<sup>7</sup>



Other living legends you may know may include: **Helmuth Duckadam**, a famous goalkeeper and surely a mentor to many.

He was dubbed "the Hero of Seville" due to his display in the 1986 European Cup Final, won by his main club Steaua Bucureşti. He represented three other teams in a 14-year senior career.

(https://youtu.be/62r4xPxV5t0?t=35)

#### ...And maybe our youngest goalgater: Adrian Mutu

From his international debut in 2000, Mutu played 77 matches for the Romanian national team and scored 35 goals, a joint record alongside Gheorghe Hagi. He was included in the country's squads at the European Championship in 2000 and 2008. Also, he is a four-time winner of the Romanian Footballer of the Year award. (https://youtu.be/O0LRwJ-7dHo?t=109)



#### **Also handball:**

- **Cristina Georgiana Neagu** is a prolific goalscorer, European Championship's all-time leader in goals scored (237) and often considered the best handball player in the world and rated by many in the sport as the greatest of all time.
- She is the only female handball player in history to win four IHF World Player of the Year awards (in 2010, 2015, 2016 and 2018). (https://youtu.be/n9ineuu8tcM?t=35)





# Another sport we're known for is Gymnastics

Nadia Comăneci is one of the world's best-known gymnasts and is credited with popularizing the sport around the globe. In 2000, she was named as one of the Athletes of the 20th Century by the Laureus World Sports Academy.

She was known for her clean technique, innovative and difficult original skills, and her stoic, cool demeanor in competition. On the balance beam, she was the first gymnast to successfully perform an aerial walkover and an aerial cartwheel-back handspring flight series. She is also credited as being the first gymnast to perform a double-twist dismount. Her skills on the floor exercise included a tucked double back salto and a double twist. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yi\_5xbd5xdE)

# And who would forget our amazing tennis players:



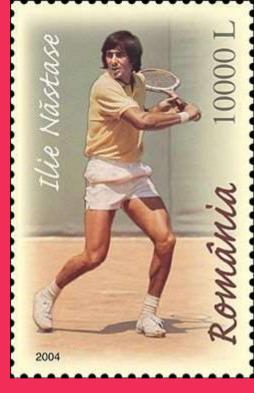
Simona Halep:

The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) ranked her world No. 1 in singles on two separate occasions between 2017 and 2019. She reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time on October 9, 2017. On her second occasion, she held the ranking for 48 consecutive weeks. In total, she has been No. 1 for 64 weeks, which ranks tenth in the history of female tennis. Halep was the year-end No. 1 in 2017 and 2018. (https://youtu.be/B8Y1kRnrBms?t=152)

**Ilie Năstase** is one of the ten players in history who have won more than 100 ATP professional titles (58 singles and 45 in doubles). He was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1991. Năstase won seven Grand Slam titles: two in singles, three in men's doubles and two in mixed doubles. He also won four Masters Grand Prix year-end championship titles and seven Championship Series titles, the precursors to the current Masters 1000.

He is the first male player to have won a French Open title without dropping a set (1973).

(https://youtu.be/4liRiHs5taI?t=10)



### **Our fencing champion:**

Ana Maria Popescu impressed us all with her fast reflexes and amazing tactics. Always thinking on her feet and quickly adapting to any situation, she managed to win multiple awards along her career.

She won the women's épée World Cup series a record-equalling three times, with thirteen World Cup titles to her name. With the Romanian team she was twice World champion (2010 and 2011) and six-times European champion.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGAXjUotZSM)



#### Or our famous boxers such as:

- **Catalin Moroşanu** scored fifteen consecutive wins in the SUPERKOMBAT Fighting Championship and also holds the longest win streak in SUPERKOMBAT history. He has notable wins in the Romanian circuit against: Anderson Silva, Carter Williams and Stefan Leko. When he competed in the Local Kombat promotion, he beat Mighty Mo, Gary Goodridge, Freddy Kemayo and Sergei Gur.
- Moroșanu is known for his wild, brawling fighting style. He has stated that he is a fan of Bob Sapp, and even went so far as to compare his fighting style to him.
- As of 1 November 2018, he is #10 contender in the world in official GLORY heavyweight rankings.



#### As about eSports:

- Some players you might recognize are:
- Cosmin-Mihai "cosmeeeN" Butuc (CS:GO)
- Robert "shadder2k" Mocanu (Overwatch)
- Andrei "Odoamne" Pascu (LOL)
- Dima "Rdu" Radu (G2 eSports Hearthstone)
- Haralambie "Tedi" Teodor Oancea (Giants Gaming Fortnite)



In the end, we couldn't omit giving at least a shout-out to our 2 major eSports organizations: **Nexus Gaming** and **RedFear eSports** 



# THANK YOU for your attention

### Feel free to ask any questions!