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Fair Play and Team Spirit Scored a Victory in the 16th Business Leaders Olympics

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Sofia, 1 July 2019. The **Business Leaders Olympics** that we held on 29 July 2019 grew into a festival of fair play, team spirit and a healthy and active lifestyle. Staff members and managers of **over 25 leading companies** joined the 16th edition of BBLF's popular event demonstrating their winning spirit in the games. The event took place in the excellent campus of the **Anglo-American School in Sofia (AAS)** where guests took advantages of indoor and outdoor playgrounds and green areas.

This year's front-runner in team sports is **United Bulgarian Bank** with a total of 12 honours: 5 golden, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals. Staff members of Postbank, Speedy, Alaric, Astra Zeneca, Curtis/Balkan, Cordeel and many more triumphed in the individual races ([list of champions](#)).

The Business Leaders Olympics, one of our most popular events, convened member-companies and partners from the business community, NGO and the public sector for a day of games and entertainment. Attendees were greeted by **Doncho Barbalov, Deputy Mayor of Sofia** and **Jim Urquhart, AAS director**.

„Throughout the last 16 years the Olympics has shown that our responsible business community practices what it preaches: it cares for employees and their families and fosters team spirit and sportsmanship. I wish you enjoy the experience and may the best players and teams triumph as our new champions”, **Levon Hampartzoumyan, BBLF Chairman**, said before he launched the races in football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, table tennis, darts, salsa, chess, badminton and arm wrestling.

As most years, one of the most hotly contested races took place on the football playground with UBB scooping the **First Investment Bank Football Cup**. Speedy ranked second and Gugushev & Partners law office took the bronze.

Siemens players won the **CEZ Volleyball Cup** followed by the corporate teams of UBB and Alaric.

UBB took the **Cadillac Bulgaria Basketball Cup**. CEZ ranked second for the second time in a row and Siemens ranked third.

The **BNP Paribas Tennis Cup** champions are Martin Nikolov from Postbanl and Krasimira Danailova from Speedy.

Alexander Galabov from UBB and Vesela Asenova from Cordeel scooped the **UniCredit Bulbank Table Tennis Cup**.

Ekaterina Ancheva and Stanimira Nikolova, both from UBB conquered the **Astra Zeneca Salsa Cup** and the **Speedy Darts Cup**, respectively.

Andrey Manev won the **Penkov, Markov & Partners Chess Cup** where players had the chance of playing against the 2018 national cadet champions.

World champion Hristo Delidzhakov was the referee in the **arm wrestling** where Maria Elena Boyadzhieva and Viktor Dardanov from Alaric took the two prizes. UBB's Ekaterina Venelinova also won the **badminton** race along with Kaloyan Asenov from Cordeel.

Attendees of the event which was hosted by TV anchor Ganiela Angelova from Bulgaria on Air TV tried their luck in a **lottery** winning over 60 prizes provided pro bono by BBLF members and partners.

