

European Elite Championships 2008 – Liverpool, England

A total of 10 countries will be represented in the finals of the European Elite Championships in Liverpool, England with Russia boasting five finalists, the Ukraine four, Armenia and Belarus with three, Bulgaria with two and England, Germany, Hungary, Spain, Sweden with one apiece.

The finals of the 2008 European Elite Championships will take place in the Echo Arena on Saturday with Friday being a rest day starting at 19:00.

Here are the finalists by weight:

48kg

Hovhannes Danielyan (Armenia) – 21-year-old Danielyan has developed well lately. After collecting many medals in different junior and cadet tournaments he was a quarterfinalist in the AIBA World Championship Chicago 2007 and competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. His best ever result is a bronze medal in the last European Elite Championships in 2006.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 19-year-old Istvan Uugvari (Hungary) 4:2

Quarterfinals - beat Multiple English national champion and 2007 EU Elite Championships runner-up Darren Langley (England) 7:3

Preliminaries - Bye

José Kelvin De La Nieve (Spain) – 22-year-old Cuban-born De La Nieve is the best Spanish boxer on the circuit, being the only Spanish boxer to represent his country at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 2008 Ahmet Cömert Tournament winner Eerhat Pehlivan (Turkey) 6:6

Quarterfinals - beat 24-year-old Lukasz Maszczyk (Poland) - a quarterfinalist in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and a multiple Feliks Stamm Tournament winner - 7:3

Preliminaries - Bye

51kg

Georgiy Chygayev (Ukraine) – 25-year-old Ukrainian moved up from 48kg for this tournament. A quarterfinalist in the AIBA World Championships Chicago 2007, Chygayev also competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and won the 2008 Ahmet Cömert Tournament and 2008 Klichko Brothers Tournament.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Munin Veli (Macedonia) 8:4

Quarterfinals - beat Francisco Torrijos Portillo (Spain) 8:0

Preliminaries – beat 21-year-old Derenik Gizhlaryan (Armenia) 13:3

Salomo N'Tuве (Sweden) – 19-year-old Swede is in his first major tournament and is rewriting the history books having won Sweden's first European Championships medal since 2000 (Andreas Gustavsson won a 91kg bronze) and it's first chance at a gold since the 1950s. Having been born in Tanzania, N'Tuве moved to Sweden with his family in 1996 and has big plans for his boxing career whilst studying economy at Angered Gymnasium, targeting the 2012 Olympic Games.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 19-year-old Alexandr Riscan (Moldova) - a bronze medallist at the 2008 University World Champs and took a silver medal in the 2006 Cadet European Champs - 5:0

Quarterfinals - beat Bato-Munko Vankeyeu (Belarus) 6:5

Preliminaries – beat Conor Ahearn (Ireland) via disqualification

54kg

Detelin Dalakiev (Bulgaria) – 25-year-old Dalakiev was a bronze medallist at the 2003 World Championships in Bangkok and a silver medallist at the 2006 European Championships. It was a big surprise when he didn't qualify for the Beijing Olympics.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Andrew Selby (Wales) 7:0

Quarterfinals - beat Martin Parlagi (Slovakia) 4:0

Preliminaries - beat Dennis Ceylan (Armenia) 4:2

Preliminaries - bye

Luke Campbell (England) – Two-times English national champion Campbell won the 2008 Sheffield and Tammer Tournament in Tampere and he has suffered only one defeat this year.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Denis Makarov (Germany) 4:1

Quarterfinals - beat 24-year-old Eduard Abzalimov (Russia) – a new Russian champion Abzalimov's biggest result is a Junior European title in 2001 – 3:2

Preliminaries - beat 25-year-old Veaceslav Gojan (Moldova) – a 2002 European Championships silver medallist who went up from 48kg to bantamweight only in January where he has performed superbly, claiming an excellent bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games – 7:4

Preliminaries – beat Nikola Maglovac (Serbia) 7:1



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57kg

Vasyl Lomachenko (Ukraine) – The 20-year-old Olympic champion is the biggest star in the European Championships. He won the 2006 Junior World Championships title, took a silver medal at the AIBA World Championships Chicago 2007 and was awarded the Val Barker Trophy at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games as the best boxer. He is unbeaten this year.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 23-year-old Hicham Ziouti (France) – 2006 European Union Senior Champion and 2008 Bocskai Memorial Tournament winner – 2:1

Quarterfinals - beat David Oliver Joyce (Ireland) – a two-times national champion and 2008 European Union Senior Championships winner – 10:2

Preliminaries - beat Vladimir Nikiforov (Estonia) 10:2

Araik Ambartsumov (Russia) – A new Russian national champion, the European Elite Championships are the first major international tournament for the 22-year-old.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 25-year-old Bashir Hassan (Sweden) – an experienced boxer who finished third at the 2nd European Olympic Qualification Tournament in Athens in May. Born in Somalia, Hassan has been a member of the Swedish team since 2002 - 9:2

Quarterfinals - beat Mirsa Ahmeti (Croatia) 13:0

Preliminaries - beat Alessio Di Savino (Italy) – a two-times Italian national champion who won the 2nd European Olympic Qualification Tournament in Athens to qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Preliminaries - bye

60kg

Leonid Kostylev (Russia) – 19-year-old Kostylev won the 2008 Russian National Championships without any trouble but this is his first international tournament.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal – beat 21-year-old Miklos Varga (Hungary) – a silver medallist in the 2008 European Union Senior Championships and a 2008 Beijing Olympian – 11:2

Quarterfinals - beat 26-year-old Rachid Azzedine (France) – a 2008 Tammer Tournament winner in Tampere and 2008 Boxam champion in Spain – 9:3

Preliminaries - beat Steven Sharoudi (Scotland) 9:5

Preliminaries - bye

Vazgen Safaryants (Belarus) – 24-year-old Armenian-born Safaryants won a bronze medal in the 2006 European Senior Champs.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Ross Hickey (Ireland) 9:3

Quarterfinals - beat 23-year-old Tom Stalker (England) – a national champion who started boxing at age 19.

Biggest result is a gold medal at the 2008 European Union Senior Champs – 6:4



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Preliminaries - beat 24-year-old Georgian Popescu (Romania) – a quarterfinalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics – 5:4

Preliminaries – beat Filip Palic (Croatia) 11:7

64kg

Gyula Kate (Hungary) – The 26-year-old experienced Hungarian won the 2000 Junior World Championships title and claimed bronze at the 2003 World Championships, the 2004 and 2006 European Championships. He also competed in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games.

Semifinal - beat 21-year-old John Joe Joyce (Ireland) – a Junior European Championships bronze medallist and competed at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games where he beat Kate – 8:2

Quarterfinals - beat 22-year-old Maksim Ignatyev (Russia) – a two-times Russian national champion who moved up a division from lightweight winning the 2007 Popenchenko Memorial Tournament and 2008 Chemistry Cup, where he beat Olympic Champion Felix Manuel Diaz of the Dominican Republic – 8:4

Preliminaries - beat Dzemal Fatahovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) 8:0

Preliminaries – bye

Eduard Ambartsumyan (Armenia) – 22-year-old Russian-born Ambartsumyan won the 2008 Boxam Tournament and competed at the Beijing Olympics.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Marcin Legowski (Poland) 8:1

Quarterfinals - beat Vjaceslaw Kerber (Germany) 11:4

Preliminaries - beat 20-year-old Egidijus Kavaliauskas (Lithuania) – a 2008 Beijing Olympian – 6:3

Preliminaries – beat 19-year-old Denis Lazarev (Ukraine) – a big talent who finished second at the 2008 Klichko Brothers Tournament and is a Cadet World and European champion - 9:5

69kg

Mohamed Nurudzinou (Belarus) – A young boxer who is competing in his first international tournament.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 25-year-old Abdulkadir Koroglu (Turkey) – a silver medallist at the 2001 Junior European Championships and runner-up at the 2007 Ahmet Cömert Tournament – 13:5

Quarterfinals - beat Velibor Vidic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) 5:0

Preliminaries - beat Turben Keller (Denmark) 11:4

Preliminaries - bye

Jack Robert Culcay (Germany) – 23-year-old Ecuador-born Culcay was a quarterfinalist at the AIBA World Championships Chicago 2007 and won the 2008 Beogradski Pobednik title while also having competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 23-year-old Jaouid Chiguer (France) – a 2008 Beijing Olympian – 9:1



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Quarterfinals - beat 26-year-old Aleksandr Rakislov (Russia) – a new Russian champion, Rakislov has won the 2007 Grand Prix Ostrava and 2008 Golden Belt Tournaments. The European Elite Championships are his first major tournament – 6:3

Preliminaries - beat William McLaughlin (Ireland) 7:2

Preliminaries - Dmytro Mytrofanov (Ukraine) 15:3

75kg

Maksim Koptyakov (Russia) – 21-year-old Koptyakov is a 2005 Junior European champion and a 2008 Russian national champion.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Eamon O'Kane (Ireland) 10:2

Quarterfinals - beat Mikalai Vesialou (Belarus) 12:3

Preliminaries - beat 24-year-old Naim Terbunja (Sweden) – Albania-born Terbunja has won the 2007 Grand Prix Ostrava, the 1st European Olympic Qualification Tournament and the 2008 Tammer Tournament in Tampere. He also competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics - 7:5

Preliminaries - bye

Ivan Sinay (Ukraine) – The 21-year-old Ukrainian national champ finished third at the 2005 European Junior Championships and won the 2007 Makar Mazay Tournament.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Victor Cotujanshii (Moldova) 8:4

Quarterfinals - beat 26-year-old Istvan Szili (Hungary) – a three-times national champion Szili missed the 2008 Olympics after he was unlucky in the qualification tournaments. He won 2008 Boxam Tournament in Spain - 13:5

Preliminaries - beat Mladen Manev (Bulgaria) – 8:1

Preliminaries - bye

81kg

Siarhei Korneyev (Belarus) – Young Korneyev won bronze at the 2008 University World Championships.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Rene Krause (Germany) 8:3

Quarterfinals - beat 19-year-old Obed Mbwakongo (England) – a bronze medallist at the 2005 Cadet World Champs and the 2006 Junior World Champs. The 2007 English national title holder - 13:6

Preliminaries - beat 24-year-old Constantin Bejenaru (Romania) – a bronze medallist at the 2006 European Elite Championships and a silver medallist at the 2007 European Union Senior Champs - 16:9

Preliminaries - bye

Oleksandr Usik (Ukraine) – 21-year-old Usik won the 2008 Standja Tournament, the 1st European Olympic Qualification Tournament and the 2008 Klichko Brothers Tournament. He competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Nikolajs Grishunins (Latvia) 5:4



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Quarterfinals - beat 22-year-old Bahram Muzaffer (Turkey) – a bronze medallist at the 2007 European Union Championships and 2008 University World Champs. He was a silver medallist at the 2005 Junior European Champs. He also competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games - 12:3

Preliminaries - beat Bosko Draskovic (Montenegro) - 8:0

Preliminaries – beat 23-year-old Aleksandr Moskovskiy (Russia) – a Russian national champion and 2008 Boxam Tournament winner – 10:6

91kg

Egor Mekhontsev (Russia) – a 24-year-old two-times national champion who was a quarterfinalist at the 2005 World Senior Championships and a 2007 Grand Prix Ostrava winner.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 24-year-old Petrisor Gananau (Romania) – a bronze medallist at the 2002 Junior World Championships in Cuba and a 2008 Golden Belt Tournament winner - 5:2

Quarterfinals - beat Stephen Simmons - 12:1

Preliminaries - beat Nasi Hani (Macedonia) – RSCI R4

Preliminaries – bye

Tsolak Ananikyan (Armenia) – the surprise of the 91kg division after beating the European champion in the quarterfinals, Ananikyan has previously reached the last 16 of the AIBA World Championships Chicago 2007 but failed to qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal – beat 23-year-old Jozsef Darnos (Hungary) – a four-times national champion who was a quarterfinalist at the 2005 and 2007 World Senior Championships and the winner of the 007 Beogradski Pobednik and 2008 Bocskai Memorial Tournaments - 5:4

Quarterfinals - beat 22-year-old Denis Poyatsika (Ukraine) – a three-times national champion and the defending European champion. A winner at the 2008 AIBA President's Cup in Taipei, Poyatsika also missed out on qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Olympics - 8:7

Preliminaries - beat 29-year-old Vitalijus Subacius (Lithuania) – has represented Lithuania on the international stage since 2000. He was a quarterfinalist at the 2005 World Senior Championships and won the 2007 Bocskai Memorial Tournament - 8:3

Preliminaries – beat 30-year-old Ilias Pavlidis (Greece) – The Russian-born Pavlidis was a quarterfinalist at the 2004 Athens Olympics and won the 2008 European Union Senior Championship title. He has also competed in 2008 Beijing Olympic Games - 7:4

+91kg

Denis Sergeev (Russia) – the 26-year-old two-times Russian national champion replaced Beijing Olympian Islam Timurziyev, and won the 2008 Zlatko Hrbic Tournament.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat Memnun Hadzic (Belarus) – RET R3

Quarterfinals - beat Mikhaili Sheibak (Bosnia and Herzegovina) - 7:4

Preliminaries - beat Andrew Wyn Jones (Wales) – RSC R4



Kubrat Pulev (Bulgaria) – the 27-year-old experienced Pulev has been a member of the Bulgarian team since 2001. He won bronze medals at the 2005 World Championships and 2006 European Championships.

2008 European Elite Championships Results

Semifinal - beat 27-year-old Roman Kapitanenko (Ukraine) – the Ukrainian national champion and 2007 Algirdas Socikas Tournament winner - 6:4

Quarterfinals - beat 27-year-old Marko Tomasovic (Croatia) – a Beijing Olympian and first round loser at the AIBA World Championships Chicago 2007 - RSC R2

Preliminaries - beat Primislav Dimovski (Macedonia) – 2:2