

# SPORTS IN HERAKLION



# TEAM SPORTS

- ▶ Football
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Dancing
- ▶ Gymnastics

# Football



- ▶ Football is the most popular sport of all. The organization in charge of Heraklion's sports is ΔΟΠΑΦΜΑΗ and especially for football is called ΕΠΣΗ. There are local teams such as: Ergotelis, OFI which play in the professional Greek football league . Also, some Heraklion's teams play in the Cretan nonprofessional championship. Lastly, Ε.Π.Σ.Η in cooperation with the state organizes championships for local football teams for children up to 15 years old with basic criterion the age of the children.
- ▶ Venues: PanCretan stadium <http://www.aahaeota.gr/en> (this is where Ergotelis plays football), Theodoros Vardinogiannis stadium. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodoros\\_Vardinogiannis\\_Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodoros_Vardinogiannis_Stadium) ( this is where OFI plays football).

# Basketball

Basketball is a very well-known sport ,also . The organization which is responsible for Heraklion's basketball is called E.KA.Σ.K. There are not any Heraklion's basketball team in 1<sup>st</sup> Greek Basketball league . But E.KA.Σ.K. in cooperation with ΔΟΠΑΦΜΑΗ organizes the Cretan unprofessional basketball championship. Lastly, state organizes championships for basketball teams from all over the county of Heraklion for children up to 16 years old with basic criterion the age of the children.

Venues: Lido indoor stadium, new Heraklion indoor stadium <http://www.aahaeota.gr/>



# Dancing - Gymnastics

Dancing: In Heraklion there are a lot of dance academies. Each is divided to separated classes, such as: hip hop , ballet , classic etc. There is no competitiveness or championship between academies but in the end of the year classes of each academy present their dancing exhibition in the open theatre named “Νίκος Καζαντζάκης”.

Gymnastics: In Heraklion there are many gymnastics academies . There is not any competitiveness or championship between academies in Heraklion. But, some teams go to a PanHellenic gymnastics competition which is held in Athens annually.



# INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Martial arts
- ▶ Swimming

# Tennis

- ▶ There are some tennis clubs in Heraklion . The organization in charge of tennis in Heraklion is E.Φ.O.A <http://efoa.gr/> . Tennis clubs in Heraklion have competitions with other clubs. Also individual members can compete with others in organized competitions on a PanHellenic basis .
- ▶ Heraklion tennis clubs: Ace tennis academy <http://www.acetennis.gr/>, Heraklion tennis club <http://www.iraklioaa.gr/>



# Martial arts

- ▶ In Heraklion there are plenty of martial arts clubs, with many different specialized techniques <http://www.polemikes-tehnes.gr/index.php> . For instance, some kinds of martial arts are: Karate, Kick Boxing, Judo, Kendo, Kung Fu, Krav Maga etc.
- ▶ There is a competition in Crete between athletes in these clubs and also athletes can compete on a PanHellenic basis.





# Swimming

- ▶ There are many swimming clubs in Heraklion which take place certainly in Lido pool. The organization which is responsible for Heraklion swimming is the Hellenic Swimming Federation <http://www.koe.org.gr/> . Moreover, some specialized swimming activities which you can find in Heraklion are: individual swimming, water polo and synchronized swimming .

Heraklion swimming clubs: Heraklion Argonauts <https://el-gr.facebook.com/argonautesirakliou> Heraklion swimming Club <http://www.koh.gr/index.php/el/>



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