

## Maccabiah

**Maccabi World Union (MWU)** was refounded in 1921 as the successor of the Jüdische Turnerschaft. Jüdische Turnerschaft was founded at 3<sup>rd</sup> Zionist congress in 1903 as a loose association of Eastern and Central European Jewish gymnastics clubs. The very name Maccabi pointed to Zionist orientation. "The name Maccabi symbolizes the commitment and the idea of a strong Jewish nation in a Jewish state. It is linked to the ancient maccabees and their courageous fight to establish the right to honor their religion and to have freedom of conscience and sovereignty." (Encyclopedia Judaica). Suggestion of Jewish Olympiads called Maccabiah was realized in 1932 for the first time. Special Winter Maccabiahs were held only two times in 1933 and in 1936. In 1931, MWU consisted of 27 national organizations with about 120.000 members.

### 1933

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Maccabiah in Zakopane (POL) Feb 02 - 05

There was an ice hockey tournament with 6 teams scheduled. In the first group, TCH, GER and HUN were to compete, in the second one AUT, POL and ROU. Winners of both groups had to play a final game. At last, three teams played a preliminary round. Final match of top two teams was omitted because of misty ice conditions.

	POL	ROU	gp	w	t	l	goals	pts
1. AUT	2: 0	3: 0	2	2	0	0	5: 0	4: 0
2. POL		2: 0	2	1	0	1	2: 2	2: 2
3. ROU			2	0	0	2	0: 5	0: 4

#### Maccabiah Champions:

Max, Kettner - Fluss, Wittmann-Donath, Pelzmann, Spira, Rosenfeld, Grünbaum, Perger

### 1936

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Maccabiah in Banská Bystrica (TCH) Feb 18 - 24

TCH - GER 2: 0 (1:0,0:0,1:0)

TCH: Dr. Lagus - Freund, Laufer - Robitschek, Margo I, Borger - Pollak, Stiastry, Perschau II

GER: Kobor - Brück, Granat - Bloch, Hirschberger, Wohlauer - Meyer, Schmoller, Kahn

scorers: 1:0 Pollak 7', 2:0 Borger

Other than the already mentioned teams, Austrians of Hakoah Wien would also compete. Caused by the weather there was only one ice hockey game held.

