

EFC Updates 2026 Event Schedule

EFC 138 moves to 1 October as the promotion heads into the final four events of the year



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EFC has confirmed an update to its 2026 event schedule, with EFC 138 moving forward one week to Thursday, 1 October at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The change comes as Africa's most watched MMA promotion prepares for a busy final stretch of 2026, beginning with EFC 137 on Thursday, 10 September.

Just over two weeks away, EFC 137 will see bantamweight champion Faez Jacobs step up a division in pursuit of double gold when he faces Chadrack Yemba for the interim EFC featherweight championship. The event remains unchanged and will take place at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg.

Three weeks later, attention turns to EFC 138 on its new date of Thursday, 1 October. Eight bouts have already been announced, bringing together established EFC competitors, international athletes, rising prospects and several professional debuts.

Confirmed EFC 138 bouts currently include:

Khanyo Maqam vs Osvaldo Benedito – Lightweight
Eduardo Barros vs Roeyan De Beer – Bantamweight
Laith Schulze vs Andile Gasa – Featherweight

Steven Goncalves vs Vince Bembe – Featherweight
Clelio Diogo vs Godfrey Mkhwanazi – Bantamweight
Mika Ngomane vs Devon Sarkis – Bantamweight
Kheola Godfrey vs Thapelo Malatjie – Flyweight
Itumeleng Mabilo vs Thembanani Mhlanga – Lightweight

Bouts are listed in no particular order, with the final bout order and further additions to the EFC 138 fight card still to be confirmed.

Following EFC 138, the 2026 calendar continues with EFC 139 on Thursday, 5 November, before EFC 140 closes out the year's numbered events on Thursday, 3 December.

EFC 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

EFC 137 | Thursday, 10 September
EFC 138 | Thursday, 1 October – NEW DATE
EFC 139 | Thursday, 5 November
EFC 140 | Thursday, 3 December

EFC 138 is presented by World Sports Betting and takes place on Thursday, 1 October at the WSB EFC Arena in Johannesburg, South Africa. Tickets and broadcast information are available at:

<https://efcworldwide.com>

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