



INVITATION

WELCOME TO FINLAND

Dear athletes, coaches and officials - Dear Goalball family.

A warm welcome to the 2025 IBSA Goalball European Championships at the Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center Finland! Our goal is to create a spectacular sport event as well as a unique atmosphere in the Athletes' Village in Pajulahti. Memories of our beautiful Finnish nature and the colorful Finnish fall time will last a lifetime.

We would like to thank IBSA for this honor and great opportunity to organize the IBSA Goalball European Championships in Pajulahti. This allows us to continue the great tradition of goalball events in Finland and at Pajulahti.

Welcome and see you in Pajulahti!

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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Day 1	Sunday	28.9.	Arrivals
Day 2-3,	Monday-Tuesday	29.-30.9.	Classification and Training
Day 3,	Tuesday	30.9.	Opening ceremony
Day 3,	Tuesday	30.9	Team Leaders' meeting
Day 4-6,	Wednesday - Friday	1.-2.10.	Round robin
Day 7,	Saturday	4.10.	Quarter finals, Semifinals
Day 8,	Sunday	5.10.	Placement and medal games
Day 8,	Sunday	5.10.	Closing ceremony
Day 9,	Monday	6.10.	Departure

Specific schedule will be published on our website during the summer 2025

ARRIVAL & TRANSPORTATION

Delegation arrivals are expected on Sunday 28th of September 2025 at Helsinki airport. HEL airport is the biggest airport in Finland. Over 130 direct destinations in 45 countries worldwide. The LOC will provide transportation services from the airport to Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. For more information please visit: www.finavia.fi/en/airports/helsinki-airport

ENTRIES

ISAS ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

It is mandatory to manage the entry of athletes using the IBSA ISAS database:

<https://isas.ibsasport.org/isas/entries/index>

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES

First deadline for request for classification form submission and MDFs to be uploaded: June 29 2025

Final deadline for request for classification form submission and MDFs to be uploaded: August 18 2025

Deadline of the entry by numbers (to LOC): April 30th 2025

Deadline of the entry by names (to LOC): August 20th 2025

ISAS Entry by number June 30th to July 30th

ISAS Entry by name July 20th to August 20th

Deadline of the entry by names: - 20 August 2025 six weeks before the first day of the competition, according to IBSA rules, to be able to arrange classification and the appropriate organisation of the competition. Entry forms after the deadline will not be accepted and means that the IBSA Member will not be able to enter their team in the competition. It is mandatory to manage the entry of athletes using the IBSA ISAS database: <https://isas.ibsasport.org/isas/entries/index>

All athletes participating must hold a current 2025 ISAS license.

For the accommodation and transportation booking the LOC will send a separate excel form to the teams. Teams will use this form to provide the information to the organizer.

Deadline of the accommodation and transportation booking: 20 August 2025



QUALIFIED TEAMS

Qualified men's teams based on the 2023 IBSA Goalball European Championships and the 2024 IBSA Goalball European Championships Division B:

Ukraine
Lithuania
Türkiye
Israel
Germany
Finland
Great Britain
Portugal
Montenegro
Poland

All women's teams in Europe are invited and eligible to register for this tournament. If 16 teams sign up, there will be a division into A and B categories. In this case, the following teams will qualify for Division A:

Türkiye
Israel
Greece
Great Britain
Finland
France
Ukraine
Germany
Poland
Spain

CLASSIFICATION

Classification will be done according to the IBSA Classification rules, 182-1-IBSA-Classification-rules-2018 (1).pdf

The Classification Process is as follows:

1. The first step in the classification process is to establish that the athlete has an Underlying Health Condition (UHC) that leads to an eligible vision impairment. This is done by classifiers who review the athlete's Medical Documentation Form (MDF) and supporting medical documents. This review takes place before the athlete is assigned a classification evaluation appointment. If the information is not complete, or there is not sufficient evidence of an UHC leading to an eligible vision impairment, the athlete will not be scheduled for a classification appointment.
2. Once an UHC is established, the athlete can be scheduled for a classification evaluation appointment.
3. At the classification evaluation appointment, the classification panel will
 - a. confirm (or not) the UHC,
 - b. if the UHC is confirmed, the classification panel will proceed with a vision assessment to determine
 - i. if the athlete meets the minimum impairment criteria,
 - ii. assign a sport class and sport class status to the athlete

Only athletes competing in this event can be classified.

All athletes must be licensed for the current year.

A Request for Classification Form must be submitted to classification@ibsasport.org

Submission Deadlines

- The First Deadline for Submission of a Request for Classification Form (by email to classification@ibsasport.org) and for uploading athlete MDFs and supporting medical tests in ISAS is June 29, 2025. Submissions received by this deadline, will be given first priority for allocation of a classification assessment slot at the competition. Athletes will be assigned a classification appointment only after the MDF and supporting medical documents have been approved by the classifiers as establishing an UHC, and any information requested on previous classification forms is submitted.
- Second Deadline: Submissions received after the first deadline (and by August 18) will be allocated a classification slot if available, on a first come first served basis. Athletes will be assigned a classification appointment (if available) only after the MDF and supporting medical documents have been approved by the classifiers as establishing an UHC.

Submissions received after August 18, will not be reviewed by classifiers or considered for this competition.

Only Athletes with a sport class status of Confirmed, Review or Review Fixed Date after international classification at the Competition will be eligible to compete.

ANTI-DOPING

ATHLETES' ELIGIBILITY

Any delegate is eligible to inscribe in the competition provided he/she is:

- Not under suspension for anti-doping rule violation (IBSA or any other ADO).
- Had sent to IBSA the Anti-Doping Education Certificate (valid)

DOPING CONTROL

In all IBSA Events it is mandatory to carry out anti-doping controls according to the regulations of the IPC and IBSA.

Doping Control will be carried out by the Sample Collection Authority appointed by LOC in accordance with IBSA the Anti-Doping Rules and management where all the data will manage by ADAMS.

Prior to doping control, athletes can take part in the awarding ceremony and fulfil their press commitments or receive medical treatment if needed. The selected competitors will be constantly accompanied by an official chaperone (appointed by the organising committee) from the time of notification until arriving at the Doping Control Station or ending the process. A person of the athletes' choice (team doctor, coach, trainer, delegation head etc.) may accompany them. IBSA keep the right to test any participating athlete beyond the above selection during an event. All additional tests are deemed in-competition tests. At its own discretion IBSA may allow Testing Authorities to conduct out-of-competition tests as well.

For more information; link to IBSA Anti-Doping Website

Participating Delegation Members are encouraged to complete online learning on anti-doping; link to WADA's ADEL system.

The National Federation is responsible for obtaining legal approval and permission for minor athletes to compete in competitions. When travelling with minors the team official/coach must have all the necessary documents in place that authorizes them to act on behalf of the parents/guardians "in loco parentis". This also applies to doping control. The National Federation must ensure that minor athletes have their parental/guardian permission to undergo testing.

ENTRY FEE

ENTRY FEES:

Personal entry fee is 155€/person/day in shared room (double or triple room). Single room 185€/person/day

Entry fee is intended PER PERSON in a shared DOUBLE or TRIPLE room.

Please note that accessible accommodation capacity is limited, so participants are expected to share double or triple rooms.

Number of single rooms is limited.

The fee covers accommodation, full board meals (from dinner on the arrival day to lunch on departure day), ceremonies, event transportation and IBSA capitation fee.

TIMING:

First step: 30th of April 2025. Fill out the first part of the official declaration form (first entry), by indicating the number of confirmed participants. After returning the first entry, we will send an invoice of the first 30% non-refundable payment. Payment terms: seven days after date of invoice.

Second step: 20th of August 2025. Fill the final list of participants accompanied by travel and accommodation details (second entry). After returning the second entry we will send an invoice of the final 70% payment of the total entry fee. Payment terms: seven days after date of invoice.

The LOC must receive the invoiced amounts in full. This means that all bank fees are the responsibility of the payer.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

The first payment 30% of the entry fee is non-refundable.

For any cancellation after the second entry from 20th of August to 5th of September the reimbursement is 30% of the personal entry fee.

Starting from 6th of September no reimbursement will be paid.

After the second entry cancellation is possible only with a medical certificate.

PAJULAHTI

Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center is part of the Sport Institute of Three Campuses which is the biggest sports institute and training center in Finland. It is also the only Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Finland, and as such, it specialises in endurance sports and paralympic modalities. Pajulahti is not only for the elite athlete, it is a major sports event host, an educational institute as well as a holiday and leisure resort. Located only 1,5 hours from Helsinki airport and 20 minutes from the city of Lahti, on the shores of Lake Iso-Kukkanen, a clean mid-size lake.

The IBSA Goalball European Championships will be played in two large sports hall in Pajulahti. Warm-up courts, gym and lakeside saunas are available for the athletes and staff. All the tournament venues are in Pajulahti area, including accommodation buildings, Game venues as well as the restaurant are within walking distance. No need for transportation during your stay.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on instagram @eurogoalball2025. Share your journey with #eurogoalball2025. Visit our website goalballfinland25.fi and find more information.



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ACCOMMODATION ●

- 1 SILMU 1: 1201 – 1217, 1301 – 1319, 1401 – 1407
- 2 SILMU 2: 501 – 511, 550 – 565, 512 – 513
- 3 SILMU 3: 10 – 18, 20 – 32, 40 – 52
- 4 SILMU 4: 60 – 68, 70 – 79, 80 – 88, 89 – 92
- 5 HOTEL RANTAPAJU: 101 – 114
- 6 HOTEL HOPEAPAJU: 601 – 620
- 7 HOTEL KANGASPAJU: A711–716 B21–726 E751–756
- 8 HOTEL KALLIOPAJU: 8101 – 8106, 8201 – 8206, 8301 – 8312, 8401 – 8412
- 9 HOTEL PUISTOPAJU:
A 9A101 – 9A108, 9A201 – 9A208 B 9B101 – 9B108, 9B201 – 9B208
C 9C101 – 9C108, 9C201 – 9C208 D 9D101 – 9D108, 9D201 – 9D208

BUILDINGS ●

MAIN BUILDING

ACTIVITIES ○

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| 10 Reception
Restaurant and cafe
Gym
Children's playground | 23 FOOTBALL FIELD
24 ARTIFICIAL TURF
25 BEACH FOOTBALL
26 TRACK & FIELD
27 TENNIS COURTS
28 PADEL COURT
29 CAMP FIRE
30 CANOEING
31 MINIGOLF
32 BEACH VOLLEY
33 PLAYGROUND
34 DISC GOLF
35 YARD GAME
36 ROCK ASH FIELD
37 BEACH FIELD
38 ADVENTURE PARK
39 ADVENTURE PARK
40 OUTDOOR GYM
41 FITNESS TRAILS
AND SKI TRACKS
42 OUTDOOR RECREATION
TRAILS |
| 11 Start lobby
Auditory and meeting rooms
Administration
Ball hall and dance studio
Training, Recovery
& Research Center
Massage and student massage
Testing 1, sports 1st floor
Testing 2, fitness 2nd floor
Library | |
| 12 NIKULA HALL
13 TENNIS HALL, courts 1 & 2,
STARJUMP
14 TENNIS HALL, courts 3 & 4
15 SPORTS HALL
16 ICE STADIUM
17 SWIMMING HALL
18 SAUNAS, LOUNGE with FIREPLACE
19 PAJULAHTI HALL
20 PAJUNPESÄ CAMP FIRE
21 LOUE CAMP FIRE
22 PAAHTIMO | |



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