



## INVITATION

# *2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football Nations Cup*

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025  
Kochi, Kerala, India**



*2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football  
Nations Cup*



**Welcome Message**

*Dear friends,*

*We are delighted to host the 2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football Nations Cup in India. We are confident that the event will live up to all expectations. We look forward to seeing you in great numbers and eager to take part in this event.*

*- Tournament Director & Project Director,  
Indian Blind Football Federation (LOC)*



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*The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) the official affiliate of the Indian Blind Sports Association, New Delhi (member of the International Blind Sports Federation) is delighted to take up the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) role for the 2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football Nations Cup*

### **DATES AND CONTACTS**

The 2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football Nations Cup will be held in [Kochi, India](#) from the 22nd September – 2nd October 2025.

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### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

#### **a) Travel to/from/in Kochi, India**

- **Airport:** [Cochin](#) International Airport (COK)

**Local transportation** between Cochin airport and the hotel will be provided to all accredited delegation members, from the official arrival day to the official departure day.

**National teams must provide information on travel arrangements.** Pickup at airport/ can only be guaranteed if the travel details are provided by the dates requested on the booking form. Teams have to arrive together as only one pick up and drop off per team can be arranged.

#### **b) Passports, Visas**

The participants need a valid passport and a visa for entering India.



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### THE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### SCHEDULE

Intention of Participation to LOC (Form 1): deadline April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025  
IBSA First request for classification (appendix): deadline June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025  
IBSA ISAS Entry by Number: deadline July 18<sup>th</sup> 2025  
IBSA Second request for classification (appendix): deadline August 11<sup>th</sup> 2025  
IBSA ISAS Entry by Name: deadline August 11<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Arrival of the teams: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 (Evening)  
Classification Period: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Opening Ceremony: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Opening Game: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Competition Period: 25<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
Closing Ceremony: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
Departure: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 (Morning)

A more detailed schedule of the event can be found as “**Competition Schedule**” at the end of this document.

#### FORMAT

8 National teams: Group stage + Semifinals + Placement matches + Final

The Referees will be **official IBSA referees**, and all the matches shall be played according to the current **IBSA Blind Football regulations**.

Prior to the event, **team training sessions** will be guaranteed at the practice grounds.

**Changing rooms** will be available for all teams inside the venues. Showers and toilets are located separate from the changing rooms.



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### **Anti-Doping Control**

The event is subject to random doping tests in accordance with IBSA regulations. Athletes should refer to the IBSA Anti-Doping Policy.

Any athlete taking medication subject to doping control must be in possession of a valid IBSA **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)**. For information on IBSA's anti-doping policies and how to apply for a TUE, go to [www.ibsasport.org/anti-doping](http://www.ibsasport.org/anti-doping). For more info you can contact Juliana Soares at [juliana@ibasport.org](mailto:juliana@ibasport.org)

### **Visual Classification**

Classification days are September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Please read all below and prepare your team for Classification according to the rules. Players must become familiar with rules and procedures of IBSA medical classification:

( <http://www.ibsasport.org/documents/files/68-1-IBSA-Classification-Rules-and-Procedures.pdf>).

### **Submission Deadlines**

1. **The First Deadline for Submission** of a **Request for Classification Form** (by email to [ibsaassist@ibasport.org](mailto:ibsaassist@ibasport.org)) and for uploading athlete MDFs and supporting medical tests in ISAS is **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 (Underlying Health Condition)

**2. Second Deadline:** Submissions received after the first deadline (**and by August 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**) 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 11<sup>th</sup> 2025, will not be reviewed by classifiers or considered for this competition.**

**Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF)** and other required medical diagnostics documentation must not be older than 1 year. Final second deadline for MDF is August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **The Classification Process is as follows**

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.



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1. Once a UHC is established, the athlete can be scheduled for a classification evaluation appointment.
2. 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.

### **IBSA fee:**

The countries must pay the IBSA Capitation Fee per player. The fee will be paid to LOC.

Each IBSA Member Country must have paid 2025 IBSA Membership Fee

- Teams who do not have their own team doctor will be able to receive the **event medical assistance**. The medical assistance will operate daily during the competition time and will be limited to first aid on ground. For any hospital care or admission, transportation in ambulance if required shall be provided. All medical expenses beyond first aid at ground to be met by the respective teams.
- Participating member organizations are **responsible for their own insurance** requirements for travel, personal accident, liability, and medical matters.
- For the participation in the event, all the legal **regulations issued by the Indian Government** will be respected, also considering the **IBSA guidelines** for the safe organization of international sport events and the **health protocol issued by IBFF** (*a more detailed communication regarding updated requirements and regulations will follow over the next month*).
- All the athletes **must be licensed for the current year** (2025), have a **valid eye classification**, and belong to an **IBSA Member** in good standing.
- Team athlete entries should be made using the **ISAS Online Registration System** ([click here](#)).
- The **substitution** of an athlete (because of injuries, visa problems or all other reasons) will only be allowed by IBSA Classification.



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### THE COMPETITION VENUE

The competition will take place at the United Sports Centre a sports centre built in 2021 and set in 1 hectare of greenery, two artificial grass grounds and a refreshment area located at Infopark Expressway, Near Infopark Southgate Entrance, Kochi which makes it easy for first-time visitors in locating this establishment. **India Hosted the 2022 IBSA Asia-Oceania Blind Football Championship and IBSA Intercontinental cup 2023 at this Venue.** In case of any change in venue due to unexpected reasons, same shall be notified well in advance.



### ACCOMMODATION

National teams, officials, referees, classifiers, and other invited participants will be staying at Four Points by Sheraton Kochi Infopark, Phase 1 Campus Infopark P.O, Kakkanad, Kochi, Kerala 682042 Phone: 0484 716 0000. In case of any change, same shall be notified well in advance.





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### **FOOD ARRANGEMENTS**

During the Championships, accredited members will be served **Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner** at the Hotel (from the dinner on 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Breakfast on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025).

The meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast 06:30 – 09:30 h      Lunch: 12:00 – 15:00 h      Dinner: 19:00 – 22:00 h

Variations may occur according to the final program of the matches. There will be a vegetarian option at all meals. Gluten-free and other special dietary meals are available on request at an extra cost.

### **ENTRY FEES**

**Entry fee: € 110 EURO PER DAY PER PERSON** for Twin share (arrival on 22<sup>nd</sup> September evening – departure on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025, Morning)

- Deposit (10%) to be paid on or before 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Deposit (Next 40%) to be paid on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Deposit (Final 50%) to be paid on or before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025

(Delayed payment may lead to escalated cost for hotel and transportation which will get added)

For the accommodation in **single room**, please contact the Local Organizing Committee with specific requirements

#### **The fees do NOT cover:**

- IBSA capitation tax (€25 per athlete)
- Optional payment for extra nights or additional group members (priority will be given to delegations)
- Additional costs associated with arrival/departure from other airports
- Other expenses may be applied on arrival, depending on team requirements. These may include additional ice packs (free ice for matches is provided), snacks, and recreational activities.

#### **Payment:**

Payments must always be in Euro (€).

Please note that you are responsible for paying all bank charges, including transfer fees



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### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

| S.NO |                                       | START DATE                   | DEADLINE                     |
|------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1    | Preliminary Information               | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025   |
| 2    | Finance – 10 % deposit                |                              | 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025  |
| 3    | Finance – 40 % deposit                |                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025    |
| 4    | Team profile and dietary requirements |                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 |
| 5    | Arrival/departure details             |                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 |
| 6    | Delegation Form (Entry by name)       |                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 |
| 7    | Finance – Balance 50 %                |                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 |

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

| September 2025      | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| Arrival             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Classifications     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Opening Ceremony    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Opening Game        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Group Stage Matches |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Rest Day            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Semifinals          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Placement Matches   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Final               |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Closing Ceremony    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Departure           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |



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**FORM 1: Preliminary Information**

**This form must be returned by E-Mail no later than **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025** to: M C**

Roy (Project Director): [office@blindfootball.in](mailto:office@blindfootball.in)

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Country</b>                        |  |
| <b>Name of Federation</b>             |  |
| <b>Address</b>                        |  |
| <b>Telephone</b>                      |  |
| <b>Mobile</b>                         |  |
| <b>E-mail</b>                         |  |
| <b>Name of Contact Person</b>         |  |
| <b>Position of Contact Person</b>     |  |
| <b>Estimate of Total Team Members</b> |  |
| <b>Estimate of Athletes numbers</b>   |  |
| <b>Estimate of Staff numbers</b>      |  |



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### WELCOME TO INDIA

