

2025 IBSA Blind Football **African Championship Division 2**

Introduction

Kampala – the capital of Uganda – will host the IBSA African Blind Football Championship (Second Division) from 25th – 30th October 2025.

On behalf of IBSA, the government of Uganda, the Ministry of Education and Sport, National Council of sports, Uganda Paralympic Committee and Blind Football Uganda.

Participation is open to national teams composed of players classified as B1 according to IBSA rules and holding the citizenship of the country they represent.

Championship Schedule

- October 25: Arrival, technical meeting
- October 26: Visual Classification, trainings, official tournament opening ceremony
- October 27–29: Matches
- October 30th: Departure

(LOC will cover meals from October 25th dinner to October 30th breakfast. Check out time 10 am on October 30th)

Accommodation

Participants will stay in a 3 or 4-star hotel in double or single rooms with full board (three buffet-style meals daily).

- Food allergies and special diets must be reported at least 7 days before arrival.
- Diets other than vegetarian may incur an additional charge and may have limited options.

Tournament Venue

Games will take place at the Hamz – Nakivubo war memorial grounds. The venue will feature a training field, a main field, and changing rooms. Transportation to and from the venue (for official matches and training sessions) will be provided. Water will be supplied for participants during matches.

Costs and Payments

- Daily participant cost: €150 per person, payable to the organizer's bank account:
Account Number: 0121001539001
Account Name: Uganda Paralympic Committee
Branch name: Stanbic Bank Metro Branch

- Deposit (35%) by July 31, 2025
- Remaining balance by September 30, 2025
- Cash payments will not be accepted.

Additional options

- Single room supplement – price determined individually
- Upgrade to a 5-star hotel – price determined individually
- Early arrival or late departure – price determined individually

Medical and Insurance Information

- Basic medical/first-aid services will be available during matches.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to obtain medical insurance covering treatment during the tournament. Participating member organizations are responsible for their own insurance requirements for travel, personal accident, liability, and medical matters.

Visa Requirements

For participants requiring a visa to enter Uganda, please contact the organizers as soon as possible, as visa procedures may take longer than indicated by diplomatic missions. Entry into Uganda is also permitted with a valid visa attained online through the ministry of Internal Affairs through this link: <https://www.immigration.go.ug/home>.

Optional Additional Services

Physiotherapist/medical rescuer services during and after matches (external service, limited availability) can be provided for an additional fee

Airport Transfers

Free transfers are available only from and to Entebbe International Airport:

- Distance from Entebbe Airport to Kampala city: 49.8 km

Hotel Amenities

Free Wi-Fi available at the hotel.

Visual Classification

Classification day is October 26th 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:

Submission Deadlines

1. **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 **July 26th, 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 September 15th**) 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 September 15th, 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 September 15th, 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 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.

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 ISAS online registration of players:

All players participating in the "2025 IBSA Blind Football African Championship Division 2" must be registered in the ISAS database and have a current ISAS Active Sport License for **2025** and IBSA Athlete ID

Entry by number on IBSA ISAS will be from 1st July to 21st August

Entry by Name on IBSA ISAS will be from 15th August to 15th September

IBSA fee:

The countries must pay the IBSA Capitation Fee of 50 euros per player and 25 euros per

team member. The fee will be paid to LOC. Each IBSA Member Country must have paid 2025 IBSA Membership Fee.

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 <https://ibsasport.org/anti-doping-and-classification/classification/rules-forms-and-manuals/>.

Important Deadline

July 26 – First deadline to request classification

August 21st – Deadline to send intention of participation to LOC

August 21st – Deadline for 1st payment to LOC

August 21st - Deadline to complete Entry by Number on IBSA ISAS

September 15th – Deadline to complete Entry by Name on IBSA ISAS

September 15th – Second deadline to request classification

September 26th – Deadline to send complete list of Delegation to LOC September 30th –

Deadline for 2nd payment to LOC

October 10 – Deadline to send travelling information to LOC

All information to LOC must be sent by email to ugandablindsport@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Uganda!