**IBSA Tenpin bowling European Championships 2023**

Invitation letter

IBSA Tenpin bowling Sports Committee in co-operation with IBSA member Czech Blind Sports Federation (CBSF) are hosting the:

**IBSA Tenpin bowling European Championships**

This the only qualifying event for the IBSA World Games 2023 in Birmingham for athletes from the European, American and African zone.

Teams from the Asian and Pacific zones will be held in Hongkong. Athletes from Europe and other mentioned nations cannot take part in the Asian Championships in Hongkong and vice versa.

**General information**

**1. Date and location of the officially approved IBSA tenpin bowling Event**

**Location: Prague, Czech Republic**

**Date: 6th to 10th May 2023**

**2. Venue**

Bowling Centre at Prague Zlicin (This bowling centre contains 12 lanes)

**3. Preliminary scheduled programme:**

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| **Saturday, 6th May:** | **All day country arrivals** |
| **Sunday 7th May:** | **All day country arrivals**  |
| **10:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 – 18:00,**  | **Classification****Training sessions for athletes** |
| **Monday, 8th May:** | **Country arrivals – only for athletes who will not be classified and have a confirmed eye class status.** |
| **9:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00**  | **Classification****Training sessions for athletes** |
| **18:00**  | **Opening ceremony at Bowling centre** |
| **19:00 – 21:00**  | **Opening dinner** |
| **At Bowling centre** | **19:00 – 21:30 – Singles first round - 6 games per athlete (this will be played only if there will be more than 24 athletes registered)** |
| **Tuesday, 9th May** |  |
| **9:00 – 11:30**  | **Singles first round – 6 games per athlete** |
| **11:30 – 14:00**  | **Singles first round – 6 games per athlete** |
| **15:00 – 16:30 – Final stage** | **3 games per athletes (minimum number of 4 athletes in each category, or half of the standings** |

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| **16:45 – 17:30 – Final ceremony** |  |
| **20:00 – 23:00 – Farewell banquet** |  |
| **Wednesday, 10th May:** | **All day country departures** |

**Note:**

**CBSF LOC reserves the right to change the preliminary schedule according to final number of all the athletes. Any updates will be communicated to team leaders immediately.**

**4. Accommodation**

4-star Hotel Pyramida

**Note: The hotel venue may change according to final number of all the participants and booked rooms.**

**5. Meals:**

**7:00 – 9:00: Breakfast buffett at the hotel from Sunday until Wednesday**

**12:00 – 15:00: Lunches at the Bowling Centre from Sunday until Tuesday**

**19:00 – 21:00: Dinners at chosen restaurants in Prague city centre in the form of vouchers from Saturday until Monday**

**Note:**

**In the case of the vouchers, CBSF LOC will distribute paid vouchers for each particpant and the meal will be at his/her own choice. Any extra costs must be paid by the participant by himself/herself on the spot.**

**6. Transport**

Local organizing committee (LOC) will provide (as a part of entry fee) transportation services to and from Prague airport or Prague bus/railway station. In case you wish to fly to Vienna, Munich or Bratislava and require our transfer services, additional price will be negotiable with LOC upon every country as a separate entry fee.

Shuttle minibus services from the hotel to the venue, medical classification clincs and restaurants will be operated by CBSF LOC for all the participants who paid standard entry fee. If any participant decides to live in unofficially recognised hotel, no shuttle services are provided by CBSF LOC.

**7. Entry fee**

**The entry fee includes:**

- Full board – all meals

- Accomodation

- Transportation services (as mentioned above)

- Farewell Banquet

Note:

25 EUR Capitation Fee per athlete must be paid to IBSA. This will be collected by the LOC.

***Entry fee does not include:***

- personal travel insurance (medical expenses, injury, damages etc.)

- extra services in the hotel

- Extra costs for LOC to bring temas from different locations than Prague i.e. Vienna,

 Munich, Bratislava

- Any costs for training sessions at the Bowling centre (athlete can pay directly to CBSF

 LOC prior to their arrival in order to simplify the process of payment, time management etc.)

There are three options for the entry fee policy:

**4-day package:**

500 EUR per person = 125 EUR per day (twin room/double occupancy)

800 EUR per person (= 200 EUR per day Single room/occupancy)

**3-day package:**

375 EUR per person = 125 EUR per day (twin room/double occupancy)

600 EUR per person (= 200 EUR per day Single room/occupancy)

**Minimum 2-day package:**

250 EUR per person = 125 EUR per day (twin room/double occupancy)

400 EUR per person (= 200 EUR per day Single room/occupancy)

**This minimum 2-day package is designed and required for all local and foreign participants without any exclusion who will use all the official services.**

**Competition fee special package: Used for all the participants who will use unofficial services i.e. no accommodation, no food, no transfers provided by CBSF LOC**

150 EUR per person = fixed competition fee

Note:

Czech VI athletes represented by thir party organisation (non-IBSA member) are not allowed to take part in this officially approved IBSA event subject to legal notice.

8. Payment details

All payments should be made to the account below:

Account holder : **Czech Blind Sports Federation**

Address : Zátopkova 100/2, 169 00 Praha 6 - Strahov

Bank: Fio Banka, a.s.

Bank adress: V Celnici 1028/10, P-1 117 21

SWIFT: FIOBCZPPXXX

IBAN: CZ8520100000002101401224

Account No.: 2101401224/2010

***Entry fee deadline:***

CBSF LOC requires that all the participants must pay 100% entry fee by March 31st **2023, by the latest**. Payment confirmation should be send to CBSF LOC by email.

Entry fee is not refundable after April 11th 2023.

**9. B1 Bowling assistance & equipments**

Each country is responsible for providing rails used by its B1 bowlers.

If a country’s B1 bowlers plan to use a guide rail, please specify the number of guide rails being brought, type of material they are made of and their length in the entry form. If B1 bowlers use sighted assistance, that should be also mentioned in the entry form as well.

 B1 bowlers must bring his/her own eyeshades.

**10. Playing rules**

Current World Tenpin Bowling rules shall apply in all cases, except where additions and modifications shall be specified in The IBSA Tenpin Bowling European Championships.

All participants are required to read the rules prior to entering the championships.

**11. IBSA official eye Classification**

**IBSA TSC and CBSF LOC are providing official IBSA eye classification for athletes under the following criteria:**

1. **New athletes who were never classified**
2. **All athletes who had to be reviewed by 2023**

**Notes:**

**CBSF LOC will provide two classifiers for one pannel only i.e. 24 to 30 athletes will be classified within two days.**

**30 minute at least per athlete for classification. Classification time can be prolonged in case of borderline athletes.**

**All the athletes must sign and upload in ISAS:**

1. **IBSA eligibility form**
2. **Bring the original IBSA Medical diagnosis form not older than one year in printed form. This MDF must be signed, stamped by IBSA member country only and registered and licensed in the ISAS database by 31st March at the latest.**

**12. Registration**

Deadlines:

**12th March - entry form by number**

**27th March – Entry form by name**

**31st March – 100% entry fee payments by all participating countries**

**11th April – No refund possible**

**- All countries participating in this competition must be IBSA Members in good standing and must have paid:**

**1. The 2023 IBSA membership annual fees**

**2. ISAS database licences for 2023 for all athletes participating**

No third party organisations will be allowed to take part at this officially approved IBSA event unless they provide Memorandum of understanding signed by IBSA member country and third party organisation by 12th March the latest.

13. General terms referred to competition rules:

- Each athlete is to execute 6 games in the first round.

- One game contains 10 rounds

- Medal events are provided for Singles categories:

- B1, B2, B3 for men and women separately – 6 medal singles events.

- Minimum 4 athletes or half of the standings i.e 9 athletes in the first round and 5 of them will advance to the final stage.

- If only 3 athletes are in the category no final stage is played.

- If 4 athletes are in the category, final stage is played.

- Final stage is played for 3 games.

- First round 6 games

13.2 Each athlete has 2.5 hours available as follows:

- 12 minutes to prepare, install the railing etc.

- 6 minutes warm-up

- 120 minutes (maximum 2 hours) – to play 6 games

-12 minutes to uninstall the railing and clean up his/her equipment

13.3 Final stage – 3 games

Each athlete has 1 hour available as follows

* 12 minutes to prepare, install the railing etc.
* 6 minutes warm-up
* 60 minutes (maximum 1 hour) – to play 3 games
* 12 minutes to uninstall the railing and clean up his/her equipment

Oil patterns and tenpin bowling storage will be defined later after all participants will be registered not earlier than on the 11th April 2023.

14. Contact details

In case of any further querries, please contact:

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IBSA Tenpin bowling Sports Committee is entitled to may carry out any changes upon the agreement with Local organising committee and IBSA member country.

Prague, 6th March 2023