

# **2025 IBSA Blind Football** **European Championship Division 2**

## **Introduction**

Kraków – the historic capital of Poland – will host the IBSA European Blind Football Championship (Second Division) at the foot of the Royal Wawel Castle, along the picturesque Vistula River, between June and July 2025.

On behalf of IBSA, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, the Polish Association of Disabled Sports, the Mayor of Kraków, and the Nie Widząc Przeszkód Foundation – creators of the Polish Blind Football Program 2022-2028 – we invite national teams to register. 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**

- June 29: Arrival, technical meeting
- June 30: Visual Classification, trainings, official tournament opening ceremony
- July 1–6: Matches
- July 7: Departure

(LOC will cover meals from June 29<sup>th</sup> dinner to July 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast. Check out time 10 am on July 7<sup>th</sup>)

## **Accommodation**

Participants will stay in a 3-star hotel in double and triple 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 sports facility at Plac na Groblach 23. 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, though the facility is within a 5-minute walking distance from the hotel. Water will be supplied for participants during matches.

## **Costs and Payments**

- Daily participant cost: €155 per person, payable to the organizer's bank account:
- Deposit (35%) by March 31, 2025
- Remaining balance by May 31, 2025
- Cash payments will not be accepted.

## **Additional options**

- Single room supplement – price determined individually
- Upgrade to a 4-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 and, for EU residents, to bring a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

## **Visa Requirements**

For participants requiring a visa to enter Poland, please contact the organizers as soon as possible, as visa procedures may take longer than indicated by diplomatic missions. Entry into Poland is also permitted with a valid Schengen visa.

## **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 Kraków Balice Airport:

- Distance to KRK (Kraków Balice): 11 km

- Distance to KTW (Katowice): 90 km
- Distance to WAW (Warsaw): 340 km

## **Hotel Amenities**

Free Wi-Fi available at the hotel.

## **Visual Classification**

Classification day is June 30<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 **March 30<sup>th</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 May 19**) 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 May 19, 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 May 19<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.

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 European 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 17 March to 20 April**

**Entry by Name on IBSA ISAS will be from 14 April to 18 May**

### **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.

### **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)

### **Important Deadline**

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to send intention of participation to LOC (Appendix 1)

March 30 – First deadline to request classification

March 31 – Deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> payment to LOC

April 20 – Deadline to complete Entry by Number on IBSA ISAS

May 18 – Deadline to complete Entry by Name on IBSA ISAS

May 19 – Second deadline to request classification

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to send complete list of Delegation to LOC (Appendix 2)

May 30 – Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment to LOC

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline to send travelling information to LOC (Appendix 3)

**All information to LOC must be sent by email to [Tk@blindfootball.pl](mailto:Tk@blindfootball.pl)**

We look forward to welcoming you to Kraków!