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Pajulahti • Finland

WORLD BOCCIA CHALLENGER



WELCOME TO PAJULAHTI BOCCIA CHALLENGER 2025!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to the second World Boccia Challenger Tournament hosted by Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, taking place on 9–17 May 2025.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural tournament, this event continues to be a significant milestone for us, as we are proud to host an international paraboccia competition of this caliber in Finland. The beautiful surroundings of Pajulahti, combined with our state-of-the-art facilities, provide the perfect setting for remarkable performances and memorable experiences.

Paraboccia remains close to our hearts as a sport that embodies inclusivity and celebrates diversity. We are deeply honored to contribute to this global showcase of athleticism and unity. Our dedicated team at Pajulahti is committed to ensuring that your experience here is both competitive and enjoyable, enriched by camaraderie and cultural exchange. Alongside the games, we hope you create lasting memories and forge new friendships.

May this tournament once again highlight the incredible power of sport to bring people together from around the world. We are thrilled to host you in the spirit of fair play, friendship, and excellence.

Wishing you all the best in your preparations, and we eagerly await your arrival in Pajulahti for another unforgettable World Boccia Challenger Tournament.

Laura Kittelä,
Event Director

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COMPETITION VENUE

Pajulahti, an outstanding sports and leisure oasis is the only Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Finland. Area is located in eastern Lahti, on the clean lake Iso-Kukkanen, just over an hour's drive from the capital area and twenty minutes from Lahti city center.

All accommodation, food services and sport venues are located at Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. Pajulahti Hall there is 6 lockerrooms and restrooms also a cafeteria open during tournament day

For the Boccia Challenger event, we have selected Pajulahti Hall as the competition venue. The facility offers 6 changing rooms for the participants. Additionally, it's important to note that the hall has been designed with accessibility in mind, ensuring that it is inclusive and accommodating for all participants.

ADDRESS

Pajulahti Hall
Pajulahdentie 167, 15560 Nastola, Finland

ACCOMMODATION

All the athletes will be accommodate in Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. All rooms are equipped with a TV, bed linens, a toilet, and a shower. There is one bath towel per person and one hand towel in each room.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Any requests for additional nights' accommodation, meals or transport should be made directly to the LOC, it will depend on the services' availability and will incur additional costs.



BOCCIA ABC

A

Arrival and transportation

HEL airport is the biggest airport in Finland. LOC will provide transportation services from the airport to Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. No courtesy cars will be provided.

ATM

The closest ATM is 4km from Pajulahti. The currency is Euro. In Pajulahti you can pay all services by credit card.

C

Competition office

Competition office will operate in Pajulahti in the main building. Also in Pajulahti-hall where tournament is, will be a competition office during events.

D

Doping control

As a World Boccia sanctioned event, anti-doping control will take place during the competition.

Dining

The diverse buffets of Pajulahti invite guests to lunch and dinner tables. In addition to delicious food, you can enjoy stunning lake views of Iso-Kukkanen.

E

Electricity

In Finland we use normal European 220 volt plugs (Type F - Schuko plug)

E - Emergency Numbers:

Save emergency contact number 112

F

Food

Generous breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets are served daily in our spacious scenery restaurant. We cater to all special dietary needs. Licenced diet chef on duty.

Our buffets are well-balanced and carefully prepared from healthy Finnish ingredients, mainly from local producers.

H

Hei

Hei, Moi, Terve, Hyvää Päivää are all Finnish words for Hi & hello. Finnish is one of the most difficult languages in the world. In Finland we pronounce the words just like we write it. First learn these and then we will teach you more.

I

Insurance

Each team must ensure that all the team members of their delegations are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability and accidents. The LOC accept no responsibility for injuries or loss of wages due to injury.

L

Local Attractions and Services

Lahti is only 20 minutes drive away from Pajulahti, feel free to visit there on your freetime and explore!

M

Medical support

The LOC will provide a team of medical personnel that will be present at the venues during the training and competition days. In case of severe injury the emergency ambulance service will accompany you to the nearest hospital, not more than 10min away.

S

Social media

We love social media. So please post pictures and feelings from your journey to Boccia Challenger. follow, hashtag, pin and share. #bocciachallenger25

Q

Q - Questions? Ask!

If unsure, don't hesitate to ask for help. Also make sure you have uploaded Sporty-app to access to latest information during Boccia Challenger.

BOCCIA ABC

V

Visa

The Boccia Challenger accreditation will not serve as a temporary Visa. If you need a visa to enter to Finland the LOC will provide invitational letters to NPC. The LOC will not cover the cost of visas.

W

Water

In Finland we have the world's best drinking water! Please bring your own bottle and refill it with a fresh, clean tap water

Wi-Fi

We love Wi-Fi just like you. And the good news is, it's for free!
Wi-Fi Pajulahti, password: Pajulahti!

Y

You

No one is more important to us than YOU. If there is anything we can do to help you please just ask.

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Classification rules

<https://www.worldboccia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Boccia-Classification-Rules-5th-Edition-September-2021287.pdf>

Divisions of Play

Individual Male and Female: BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4;
Pairs BC3, Pairs BC4 and Team BC1-BC2.

There will be a 1 athlete to 1 staff ratio, as well as one (1) coach for each Team or Pair category. It is allowed to enter one (1) medical or technical staff (psychologist, sport analysis) and one (1) Team Manager/Team Leader.

Extra staff can be accepted, depending on the hotel's availability, and their rooms might need to be arranged at different hotels. An extra fee will be charged LOC reserves the right to combine the age groups and sport classes



SCHEDULE

Fri 9.5.	Arrivals/Accreditation
Sat 10.5.	Classification & Equipment Check
Sat 10.5.	Training
Sat 10.5.	Opening Ceremony
Sun-Wed 11.-14.5.	Individual Competition
Wed-Fri 14.-16.5.	Team / Pair Competition
Fri 16.5.	Closing ceremony and banquet
Sat 17.5.	Departure

Specific schedule will published on the website and sportity app during spring 2025.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation for the Event will be provided to all athletes and officials, which must be worn at all times to enable access to warm up, call room, field of play and dining area.

TRANSPORT

LOC will provide transportation services from the airport to Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. No courtesy cars will be provided.

WHEELCHAIR REPAIR

A wheelchair repair service will NOT be available at the Event. If you require any support with wheelchairs during the event, the LOC will assist as they are able, but is not responsible for its provision.

WEBSITE

All the information can also be found on our website www.bocciachallenger.fi.

BOCCIA CHALLENGER 2025 SPORTITY

Before and during the event we will share all information in Sportity app. Please follow the instruction below and download the app.



Sportity

For direct event information please download
the Sportity app and insert this password:

Bocciachallenger

Sportity app is available in



www.sportity.com



ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY DEADLINES

ENTRY FEES:

For all competition personal entry fee is 165€/person/night.
The total amount is 1320€/person for the 9th May - 17th May 2025 (8 nights).

For only individual competition personal entry fee is 185€/person/night.
The total amount is 1110€/person for the 9th May - 15th May 2025 (6 nights).

For only pairs and Teams competition personal entry fee is 205€/person/night.
The total amount is 820€/person 13th May - 17th May 2025 (4 nights).

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

Additional cost for a single room is 30€ per person per day. Please notice that there is a limited capacity for single room.

The fee covers competition registration fee, World Boccia Capitation fee, accommodation, full board meals (from dinner on the arrival day to lunch on departure day), airport transportation on arrival and departure days (from/to Helsinki airport)

TIMING

First step: 3.3.2025
First entry
Payment 600€ of the total fee per participant. (invoice will be send out after the first entry) Entry by number. To guarantee accessibility, special wheelchair dimension are required. Estimated arrival and departure dates. Payment terms: seven days after date of invoice.

Second step: 7.4.2025. Final entry forms: Names of participants, rooming list, transport details, classification form. Payment of the memaining entry fee per participant (invoice will be send out after the second entry) Payment terms: seven days after date of invoice.

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

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

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

For any cancellation after the second entry no reimbursement will be paid.

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

Athlete's substitution will be allowed only for ill of injured athletes for the same class. Medical documentation will be required in these cases that must be considered and accepted by the World Boccia. Staff substitution will be allowed after being analysed by the LOC.

