



INVITATION

2025 IBSA Women's Blind Football World Championship

2nd - 12th October 2025

Kochi, Kerala India



*2025 IBSA Women's Blind
Football World Championship*



Welcome Message

*Dear friends,
We are delighted to host the 2025 IBSA Women's
Blind Football World Championship 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)*



2025 IBSA Men's Blind Football Nations Cup



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 Women's Blind Football World Championship.

DATES AND CONTACTS

The 2025 IBSA Women's Blind Football World Championship will be held in [Kochi, India](#) from the 2nd - 12th 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

Important Dates

Intention of Participation to LOC (Form 1): deadline March 1st 2025

IBSA First request for classification (appendix): deadline July 3rd 2025

IBSA ISAS Entry by Number: deadline August 8th 2025

IBSA Second request for classification (appendix): deadline August 28th 2025

IBSA ISAS Entry by Name: deadline August 28th 2025

Arrival of the teams: 2nd October 2025 (Evening)

Classification Period: 3rd and 4th October 2025

Opening Ceremony: 5th October 2025

Opening Game: 5th October 2025

Competition Period: 5th to 11th October 2025

Closing Ceremony: 11th October 2025

Departure: 12th October 2025 (Morning)

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

FORMAT

10 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. For more info you can contact Juliana Soares at juliana@ibasport.org

Visual Classification

Classification days are October 3rd and 4th 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)** and for uploading athlete MDFs and supporting medical tests in ISAS is **July 3rd, 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th, 2025.



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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 fee:

The countries must pay the IBSA Fee: Euros 100 per player and Euros 50 per staff.

The IBSA Capitation 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)**.
- Team athlete entries should be made using the **IBSA ISAS Online Registration System** ([click here](#)).
- The **substitution** of an athlete (because of injuries, visa problems or all other reasons) will have to be approved by the 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 2nd October to Breakfast on 12th 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 2nd October evening – departure on 12th October 2025, Morning)

- Deposit (10%) to be paid on or before 1st March 2025
- Deposit (Next 40%) to be paid on or before 1st July 2025
- Deposit (Final 50%) to be paid on or before 1st September 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 fee
- 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 st January 2024	1 st March 2025
2	Finance – 10 % deposit		1 st March 2025
3	Finance – 40 % deposit		1 st July 2025
4	Team profile and dietary requirements		20 th August 2025
5	Arrival/departure details		20 th August 2025
6	Delegation Form (Entry by name)		20 th August 2025
7	Finance – Balance 50 %		1 st September 2025

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

October 2025	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
<i>Arrival</i>	Green										
<i>Classifications</i>		Brown	Brown								
<i>Opening Ceremony</i>				Yellow							
<i>Opening Game</i>				Red							
<i>Group Stage Matches</i>				Red	Red	Red	Red				
<i>Semifinals</i>									Red		
<i>Placement Matches</i>									Red	Red	
<i>Final</i>										Red	
<i>Closing Ceremony</i>										Yellow	
<i>Departure</i>											Green



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FORM 1: Preliminary Information

This form must be returned by E-Mail no later than 1st March 2025 to:

M C Roy (Project Director): office@blindfootball.in

Country	
Name of Federation	
Address	
Telephone	
WhatsApp No	
E-mail	
Name of Contact Person	
Position of Contact Person	
Estimate of Total Team Members	
Estimate of Athletes numbers	
Estimate of Staff numbers	



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WELCOME TO INDIA

