

# **SPORTS REGULATIONS**

## **14. Emil Open**

**25 - 29 June 2025**

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## WHAT IS EMIL OPEN?

Emil Open - European Youth Games for the Disabled is an international sports and social gathering for young people with disabilities aged 10-26. The expected number of participants, the international concept and the range of sporting activities, accompanying and cultural programme make it a unique event of European format.

## GENERAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1. **Meeting language** - Czech, English
2. **Target group** - young people with disabilities (physical, visual, hearing, mental and combined disabilities); aged **10 to 26 years** (competitor must be of this age on at least one day between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025)
3. **Registration:**
  - 3.1. **applications** - online via [emilopen.cz/entries](https://emilopen.cz/entries).
  - 3.2. **participant** - on the day of arrival at the specified place (details in the infobulletin before the games)
4. **Competitive sports** - athletics, swimming, bocce, boccia, table tennis, archery, cycling, over net ball
5. **Team sports** - wheelchair basketball, blind futsal, floor/ground hockey, volleyball
6. **Transport** from the accommodation to the sports ground will be provided by the organizer, the announced transport schedule must be observed. In the case of your own transport to the sports ground, it is necessary **to observe the on-time arrival at the sports ground**.
7. Each sport will have a **major technical meeting** of coaches and staff **on the opening day of the event**, at which the heads of the delegations of the respective sports will receive all necessary instructions, including the start lists and competition schedule. The place and time will be specified. **Late requests for essential technical information and changes will be disregarded!**
8. For organisational and safety reasons, only athletes and their permitted companions have access to all sports venues, including assistance/guide dogs. The athlete and his/her escort must present an accreditation card.
9. Athletes are required to **compete with their own sports equipment or compensatory aids** if this is a condition for competing in a particular sport.
10. **The timing** of each competition will be announced:
  - 10.1. At the technical meeting (25 June 2025)
  - 10.2. Further according to the schedule of the sport
11. **The format of competitive sports:**
  - 11.1. **OPEN**
    - supports and motivates beginners;
    - open to all individuals from the target group - **primarily beginners and those who have not yet participated in sports**, regardless of whether or not they are registered in sports clubs, without the condition of registration in a national or international federation;
    - by submitting your application you confirm that the competitor is medically fit and has some training experience in the sport in question in different types of sports competitions and at different performance levels;
    - **Evaluation** (unless otherwise determined by the sport director) - evaluation and advancement to the finals are based on the principle of relativity, allowing everyone to advance to the finals. Further



explanation at the Directors' meeting. The principle of relativity is based on an assessment of actual performance in relation to the individual, which allows for an adequate rating in a given disability category. The criterion for evaluation is approaching, achieving or surpassing one's own qualifying results in the finals. All competitors who have completed the qualifying event advance to the finals. **All competitors who have passed the qualifying rounds advance to the finals the following day.** The final groups will be formed according to the actual result. A more detailed explanation for each sport according to the maximum effort rule in qualification and finals will be explained for each sport at the technical meeting. The final standings will be decided by the result in the final;

- **awards** - all participants of the final will be awarded with a given type of medal during the medal ceremony.

#### 11.2. MIXED

- **It is a discipline** where an athlete and an individual without a disability (coach, parent, volunteer, etc.) compete;
- **Promotes** inclusion of people with disabilities;
- the condition of participation is enrolment in the OPEN format in the given sport;
- in the registration system it is necessary to indicate whether the athlete will compete with his/her own companion without disability or whether he/she accepts a sports partner from among the organizer's volunteers;
- **Awards** - during the medal ceremony, all participants will be awarded a participation medal;
- **more detailed explanation in the regulations of the sport or at the technical meeting.**

11. Each competitor can only register in one sport and in the mix of that sport.

12. Athletes and their staff are **obliged to familiarize themselves with the rules of the sports and to follow them**, including observance of the time schedule, the set times of entry to the sports ground.

### Application schedule

03.03.2025	<b>Opening of the 1st round of applications</b> - Applications by number	<b>Reporting of preliminary numbers of participants</b> (athletes and chaperones) for each sport, including type of disability.
31.03.2025	<b>Closing of the 1st round of applications</b>	
14.04.2025	<b>Publication of preliminary sports regulations</b>	The organiser will, among other things, announce the <b>maximum number of participants for each sport</b> and inform the participants about <b>the status of their registration.</b>
14.04.2025	<b>Opening of the 2nd round of applications</b> - Applications by name	<b>Binding entry forms</b> - personal data, sport categories, disciplines, information about accommodation, food, transport, etc.
30. 04. 2025	<b>Closing of the 2nd round of applications</b>	

Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make any changes in the timing of entries.



## Schedule of games

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24. 6. 2025</b>	<b>All day</b>	Arrivals of foreign teams
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25. 6. 2025</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Arrivals of foreign and Czech teams
		<b>Afternoon</b>	Opening ceremony
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26. 6. 2025</b>	<b>Approximately from 10 am to 4 pm</b>	Sports competitions
		<b>Afternoon</b>	Individual accompanying programme
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27. 6. 2025</b>	<b>Approximately from 10 am to 4 pm</b>	Sports competitions
		<b>Evening</b>	Closing ceremony
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28. 6. 2025</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Organised accompanying programme
		<b>Afternoon</b>	Departures
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29. 6. 2025</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Departures

*Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make any changes in the timing of the games.*

*\*Participants should arrive by 14:00 on Wednesday 25 June at the latest in order to be able to attend the opening ceremony and represent their country. Registration for accommodation and competitions will take place until 14:00. All participants will then be transported to the Opening Ceremony (from their accommodation).*

**On 25 June 2025, after the opening ceremony,  
there will be a technical meeting where every  
delegation must be represented!**

## ATHLETICS

**Sports Director:** Petr Kotyza

**Title:** Athletics EMIL Open 2025

**Date** 26-27 June 2025, 10:00 - 16:00 (may be adjusted depending on number of competitors)

**Place:** Sports Complex of Brno University of Technology - under Palackého vrch, Technická 3013/14, 602 00 Brno

[www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion](http://www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion)

**Racecourse** Athletic complex with eight-track artificial surface, sectors with artificial surface, timing by finish camera. It is possible to use sneakers with spikes max. 0.8 mm.

**Capacity:** 220 athletes

**Disciplines:** OPEN format:

- runs and track races: 50 m, 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m
- long jump from the run-up (depending on the situation, the springboard at a distance of 1 m)
- ball throw: 150 grams
- mini javelin throw (400 grams)
- shot put: (from 15 years) 3 kg girls, 4 kg boys

**Competition system:** A competitor in the OPEN format may enter a **maximum of two disciplines**.

**A competitor competing in two disciplines can have a maximum of one track discipline**

Qualifying competitions will take place on 26 June at the appointed time. The results of the qualification are the basis for the final groups. All competitors who have passed the qualifying rounds participate in the finals. The final competitions will take place on the following day, 27 June, at the appointed time.

**Rating:** OPEN format - see General Information, point 4

MIXED format: in the form of a relay or pairs race. To be determined at the technical meeting on 25.6., due to interest and time possibilities, including the method of evaluation. Running only once - podium awards with medals of the mixed type without ranking.



**Rules:** The race is run according to IAAF rules, except: walkers can choose to start from blocks or without blocks.

It is necessary to maintain your own lane, in the 400 m race (walkers and wheelchair users) it is also necessary to maintain your own lane. The 800 m run goes directly to the curb. In the field events the competitor has 2 warm-up attempts and 3 timed attempts.

If 3 attempts in the qualification are invalid, the competitor advances to the final with the organizer deciding on the final group.

**Note to coaches/staff:** coaches are responsible for the timely arrival of the athlete (after warm-up) to the presentation in the CALL ROOM, i.e. no earlier than 15 minutes and no later than 10 minutes before the start of the discipline. Coaches do not have access to either the Convocation Room or the sports field.

The organizer reserves the right to change or modify the regulations and rules of Athletics if required to maintain fair play.

## SWIMMING

**Sports Director:** Jan Sommer

**Title:** Swimming Emil Open 2025

**Date:** 26. - 27. 6. 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

**Place:** Kraví hora swimming pool - indoor pool, Údolní 76, 602 00 Brno-střed

[www.kravihora-brno.cz/kryta-plavecka-hala](http://www.kravihora-brno.cz/kryta-plavecka-hala)

Lužánky swimming pool - indoor swimming pool, Sportovní 486/4, 602 00 Brno-Královo Pole

<https://bazenyluzanky.starez.cz>

**Racecourse:** Swimming pool is 25 m long and has 6 lanes, time measurement by hand timer.

**Capacity:** 110 swimmers per pool (total 220)

**Disciplines:** **OPEN** formát: 25 m, 50 m, 100 m (breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle),  
**MIXED** - according to time possibilities.

**Competition system:** A competitor in the **OPEN** format may enter a **maximum of two disciplines**.

The qualification competitions will take place on 26 June from 10.00 to 15.00. The warm-up is possible 10 minutes before the competition block. Disciplines are divided into 3 blocks (1st 25m race, 2nd 50m race, 3rd 100m race). The results from the qualification are the basis for inclusion





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in the final groups. All competitors who have completed the qualifying rounds participate in the finals. The finals will take place the following day, 27 June, from 10.00 to 15.00.

Teams will be divided into pools by a random system, taking into account that each pool will have an equal distribution and representation of all groups - nationality, gender, age, type of disability. All team members will be together in one of the pools. Teams will be informed of the pool designation no later than the technical meeting.

**Rating:** **OPEN** format - ranking and progression to the finals are based on the principle of relativity, allowing everyone to progress to the finals. Further explanation at the Directors' meeting + in the general information.

**Rules** Racing shall be in accordance with the current FINA rules, except: the possibility of starting from the starting block or directly from the water. Start command by whistle, SP competitors by flag. The heats are common for all competitors i.e. for all types of disability men and women together.

**Remark** Since the current rule of relativity and maximum effort for the **OPEN** format (not the championship), where the criterion for the award is to beat one's own results, is not very well established, it will be further explained at the technical meeting the evening before the competition.

**The organizer reserves the right to change or modify the regulations and rules of Swimming if it is necessary to maintain fair play, capacity of sports venues or the need to change the time schedule.**



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## **BOCCE - on the grass**

**Sports Director:** Alena Skotáková

**Title** Bocce Emil Open 2025

**Date** 26. - 27. 6. 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

DAY 1 - qualification competition OPEN (the organizer divides the teams into individual categories),

DAY 2 - semifinals and finals of OPEN category, competition of MIXED category

**Place** Sports Complex of Brno University of Technology - under Palackého vrch, *Technická 3013/14, 616 00 Brno*

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**Racecourse:** outdoor grassy area of Brno University of Technology

**Capacity:** 70 players

**Game breakdown:** **OPEN** format: players play without distinction of categories; players who did not form pairs in the entry system were supplemented by other players by the organizer. The starting list will be published at the technical meeting.

**MIXED** format: the team is composed of 3 players, 2 of which are with handicap and 1 without handicap (registered escort or volunteer from the organizers). Mixed trios were formed by the players themselves in the registration system. The next registration will take place on site on 26 June. The competition will take place on 27 June. **Only 1 team from each organization can be entered.**

**You can't change racers in any game!**

**Competition system:** **OPEN + MIXED** format - the game will be played for 15 min. (decided by the organizer according to the number of teams) in a one-on-one system. Played game will be finished.

**Rating:** **OPEN** format - is based on the sum of the results of both players as a team. All finalists will be awarded medals for 1st-3rd place, participant medals for 4th-5th place.

**MIXED** format - is based on the sum of the results of all 3 players as a team. Evaluation of all participants with a participation medal.

**Abbreviated rules:** **OPEN, MIXED** format

1. Teams will choose the color of the ball and distinctive vests (green or red).
2. The referee flips a coin - the winner has the jack and chooses a suit.
3. Throwing the pallina and the first ball (max 3 attempts - must throw between the half court line and the line 3 m from the end line); 3 times fail - the opponent throws in; again fail - the referee puts the pallina on the line 3 m from the end line).



4. Players may not step over the throw line.
5. The yellow ball (pallino) can be moved around the pitch by the bouncing balls.
6. The colour that has the balls further away from the pallina always takes the throw-in (referees show the players with a flag of the same colour as the team's balls).
7. All balls are won, and the winner throws in a pallina in the next set.
8. After all balls have been thrown out - both colours the same distance from the pallina - no points awarded.
9. Both suits are equidistant from the pallina during the game - the last player to throw continues.
10. Players may play in any order, except the one who throws in the pallina, who must then throw his ball first.

**Violations:**

1) oversteps

2) if someone throws his colour, if the opponent is to play - if the other balls have already been thrown, leave them there, move them, if possible, return them to their original position. If they cannot be returned dead game.

Allocation of points:

WIN 2 points, REMISA 1 point, LOSE 0 points. If the points are tied, the mutual match counts. If there was a tie, the better score (more points recorded) counts.

**Remark:**

**The organizer reserves the right to change or modify the regulations and rules of Bocce if necessary to maintain fair play.**

## BOCCIA - physical disability required, in the hall

**Sports Director:** Radek Procházka

**Title:** Boccia Emil Open 2025

**Date and time:** 26. - 27. 6. 2025; 26. 6. (09:00 - 18:00), 27. 6. (09:00 - 14:00)

**Place:** Faculty of Sports Studies MU, Kamenice 5, 625 00 Brno-Bohunice  
<http://www.fsps.muni.cz/pronajmy/?page=facility>

**Sports hall:** The playing area will consist of five match courts, the playing floor is a decking. Warm Up will be provided in the hall, where three courts will be located. Facilities in the hall include changing rooms, rest areas where people can lie down, showers which will be equipped with shower chairs, and a disabled toilet.

**Capacity:** 48 players

**Game breakdown:** The tournament will be open for categories BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, BC5

It is not necessary for athletes to have a medical classification. It is up to each player (his coach, doctor, boccia referee, etc.) to **classify himself in the appropriate category** according to his disability. As appropriate, the head referee at the sports ground will determine before the start of the competition which category the player falls into and reassign him/her if necessary. **The only restriction on athletes is their age, which must be between 10 and 26 years of age.**

If there is a situation of insufficient occupancy of some categories, we will proceed to merge the categories. We will take into account the performance of each category in the merger.

**BC1** - In this division, players classified as CP1 or CP2 in the Worldboccia classification compete. Players may be assisted by one sports assistant who must remain in a designated area behind the throwing box. These assistants perform tasks such as: adjusting or stabilizing the playing cart, passing the ball to the player, rolling the ball (getting the desired shape).

**BC2** - In this division, players classified as CP2 in the Worldboccia classification compete. Players cannot have a sports assistant during the game. Players may request an assist from an umpire during their playing time, only to hand them a dropped ball or when entering the court.

**BC3** - In this division, players with very severe motor dysfunction of all four limbs, whether of cerebral or other origin, compete. Players are unable to operate a wheelchair and are dependent on the assistance of an assistant or electric wheelchair. Players are unable to exert a sustained grip and therefore use assistive devices. Each player is allowed an athletic assistant who remains in the throwing box, but must remain with their back to the playing area of the court and with their eyes averted from their own game.

**BC4** - This division includes players classified under Worldboccia rules as BC4 - non-pasty disabled and BC4 players playing with their feet. Players cannot have a sports assistant during the game. Players may request assistance from an umpire during their playing time to pass them a dropped ball or when entering the court.

**BC5** - players with a physical disability of three limbs, generally players who have a better physical profile and function than players in the BC2 and BC4 classification classes.

**Competition system:** Players will play according to game order. Depending on the number of players, the game will be played either one-on-one or in groups followed by a spider. Each player will have the opportunity to warm up on the courts in the WARM UP room before the match. This room will be open to all competitors 75 minutes prior to each of their matches. If there is a shortage of players in a category, the categories may be merged or the category may be eliminated.

**Each player is required to report to the Callroom 30 - 15 minutes prior to each of their matches. If a player fails to do so, his match will be forfeited by default, see Worldboccia rules.**

**Technical meeting:**

On June 25, 2025, a meeting will be held between the team leaders and the site coordinator, head referee and tournament director. At this meeting, the team leaders will register their players for the tournament and confirm the player's acceptance into the respective competition classes. The time and place of the technical meeting will be specified.

**Evaluation:** the top three athletes in each category will be awarded a medal.

**Rules:** The competition follows the official Worldboccia rules, downloadable here: <https://www.worldboccia.com/about-boccia/rules/>. Players' equipment will not be checked during the tournament. We trust that competitors will have technical equipment in a condition consistent with fairplay. No medical classification is required for this tournament.

**Takeaway:** Appropriate sports clothing and **indoor (non-staining, light-soled) shoes for the entourage;** clothes to be worn after the match. The player is required to wear a jersey (also in the locker room and convocation hall) during the match, including accreditation and starting number. Without these items, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the match. **A jersey is defined as at least a shirt with the facility and country of origin.**

**Remark:** The organizer reserves the right to change or modify the rules and regulations of Boccia if necessary to maintain fair play.

If a player does not have their balls, there is an option in the toss room to rent a boccia set for the duration of their match.

In the BC3 category, we require that the player has a ramp operator who will not do this for another player in the same category.

## TABLE TENNIS

**Sports Director:** Pavel Vacenovský

**Title:** Table Tennis Emil Open 2025

**Date and time:** 26. - 27. 6. 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

**Location:** Faculty of Sports Studies MU, Kamenice 5, 625 00 Brno-Bohunice

<http://www.fsps.muni.cz/pronajmy/?page=facility>

**Race site:** Universal Gym Bohunice

**Capacity:** 40 players

**Game type:** **OPEN** format: singles  
**MIXED** format: doubles

**Game classification:** **OPEN** format: athletes with all types of disabilities  
**MIXED** format: player + volunteer or chaperone

### Competition system:

First day **OPEN**. The basic qualifying groups will be played, on the basis of which the players will then be seeded into the main competition. The main competition will start after the qualifying groups have finished. Play will be possible on the tables before the tournament + about 2 minutes before each match. In the **OPEN** format the competition will be played first by group system and then by KO.

Second day **MIXED** - pairs of a registered athlete with a disability (only from the OPEN format) + registered intact escort or volunteer from among the organizers (the athlete himself forms a pair with the escort, or the organizer pairs him with a volunteer); capacity limited to 20 pairs.

**Rating:** **OPEN** - group system + subsequent KO. Groups will be played in 2 sets. Medal awards for all finalists in each category medals for 1st-3rd place.  
**MIXED** - to be determined by the number of entries. All participants will be awarded a participation medal.

**The organizer reserves the right to change the game system according to the number of entries and to modify the game categories if necessary.**

**Rules:** The competition will follow ITTF rules, except for the **OPEN** group: the group matches will be played in two winning sets up to 11 points.

**Bring:** **your own table tennis bat**; suitable sports clothing and **indoor (non-staining) shoes for the entourage!**; clothes to wear after the match.

## Archery

**Sports Director:** To be determined

**Title:** Archery Emil Open 2025

**Date and time:** 26. - 27. 6. 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

**Place:** Sports Complex of Brno University of Technology - under Palackého vrch, Technická 3013/14, 616 00 Brno

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**Racecourse:** Artificial grass, football field on the premises of Brno University of Technology

**Capacity:** 30 athletes, possible increase

**Disciplines:** OPEN and MIXED format: 10 m shooting

**Game classification:** OPEN format: athletes with all types of disabilities  
MIXED format: shooter + volunteer (or escort)

**Competition system:** OPEN: Qualification will take place on 26.6. on 20 arrows (4x5 arrows) with the possibility of two practice sets. According to the qualification, competitors will be divided into performance categories according to relative performance. The final ranking will be determined according to the points scored.

The shooter gets points for hitting the number board with 10 or 5 points, or hitting the target for 1 point. In the case of a point match, the order is determined by the number of highest hits scored.

MIXED: Mixed category competitions (shooter + volunteer/chaperone) will take place on June 27, each pair competing on 12 arrows by elimination.

**Evaluation:** OPEN - evaluation of all finalists in each category with a medal for 1st-3rd place  
MIXED - evaluation of all participants (all disabilities) with a participation medal

**The organizer reserves the right to change the game system according to the number of entries and to modify the game categories if necessary.**

**Rules**

- 1) The athlete must follow the instructions of the officials and trained volunteers.
- 2) No stringing or handling of the bow without permission of the referee or volunteers.
- 3) For the remaining rules, see. World Archery - elimination is shot in 3 ends (9 arrows - 3x3).
- 4) Each shooter and assistant (standing) are required to show sturdy footwear (risk of injury).
- 5) The qualification schedule is set for 3 ends of 5 minutes each.

**Faulty:**

- 1) A shot after the time limit has expired counts as a foul, i.e. a disqualification.
- 2) Crossing the shooting line will be followed by a warning from the referee; multiple warnings may result in the referee disqualifying the shooter.

## Cycling

**Sports Director:** Pavel Jahoda

**Title:** Cycling Emil Open 2025

**Date and time:** 26. - 27. 6. 2024, 10:00 - 16:00

**Place:** Sports Complex of Brno University of Technology - under Palackého vrch, Technická 3013/14, 616 00 Brno

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**Venue:** cycling oval in the premises of Brno University of Technology

**Capacity:** 30

**Game Classification:** **OPEN** format: all disability types  
**MIXED** format: athlete + volunteer/chaperone

**Disciplines:** **OPEN** format: 400m, 800m (bicycle, handbike, tandem, etc.)  
**MIXED** format: 800m tandem

**Evaluation:** **OPEN** - evaluation of all finalists with medals for 1st-3rd place  
**MIXED** - evaluation of all participants with medals

The organizer reserves the right to change the nature of the competitions according to the number of entries and their riding aids.

## Over net ball

**Sports Director:** Josef Procházka

**Title:** Over net Ball Emil Open 2025

**Date and time:** 26. - 27. 6. 2025, 10:00 - 16:00

**Place:** The outdoor volleyball court Pod Palackého Vrchem, the size of the playing area is volleyball, the height of the net will be adapted to the level of the athletes.

**Game breakdown:** **OPEN** format: athletes with any type of disability

**MIXED** format: unified (game teams supplemented by intact athletes from the ranks of volunteers, escorts, etc.)

**Rating:** Competition of registered teams according to the modified Special Olympics rules for 1st-3rd place, the possibility to participate in demonstration competitions in formed teams - according to interest, possible registration at the technical meeting. The sport is open for tryouts by anyone during Thursday and Friday.

In Brno, 14 April 2025



## Annex



Photo 1: Over net ball, Photo 2: Mini javelin



Photo 3: Handbikes, Photo 4: Archery



Photo 5: Cycling, Photo 6: Relay race



Photo 7: Swimming, Photo 8: Boccia BC3



Photo 9: Boccia, Photo 10: Table tennis



Photo 11: Rides on the track