



WELCOME TO FINLAND

Dear athletes, coaches and officials - Dear Goalball family.

A warm welcome to the IBSA Goalball European Championships (Group B) in Pajulahti Olympic and Paralympic Training Center Finland! Our goal is to create a spectacular sports events as well as a unique atmosphere in the Athletes' Village in Pajulahti. Memories of our beautiful Finnish nature and the magical winter time will last a lifetime.

We would like to thank IBSA for this honor and great opportunity to organize IBSA Goalball European Championships (Group B) in Pajulahti.

Welcome and see you in Pajulahti! ■



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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Due to the situation with Covid-19 and the demands of the Finnish authorities (72h quarantine) we have to extend the duration of the tournament by two days.

Day 1 Fri 22.1.
Day 2-3 Sat-Sun 23.-24.1.
Day 4 Mon 25.1.
Day 5-6, Tue-Wed 26.-27.1.
Day 6, Wed 27.1.
Day 6, Wed 27.1.
Day 7-8, Thu - Fri 28.-29.1.
Day 9, Sat 30.1.
Day 10, Sun 31.1.
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Day 11, Mon 1.2.

Arrivals
72h quarantine teams are allowed to practice
Covid-19 test and training
Classification and Training
Opening ceremony
Team Leaders meeting
Round robin
Quarter finals, Semifinals
Medal games
Closing ceremony
Departure

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

This document has been drawn-up in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus during IBSA Goalball European Championships group B tournament.

This document is a non-exhaustive list and extra measures might have to be taken depending on the recommendation of the local authorities.

TRAVELLING TO FINLAND

Every member of a team (player, official, etc.) travelling to Finland **MUST** present a negative Covid-19 test from their home country done within the last 72 hours at the Finnish border, including a certified validation of the tests done by the doctor of the national team of your association/Olympic Committee.

While travelling, all protection measures (face masks, social distancing, ...) must be respected.

It is recommended that everyone should proactively and regularly check their health status (including taking their temperature and monitoring for any symptoms) before coming to the Finland. It is requested to not travel if you feel any symptoms that can be related to Covid-19,

IN PAJULAHTI

It is requested to not travel or move around if you feel unwell, fatigue, cold symptoms, fever, coughing, and in more severe cases shortness of breath which are COVID-19's most common symptoms. In case you have any of the above symptoms please directly inform the organisers and stay in your room.

Observe the rules of cough hygiene and regularly wash your hands with soap/ warm water or hand disinfectant.

It is recommended that players, coaches and technical officials do not socialise and follow the principles of social distancing when possible.

72H QUARANTINE

DURING THE 72H QUARANTINE:

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other teams or organizers and officials
Teams are not allowed to visit the Pajulahti reception (only team managers are allowed to visit the reception upon arrival)
Teams need to stay in their rooms except when going to the restaurant or practice
Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving their hotel room
Team meals in designated restaurant with their own team
Team practice at the venues with their own team

AFTER THE 72H QUARANTINE:

Teams are not allowed to be in contact with anyone who is still in quarantine
Teams are not allowed to be in contact with other customer groups in Pajulahti
Teams are not allowed use any other Pajulahti indoor venues
Teams are not allowed to visit the Pajulahti reception (only team manager visit the reception upon arrival). In case of trouble please contact competition office or Pajulahti 24h service

Teams are allowed to be in contact with other persons within the goalball bubble who are tested negative
Teams need to wear a face mask whenever leaving their hotel room

TEAMS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE PAJULAHTI AREA DURING THE WHOLE TOURNAMENT / THEIR STAY IN PAJULAHTI! In case this rule is violated the whole team will be excluded from the competition.

COVID-19 TEST

Everyone must be tested again 72 hours after arrival in Finland. Test will be done on Monday 25th January 2021 on site at Pajulahti Sports Center. Individual tests will have to be paid for by teams/federations. The cost per test is €100.

The results will be available within 2 hours and only if everyone within the team is tested negative on Monday, the team can participate in the tournament from Thursday onwards.

After getting your negative test results, you are also allowed to interact with other teams, of course with the necessary precautions but please note that after the negative test results teams are still not allowed to communicate with other Pajulahti guest groups.

In case of even one positive test within the team (player or official), the whole team will be excluded from the competition and the whole team will be isolated (Positive test result isolation 7 days

All participants will receive the results by sms to their phone

Test will be conducted in Sport Hall. Teams will receive the time schedule for testing separately.

The test is an antigen test and it detects the virus's surface protein.

Test is made by Mehiläinen a well-known and highly valued private provider of health care and social services in Finland.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR ID OR PASSPORT TO BE TESTED.

Pajulahti will send the invoices of tests after the event to each federation. Price 100€/person/test

AFTER RECEIVING THE NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS THE PARTICIPANT WILL BE GIVEN A GREEN STICKER TO THE ACCREDITATION CARD. STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPORT HALL ENTRANCE.

Should you receive a positive test result, please stay in your room and contact the competition office by phone immediately. A second test will be scheduled to confirm the test result as soon as possible.

If you have any symptoms (Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose.) please stay in your room and contact competition office.

TOURNAMENT

During the tournament we will follow IBSA Back to Competition Goalball sport guidelines in times of Covid-19. These guidelines can be found:

<https://www.ibsasport.org/news/2044/ibsa-publishes-back-to-competition-guide-for-goalball>

