



world abilitysport
GUTTMANN GAMES

ENTRY INFORMATION PACK

16-21 August 2026 | Lahti, Finland



Dear World AbilitySport Members,

On behalf of World AbilitySport and the Local Organising Committee, Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus, I am delighted to invite the athletes, coaches and team staff of our Membership and International Federation members to Finland for the inaugural 2026 World AbilitySport Guttman Games.

Offering a one-site venue, Pajulahti Campus will welcome teams competing in Disability Snooker, Para Dance Sport, Para Disc Golf, Para Triathlon, Standing Tennis, Wheelchair Ultimate from 16 to 21 August 2026 to the picturesque lakeside resort in Lahti, southern Finland.

The Guttman Games, designed exclusively for sports and disciplines not on the Paralympic programme, is a venture that has been long in the planning and I am delighted to see finally come to fruition.

The multi-sport Games environment will offer a real celebration of the sports on the programme and provide a place to develop and increase awareness of the sports – a legacy of the work of our founder and father of the Paralympic Movement, Sir Ludwig Guttman.

My sincerest appreciation goes to the Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus whose infectious excitement to promote sports for athletes with physical impairments has left me with no doubt that these Games will be one to remember.

We greatly look forward to welcoming your athletes to Lahti to compete in these historic Games in beautiful surroundings.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rudi Van Den Abbeele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rudi Van Den Abbeele
President



Dear World Abilitysport Members,

On behalf of the Sports Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus and the Local Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of the Guttman Games.

Our core value is simple yet powerful: sport and physical activity belongs to everyone. Events like the Guttman Games embody this value perfectly and we are committed to creating experiences that bring joy, inspiration, and meaningful moments of success to all participants.

We warmly invite you to enjoy Finland's pure nature, beautiful surroundings, and the welcoming spirit of Pajulahti. And while we celebrate togetherness and inclusion, we also look forward to fair, determined, and honest competition throughout the event.

We look forward to welcoming you to the first-ever World Abilitysport Guttman Games – we are honoured to have you with us.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Kittelä".

Laura Kittelä
Event Director, Local Organising Committee

OVERVIEW



ORGANISERS	Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus Supported by NPC Finland
DATES	16-21 August 2026
LOCATION	Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus Lahti, Finland
SPORTS	Disability Snooker (C) Para Dance Sport (C) Para Disc Golf (C) Para Laser Run (C) Para Triathlon (C) Standing Tennis Wheelchair Ultimate (C) Sports marked with a (C) indicate those that will host international classification at the Games.
REGISTRATION FEES	£100 per person (all team members)
INCLUSIVE DAY RATE	€160 per person, per night (shared occupancy) €195 per person per night (single occupancy) - extremely limited availability includes return airport transfers, full board and on-site accommodation.
ENTRIES BY NUMBER	6 th - 24 th April 2026
ENTRIES BY NAME	Week commencing 1 st June 2026
ENTRIES CLOSING	29 th June 2026
CONTACT	World Abilitysport: games@worldabilitysport.org LOC: laura.kittela@kolmekampusta.fi

DRAFT SCHEDULE & GAMES MAP

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Sport Tech Meetings						
Classification						
Training						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

This draft Games schedule is subject to change and viability of each sport will be determined following the close of 'Entry by Number'. The final sports programme will be communicated to members ahead of the opening of 'Entry by Name'. Sport specific schedules can be found in the following pages of this document.

Any changes to the days of competition will be communicated to teams following the close of entries. Sport/event specific timetables, including classification schedules, will be communicated to teams once finalised.

VENUE MAP



Welcome to Pajulahti

ACCOMMODATION ●

- 1 SILMU 1: 1201 – 1217, 1301 – 1319, 1401 – 1407
- 2 SILMU 2: 501 – 511, 550 – 565, 512 – 513
- 3 SILMU 3: 3101-3109, 3201-3213, 3301-3313
- 4 SILMU 4: 60 – 68, 70 – 79, 80 – 88, 89 – 92
- 5 HOTEL RANTAPAJU: 101 – 114
- 6 HOTEL HOPEAPAJU: 601 – 620
- 7 HOTEL KANGASPAJU: A711-716 B21-726 E751-756
- 8 HOTEL KALLIOPAJU: 8101 – 8106, 8201 – 8206, 8301 – 8312, 8401 – 8412
- 9 HOTEL PUISTOPAJU:
 - A 9A101 – 9A108, 9A201 – 9A208
 - B 9B101 – 9B108, 9B201 – 9B208
 - C 9C101 – 9C108, 9C201 – 9C208
 - D 9D101 – 9D108, 9D201 – 9D208

BUILDINGS ●

MAIN BUILDING

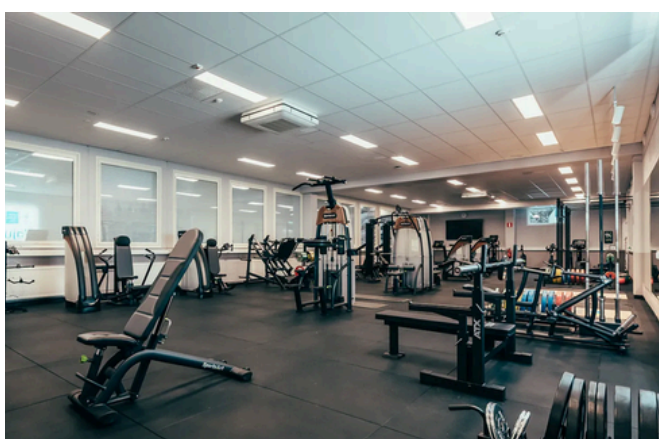
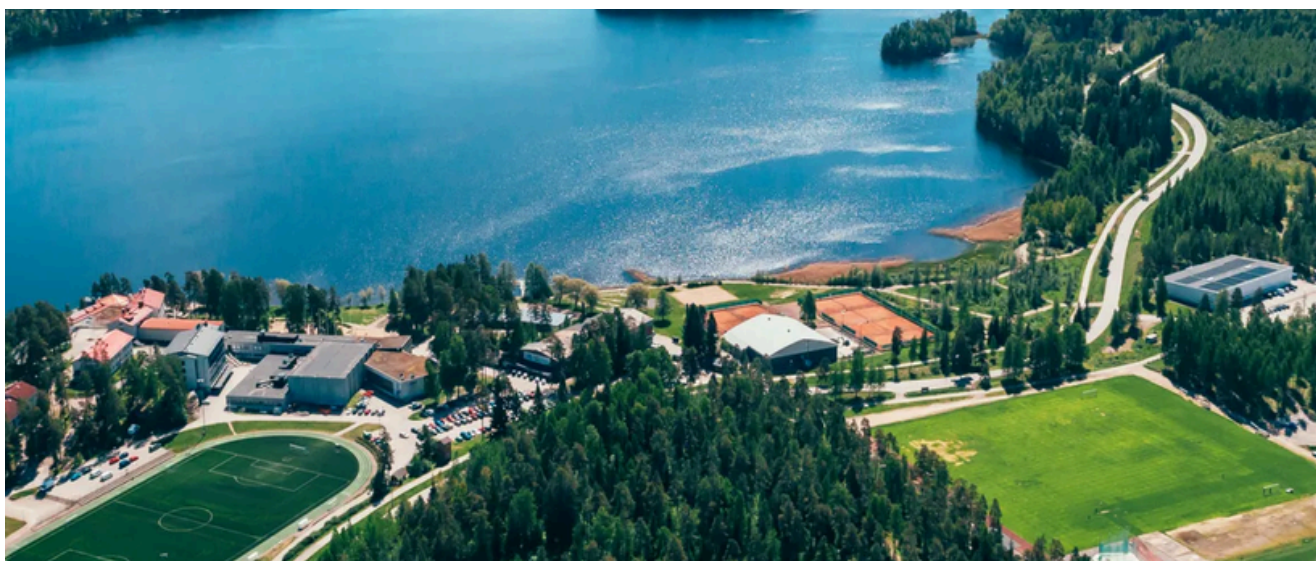
- 10 Reception
Restaurant and cafe
Gym
Children's playground
- 11 Start lobby
Auditory and meeting rooms
Administration
Ball hall and dance studio
Training, Recovery
& Research Center
Massage and student massage
Testing 1, sports 1st floor
Testing 2, fitness 2nd floor
Library
- 12 NIKULÄ HALL
- 13 COMBAT ARENA
- 14 TENNIS HALL, courts 3 & 4
- 15 SPORTS HALL
- 16 ICE STADIUM
- 17 SWIMMING HALL
- 18 SAUNAS, LOUNGE with FIREPLACE
- 19 PAJULAHTI HALL
- 20 PAJUNPESÄ CAMP FIRE
- 21 LOUE CAMP FIRE
- 22 PAAHTIMO

ACTIVITIES ○

- 23 FOOTBALL FIELD
- 24 ARTIFICIAL TURF
- 25 BEACH FOOTBALL
- 26 TRACK & FIELD
- 27 TENNIS COURTS
- 28 PADEL COURT
- 29 CAMP FIRE
- 30 CANOEING
- 31 MINIGOLF
- 32 BEACH VOLLEY
- 33 PLAYGROUND
- 34 DISC GOLF
- 35 YARD GAME
- 36 ROCK ASH FIELD
- 37 BEACH FIELD
- 38 ADVENTURE PARK
- 39 ADVENTURE PARK
TICKET SALE
- 40 OUTDOOR GYM
- 41 FITNESS TRAILS
AND SKI TRACKS
- 42 OUTDOOR RECREATION
TRAILS
- 43 LAKE POOL PAJULAHTI

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus is Finland’s only Olympic and Paralympic training centre. Offering an extensive range of accessible sport facilities, Pajulahti has hosted many international Para sport events including the 2019 and 2022 European Para Youth Games, World Boccia Challengers, ITTF World Para Future Tournament and in May, the International Powerchair Hockey World Championships.





ARRIVALS

The serviced Games airport will be Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL) whereby the Local Organisers will arrange airport transfers for the 109 km trip to Pajulahti Campus. The trip takes around one hour.

Transport based on the accessibility requirements detailed in your entry will be supplied to accommodate team's arrivals and departures.

ACCOMMODATION

All teams and officials will be accommodated on-site in a mixture of apartments and lodges of twin and triple capacity. Single rooms are extremely limited in availability and will be limited to one single occupancy room per team.



LEISURE

During your stay at Pajulahti Campus, you can plunge into a refreshing Finnish lake, swim in the 25-meter swimming lanes or relax in warm beach saunas at Lake Pool. Also onsite are adventure high ropes, a bungee trampoline, fitness centre and row boats/canoes for hire.



DISABILITY SNOOKER



STATUS

2026 Guttman Games - World Snooker Open

World Disability Billiards and Snooker (WDBS) World Ranking event

Prize money awarded

International classification hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
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Team Manager's Meeting						
Sport Tech Meeting						
Classification						
Training						
Opening Ceremony						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

COMPETITION RULES

WPBSA Official Rules of the Games of Snooker and Billiards

ELIGIBILITY

Groups 1-5

Expressions of interest to be submitted to info@wdb.info. WDBS will select participation based on ensuring maximum number of countries are involved in the event and a balance of classification groups. Then consideration will be given to WDBS ranking and attendance at WDBS events.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Round robin

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any enquiries in relation to World Disability Billiards and Snooker, please email info@wdb.info.

PARA DANCE SPORT



STATUS

World Para Dance Sport - International Open
International classification to be hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Classification						
Training						
Sport Tech Meeting						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

COMPETITION DISCIPLINES

Singles, Duo, Combi, Freestyle, Latin & Standard

ELIGIBILITY

Powerchair (Class 1)

Class 1

Class 2

COMPETITION FORMAT

Standard, Duo, Combi, Latin & Standard - Heats & Finals

Freestyle - Absolute points score

COMPETITION RULES

[2026 World Para Dance Sport Rules](#)



STATUS

World Flying Disc Federation approved
International classification to be hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Classification						
Training						
Sport Tech Meeting						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

EVENTS

Individual Stroke Play
Team competition dependent on entries

ELIGIBILITY

Classes: DG1, DG2, DG3, DG6, DG8 & DG10

MA - Mixed/Open Amateur

FA - Female Amateur

Team - TBC based on entries

COMPETITION RULES

Para Disc Golf and PDGA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Classes may be combined based on entries and medal event allocation decided by the IF, MEO and LOC ahead of the Games.

PARA LASER RUN



STATUS

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) Approved
International classification hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Training						
Classification						
Sport Tech Meetings						
Competition			Relay	Individual		
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

EVENTS

Para laser run (300m race & 4 x 50m laser pistol shooting)

Individual and Mixed Team Relay

PMP1 = stand alone race (individual and relay)

PMP2,3,4,5 - integrated race (individual and relay)

ELIGIBILITY

Only P.I. classes eligible (PMP1 | PMP2 | PMP3 | PMP4 | PMP5)

Athletes must be a UIPM member to compete.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Laser pistols will be provided for athletes that do not have the equipment.

Basic coaching support will be available on training days, if required.

PARA TRIATHLE



STATUS

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) Approved
International classification hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Training						
Classification						
Sport Tech Meetings						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

EVENTS

100m swim, 3 x 5m shoot, 300m run/push

ELIGIBILITY

Only P.I. classes eligible (PMP1 | PMP2 | PMP3 | PMP4 | PMP5)

Athletes must be a UIPM member to compete.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Laser pistols will be provided for athletes that do not have the equipment.

Basic coaching support will be available on training days, if required.

STANDING TENNIS



STATUS

IPSTA Approved

Invitational Showcase

No classification to be hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Training						
Sport Tech Meetings						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

COMPETITION RULES

IPSTA Rules & Regulations

ELIGIBILITY

Invitational - PST1 PST2 PST3 PST4

COMPETITION FORMAT

Singles/Doubles - final format TBC

WHEELCHAIR ULTIMATE



STATUS

World Flying Disc Federation approved
International classification hosted

	Sun 16 Aug	Mon 17 Aug	Tues 18 Aug	Weds 19 Aug	Thurs 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
Arrivals						
Team Manager's Meeting						
Opening Ceremony						
Classification						
Training						
Sport Tech Meeting						
Competition						
Closing Ceremony						
Departures						

VENUE

Sport Institute of Three Campuses – Pajulahti Campus

EVENTS

Team Open (including female matching players)

ELIGIBILITY

Classes: U1, U2, U3 & U4

Senior (16 years of age or older)

Open (Minimum 4 players, maximum 12 players)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Round robin with semi-finals & finals.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Para Ultimate Technical Rules and Regulations



TRANSPORT

Transfers to and from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL) will be provided on the arrival and departure days detailed in the schedule. Smaller teams will be transported together with others arriving at similar times, therefore you may be required to wait prior to departure to Lahti.

Airport transfers will be arranged based solely on the information provided. It is the responsibility of the teams to ensure the arrival and departure information given is correct.

No shuttle service will be in operation during the Games as all teams and officials will be accommodated onsite with easy access to the sports venues, dining and leisure facilities.

CATERING

Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner is included in the Inclusive Day Rates charged at entry. The first meal included in the package is dinner on your arrival day and the last meal included is breakfast on departure day.

VISAS

Please check with your local Embassy or High Commission to see what the visa requirements are for entering Finland. It is the responsibility of the teams to manage their own visa requirements and we recommend you manage this process at the earliest opportunity to avoid any unnecessary disruption to your plans.

Visa invitation letters can be requested on the entry platform.

Please note, the Finnish embassy will not issue visas until entry fees have been received in full.

INSURANCE

Teams must provide insurance for their own accident and liability. World Abilitysport and the Local Organising Committee accepts no liability and assumes no responsibility for loss or theft of materials or personal belongings during the Games.

All participants have the duty to observe safety regulations and other rules of the facilities provided. All teams are required to sign and return the waiver provided prior to the start of the Games.

ACCREDITATIONS

A recent passport sized photo, with a clear, light coloured background must be uploaded to the entry system for each member of your team. Accreditations will be available upon arrival to the Games.



MEDICAL PROVISION

Nastola Service Center (Nastolan palvelukeskus) is located 5–10 minutes away for non-emergency doctor appointments or primary healthcare needs (Address: Pekkalanatie 2, 15560 Nastola).

Päijät-Häme Central Hospital is 20km from Pajulahti Campus and deals with emergency care needs (Address: Keskussairaalankatu 7, 15850 Lahti).

Emergency provision will be based at all sports venues to provide first aid and emergency care as needed.

CLASSIFICATION

World Abilitysport understands the importance of classification opportunities and we are pleased to confirm international classification opportunities will be hosted in all sports except Standing Tennis which is an invitational event.

Classification assessments must be requested and scheduled directly with the International Federation, following their application procedures, as normal.

Classification slots are determined by the IF. World Abilitysport and the LOC have no control over athletes selected for classification or the appointment slot provided. World Abilitysport will share the classification schedules immediately upon receipt.

Athletes with classification booked must arrive at least the day before their scheduled slot.

ANTI DOPING

The World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Code, in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, will apply to all sports. Athletes can be tested at any time, during or out of competition. For more information on the Anti-Doping Code, please visit the World Abilitysport website.

ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

Nations can replace/substitute athletes of the same gender, class and event for those that have had to withdraw for any reason up to two weeks (3/8/2026) before the start of the Games. World Abilitysport and/or the Technical Delegates reserve the right to refuse any substitution or replacement after this time.

ENTRY PROCESS & KEY DATES



ENTRY SYSTEM

Entries must be managed on World Abilitysport's entry platform, [Eventscape](#). World Para Dance will enter using the [WA-SMS](#) for sport entries and Eventscape for their team registration and logistics. All other sports will use [Eventscape](#) for both sport entries and team registration including accommodation, travel, accreditations etc.

Organisations in membership with International Federations of sports on the Games programme are permitted to enter with the authorisation of the World Abilitysport Member in the country. If there is no World Abilitysport Member in the entering country then access will be granted to the organisation following verification of membership with the International Federation.

ENTRY TIMELINE

Please adhere to the following deadline dates to ensure a smooth entry process for all;

ENTRIES BY NUMBER	6 th - 24 th April 2026
ENTRIES BY NAME	Week commencing 1 st June 2026
ENTRIES CLOSING	29 th June 2026
TRAVEL CONFIRMATION	6 th July 2026

Arrival & departure information must be finalised.
The LOC may be unable to arrange flight transfers for teams that do not adhere to this deadline.

FINANCES



REGISTRATION FEE	£100 per person (all team members)
INCLUSIVE DAY RATE	€160 per person, per night (shared occupancy) €195 per person per night (single occupancy) - extremely limited availability includes return airport transfers, full board and on-site accommodation.
PAYMENT DEADLINE	6 th July 2026 No accommodation will be booked for teams until fees are received in full.
LATE ENTRIES	Late entries received between 29 th June and 6 th July will incur an additional €50 per person late fee. We will be unable to accept entries received after 6 th July under any circumstance.

CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

All fees incurred on the bank transfer, including fees in domestic and foreign intermediary banks, must be covered by the payer.

The following payment reference must be used for all bank transfers: 2026GUTTMANN*COUNTRY*. Please retain proof of payments as this may be requested prior or on arrival.

All cancellations will be subject to the following refund policy; 100% refund for cancellations between 1st - 29th June and 50% refund for cancellations between 29th June - 6th July. No refunds will be arranged after 6th July unless medical certification confirming injury or illness is received.

World Abilitysport will be unable to accept cash currency at the Games. All monies owed must be paid by bank transfer in adherence to the deadline dates communicated. For countries with restricted banking, by prior arrangement, teams will be able to make electronic payments at the Games.

Please note, the Finnish embassy will not issue visas until entry fees have been received in full.



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