

Welcome to



Goalball Clubs
2025 WORLD CUP

On 22nd – 25th May 2025

Espoo, Finland

Manual

Dear Friends in Goalball

A very warm welcome to Finland and to the true goalball city of Espoo! We hosted the unforgettable Goalball World Championships here in 2014 – the same year we officially launched our club, Old Power. Now, 11 years later, we are incredibly happy to once again welcome the goalball community to our beloved hometown.

Over the past two years, we have worked tirelessly to make these championships happen, and I believe they will once again be unique and memorable – even though our financial and human resources have been very limited. But we do not give up easily.

I hope you enjoy every moment here in Espoo, a city that has shown tremendous support for organizing this event. These championships will be historic, as the development of club-level goalball has progressed rapidly over the past decade. I truly believe this Goalball Clubs World Cup 2025 marks the first major milestone in the journey toward a future where club-level goalball thrives across all continents.

My club and I are committed to helping you continue developing club goalball in the years



to come. Of course, for the athletes, competition is what matters most, and we've done everything we can to ensure you can focus on competing, coaches on coaching and referees on officiating – in the best possible conditions.

But this is also a fantastic opportunity to meet people from around the world, forge lifelong friendships, build networks, find new ideas, and of course, create lasting memories. So make the most of every moment you experience during these championships.

I would like to thank all the supporters of the event, the passionate people in our club and in the organizing committee, every volunteer, referee, official, and live stream producer. This will be a spectacular tournament where the best goalball players in the world will shine, the atmosphere will be electric throughout the competition days, and the memories will last for decades.

Let's enjoy this together!

Your Competition Director,
Erkki Miinala

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1. Local Organization Committee

Tournament Director	Erkki Miinala
Technical Director	Esamatti Käkälä
Technical Director	Kari Räsänen
Logistics Manager	Mikko Viittala
Accommodation	Hotel and Mikko Viittala
Volunteer Coordinator	Susanna Hiltunen
Media Manager	Diego Mauro

2. Key phone numbers

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Non-life threatening,
but still urgent medical care 116117
(Päivystysapu Länsi-Uusimaa)

Emergency number	112
Taxi	0100 7300

3. Other useful information

Café

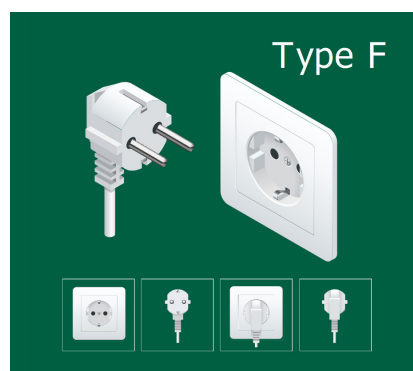
In both venues is a café, where you can purchase coffee, tea or some small sweet and salty products.

Water

The tap water in Finland is clean, tasty and drinkable. You can re-fill your water bottles from the tap.

Electricity

230 V 50 hz We use the Type F plug.



Gym

Comfort Hotel Sello's partner Elixia provides free access into their gym which is situated in Sello Shopping Center's 3rd floor. Please ask for a gym card from the hotel reception A.

Laundry

In Hotel Comfort Sello there is a possibility to use laundry. See prices in hotel information or ask from the lobby.

Time

Finland is in the Eastern European Zone (EEST) = three hours ahead of co-ordinated universal time (UTC+03:00). We are using 24-hour clock.

WiFi

Both venues have a WiFi, information will be shared later into the coaches' WhatsApp Group.

4. Referees

Referees' meeting on Thursday, 22 May at 09.35 right after the Opening Ceremonies in Tapiola Sport Hall, meeting in front of the cafeteria on the 2nd floor.

Janne Ahokas (M)	FIN	Antonios Christodolous (M)	GRE
Alexandre Diaz (M)	FRA	Raquel Aguada Gómez (F)	ESP
Miriam Klaver (F)	NED	Sarah Küber (F)	GER
Fabiana Miloransa (F)	BRA	Kashef Moataz (M)	EGY
Svitlana Moroz (F)	UKR	Launel Scott (F)	CAD
Joona Somerkivi (M)	FIN	Raili Sipura (F)	FIN
Filip Szymala (M)	POL	Jackes Warrick (M)	AUS

5. Transport and logistics

Transport from and to the airport will be organized by buses. There will be a host welcoming you outside the arrival hall with a CWC 2025 sign. You will recognize them from the white t-shirt and a smile.

Airport bus schedules will be shared into the coaches' WhatsApp Group.

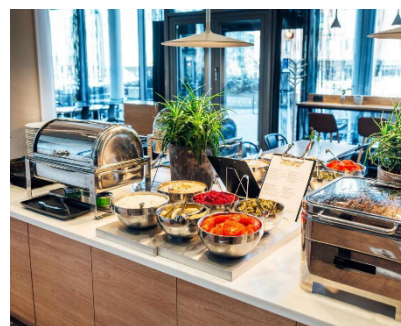
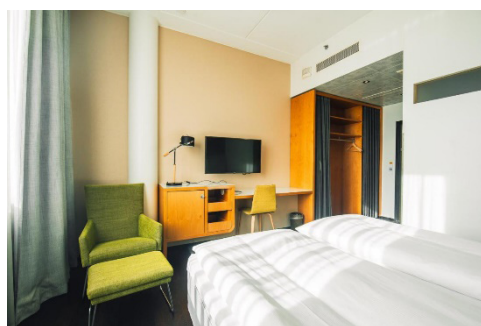
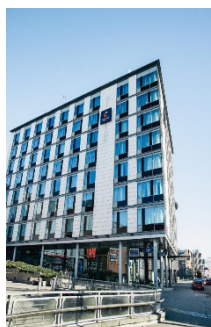
6. Accommodation

Comfort Hotel® Sello <https://comfordsello.com-hotel.website/>

Location Kauppakeskus Sello
Address Leppävaarankatu 1, 02600 Espoo
Phone +358 10 344 4200

Hotel is located close to Sello Shopping area. Only a few minutes' walk from Leppävaara railway station. Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is a 20-minute drive away.

Please note, that smoking is not allowed in the rooms and hotel premises. Smoking is allowed only outdoors. Also all the consumables in the room's minibar must be paid by the user.



7. Accreditation

Accreditation of athletes and all team members take place in Comfort Hotel Sello's lobby.

We ask you to keep the accreditation ID in sight when entering the restaurants in hotel and premises in venues.

8. Meals

Buffet is served in Comfort Hotel Sello. On arriving day the teams have dinner in the hotel and on departing day they have breakfast as well in the hotel.

General opening hours for teams

Arrival day:

Dinner 19:00 – 20:00 in the hotel

During competition days:

Breakfast 06:30 – 10:00 in the hotel

Lunch 11:30 – 15:30 in Honka Hall

Dinner 19:00 – 22:00 in the hotel

Departure day:

Breakfast 06:30 – 10:00 in the hotel

Espoo World Cup 2025 Menu

Note! Each meal also includes a vegetarian option, salad, bread, and drinks. Participants with dietary restrictions or allergies who have informed in advance can request their meals directly from the kitchen.

Tuesday, May 20

Dinner

– Salmon-feta Wallenberg with dill potatoes

Wednesday, May 21

Lunch in Comfort Hotel Sello, 10:45 – 14:00

– Roasted chicken in romesco sauce with creamy potatoes and vegetable-cream cheese patties

Dinner

– Meatballs with mashed potatoes

Thursday, May 22

Lunch

– Chicken-vegetable jambalaya

Dinner

– Pasta bolognese

Friday, May 23

Lunch

– Chicken-tomato-basil pasta

Dinner

– Salmon casserole

Saturday, May 24

Lunch

– Minced meat lasagna

Dinner

– Fried chicken with rice

Sunday, May 25

Lunch

– Tex-Mex minced meat casserole

Dinner

– Beef pan steaks with onion sauce and roasted potatoes. Includes a variety of salads and dessert

9. Training and bus schedule

Teams have 45 minutes to train in the first court (including 5 mins to transfer to the other court) and 45 mins in the other court. The courts are located a few hundred meters apart.

Shuttle bus schedules from Comfort Hotel Sello to the venues Wednesday, 21 May					
Tapiola Sport Hall		Honka Hall		Departure times	
Training time	Team	Training time	Team	From hotel	From venue
8:00	Instituto Athlon	8:00	IVY	7:10	
8:50	IVY	8:50	Instituto Athlon		9:55
9:35	Sesi, women	9:35	Sesi, men	8:45	
10:25	Sesi, men	10:25	Sesi, women		10:30
11:10	Old Power, women	11:10	GC Niksic	10:20	
12:00	GC Niksic	12:00	Old Power, women		13:05
12:45	ICEMAT	12:45	RNC	11:55	
13:35	RNC	13:35	ICEMAT		14:40
14:20	Füchse Berlin	14:20	South Australia	13:30	
15:10	South Australia	15:10	Füchse Berlin		16:15
15:55	Break	15:55	RGC Hansa, men & women	15:05	
16:45	Break	16:45	RGC Hansa, men & women		17:50
17:30	Dhahra Club	17:30	EF Boufarik	16:40	
18:20	EF Boufarik	18:20	Dhahra Club		19:25
19:05	FIFH Malmö	19:05	NGA Lions-Acme	18:15	
19:55	NGA Lions-Acme	19:55	FIFH Malmö		21:00

Attention: Old Power (men) and Aisti Sport (women) will train on Tuesday evening.

10. Pools

Teams' technical meeting on Wednesday, 21 May at 22:00 in Comfort Hotel Sello conference room, 9th floor.
Max two persons / team.

Men A		Men B		Women X		Women Y	
Sesi SP	BRA	Old Power	FIN	Sesi SP	BRA	Old Power	FIN
IVY	JPN	NGA Lions	LTU	South Australia	AUS	Füchse Berlin	GER
RGC Hansa	GER	EF Boufarik	ALG	FIFH Malmö	SWE	Dhahra Club Mostaganem	ALG
GC Niksic	MNE	Instituto Athlon	BRA	RNC	GBR	ICEMAT	BRA
				RGC	GER	Aisti Sport	FIN

11. Transportation during competition days

Transport between the Comfort Hotel Sello and competition venues will be organized by shuttle buses. The buses are leaving in front of the hotel according to the schedule below. Details will be discussed in team meeting as well as the connections from the venues to the hotel.

Shuttle buses for teams, referees and commentators; 60 persons			
	Comfort Hotel Sello → Venues		Tapiola Sport Hall → Comfort Hotel Sello
Thursday, May 22	07:50		10:00
	12:45		14:30
			17:00
			18:15
			19:30
Friday, May 23	7:30		15:30
	8:45		16:45
	10:00		18:00
	11:15		19:15
	12:30		20:30
Saturday, May 24	7:40		17:20
	9:00		18:40
	10:20		20:00
	11:40		21:10
	13:00		
Sunday, May 25	7:40		
	9:00		
	10:30		
	12:00		18:30

12. Competition Office

Competition Office can be found from Tapiola Sport Hall, opposite side of the court as team changing rooms.

See the map, page 11.

If there is no one in the competition office, you can use the Coaches WhatAapp Group or send a message directly to one of the TDs.

Tapiola Sport Hall



Honka Halli



13. Competition schedule

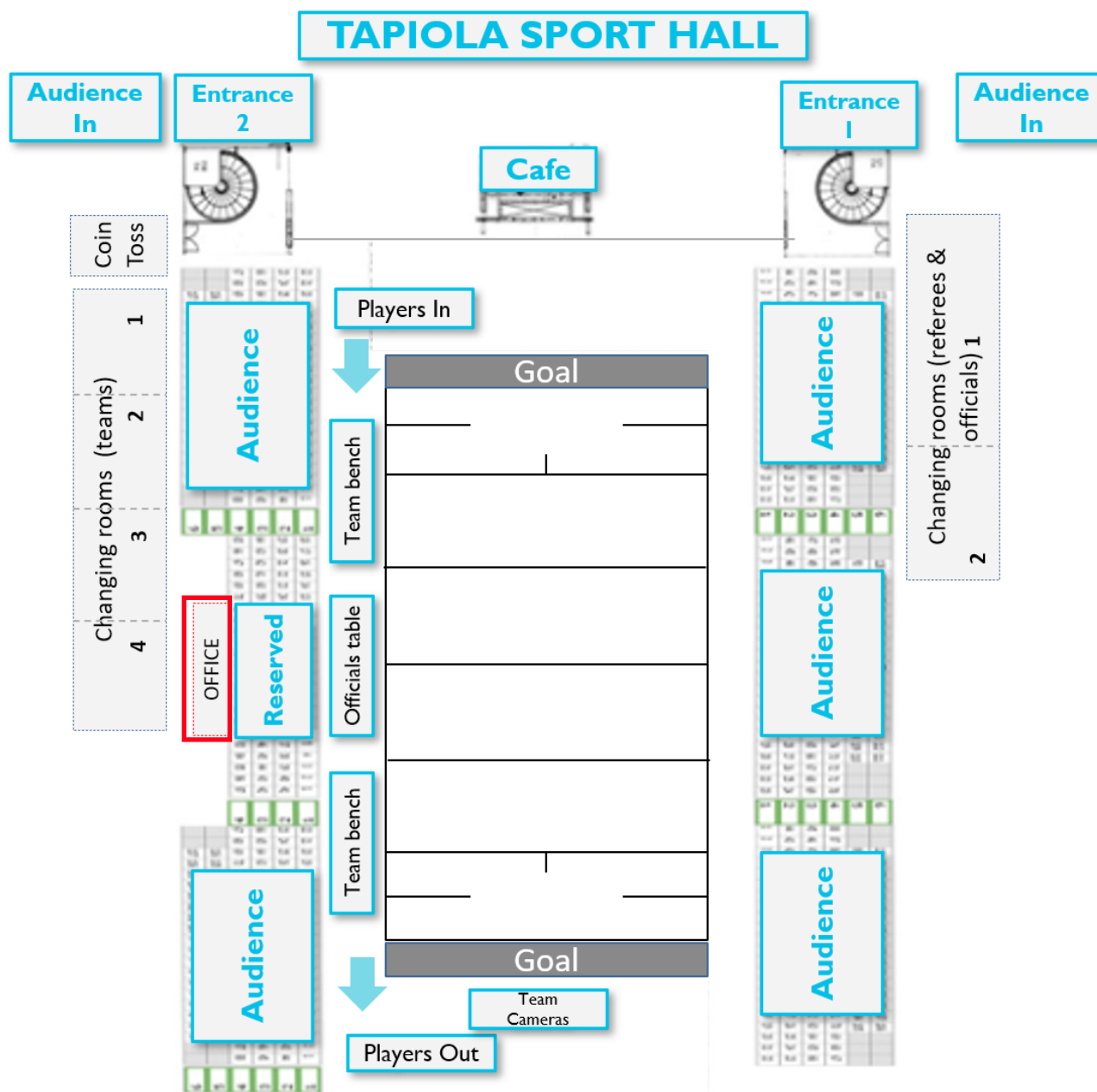
TAPIOLA SPORT HALL					
Thursday, May 22					
Game	Time	Pool		Home	Visitor
1	10:30	Y		Old Power	Aisti Sport
3	11:45	Y		Füchse Berlin	Dhahra Club
5	13:00	B		Old Power	NGA Lions
7	14:15	X		RNC	Sesi
9	15:30	B		EF Boufarik	Instituto Athlon
11	16:45	X		RGC Hansa	South Australia
13	18:00	Y		Dhahra Club	ICEMAT
Friday, May 23					
Game	Time	Pool		Home	Visitor
15	9:00	A		IVY	RGC Hansa
17	10:15	A		GC Niksic	Sesi
19	11:30	Y		Old Power	Füchse Berlin
21	12:45	X		RGC Hansa	FIFH Malmö
23	14:00	B		Old Power	EF Boufarik
25	15:15	X		South Australia	RNC
27	16:30	A		Sesi	RGC Hansa
29	17:45	X		FIFH Malmö	Sesi
31	19:00	Y		ICEMAT	Aisti Sport
Saturday, May 24					
Game	Time	Pool	Place	Home	Visitor
33	9:10	W	9/10	5th Pool X	5th Pool Y
34	10:30	M	QF 1	1st Pool B	4th Pool A
36	11:50	M	QF 3	1st Pool A	4th Pool B
38	13:10	W	QF 1	1st Pool Y	4th Pool X
40	14:30	W	QF 3	1st Pool X	4th Pool Y
42	15:50	M	SF 1	Winner Game 34	Winner Game 35
44	17:10	M	SF 2	Winner Game 36	Winner Game 37
46	18:30	W	SF 1	Winner Game 38	Winner Game 39
48	19:50	W	SF 2	Winner Game 40	Winner Game 41
Sunday, May 25					
Game	Time	Pool	Place	Home	Visitor
50	9:10	M	5/6	Winner Game 43	Winner Game 45
52	10:30	W	5/6	Winner Game 47	Winner Game 49
54	12:00	M	Bronze	Loser Game 42	Loser Game 44
55	13:30	W	Bronze	Loser Game 46	Loser Game 48
56	15:00	M	Gold	Winner Game 42	Winner Game 44
57	16:30	W	Gold	Winner Game 46	Winner Game 48
	18:00	Medal Ceremony in Tapiola Sport Hall			

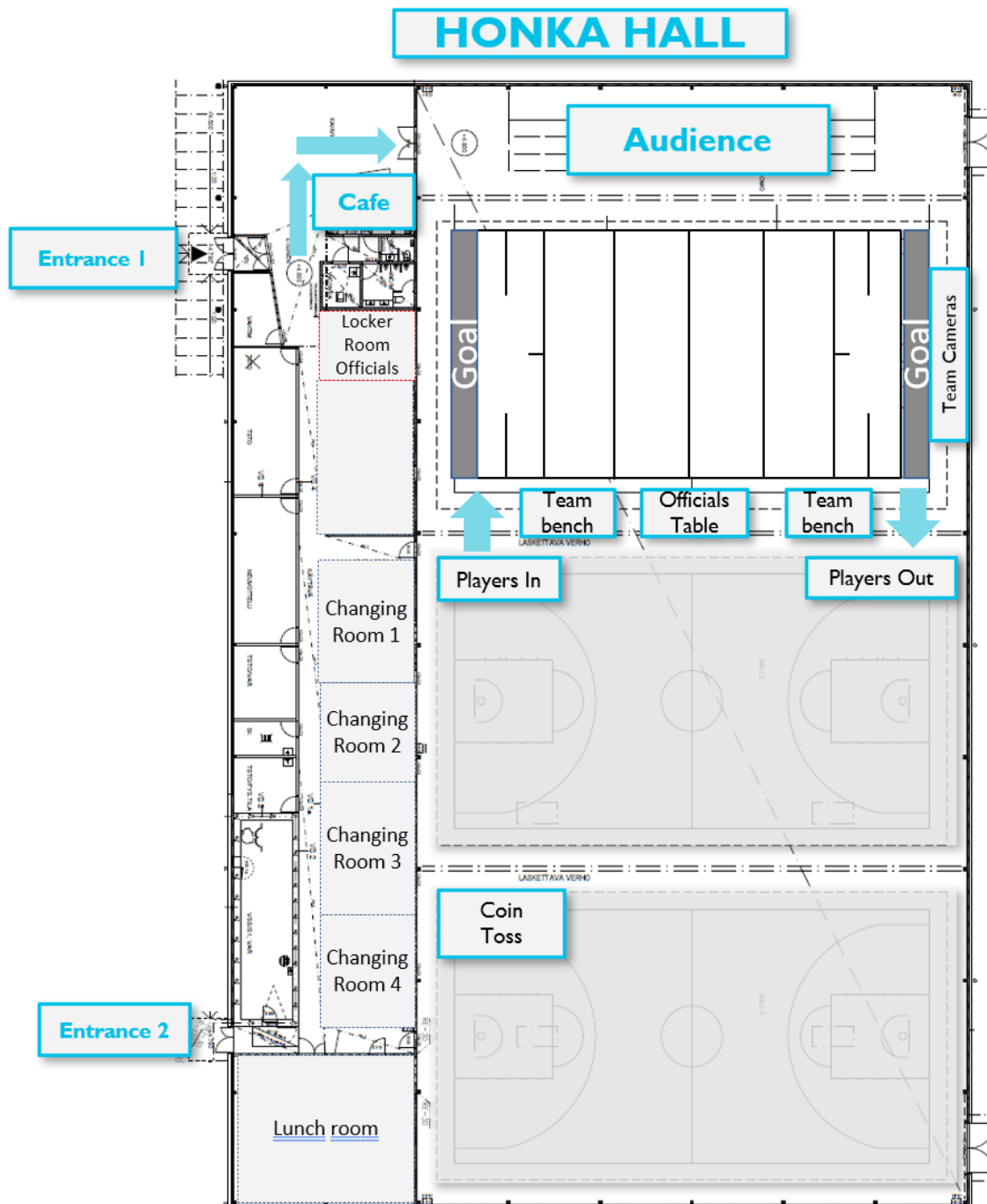
HONKA HALL					
Thursday, May 22					
Game	Time	Pool		Home	Visitor
2	10:30	X		Sesi	RGC Hansa
4	11:45	X		South Australia	FIFH Malmo
6	13:00	A		Sesi	IVY
8	14:15	Y		ICEMAT	Old Power
10	15:30	A		RGC Hansa	GC Niksic
12	16:45	Y		Aisti Sport	Füchse Berlin
14	18:00	X		FIFH Malmo	RNC
Friday, May 23					
Game	Time	Pool		Home	Visitor
16	9:00	B		NGA Lions	EF Boufarik
18	10:15	B		Instituto Athlon	Old Power
20	11:30	Y		Sesi	South Australia
22	12:45	Y		Aisti Sport	Dhahra Club
24	14:00	B		NGA Lions	Instituto Athlon
26	15:15	Y		Füchse Berlin	ICEMAT
28	16:30	A		IVY	GC Niksic
30	17:45	Y		Dhahra Club	Old Power
32	19:00	X		RNC	RGC Hansa
Saturday, May 24					
Game	Time	Pool	Place	Home	Visitor
35	10:30	M	QF 2	2nd Pool A	3rd Pool B
37	11:50	M	QF 4	2nd Pool B	3rd Pool A
39	13:10	W	QF 2	2nd Pool X	3rd Pool Y
41	14:30	W	QF 4	2nd Pool Y	3rd Pool X
43	15:50	M	5/8		
45	17:10	M	5/8		
47	18:30	W	5/8		
49	19:50	W	5/8		
Sunday, May 25					
Game	Time	Pool	Place	Home	Visitor
51	9:10	M	7/8	Loser Game 43	Loser Game 45
53	10:30	W	7/8	Loser Game 47	Loser Game 49

14. Competition rules

The tournament will follow the IBSA goalball rules 2025.

15. Venues





16. Opening Ceremonies

Opening ceremonies take place in Tapiola Sport Hall on Thursday, May 22. Teams arrive to the Tapiola Sport Hall at 8:20.

08:50 – 09:00 March of the team captains

09:00 – 09:20 Opening speeches
Athlete and volunteer oath

09:20 – 09:30 Music show

Speeches

Hilkka Pöyhönen, Paralympic Committee
Erkki Miinala, Organizing committee

Music and dance performance

Papacaio Samba school

17. Closing Ceremonies

Closing Ceremonies take place in Comfort Hotel Sello's hall after the womens' final game at 19.30 – 22.00.

19:00 – 20:00 Start of the buffet dinner

20:00 – 20:20 Prize Ceremony

20:30 – 21:30 Music night with a Finnish
rock legend Mikko Herranen

18. After Party

The after party in close by restaurant.

19. Departures

Buses to the airport on Monday, 26 May. Departure schedule to be informed via WhatsApp Groups.

Goalball Tournament! Let's have a Splendid