



Istanbul: "Beyond Limits, Together We Rise"

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Delegates,
Dear Paralympic Family,

On behalf of the National Paralympic Committee of Türkiye, it is my great honour and pleasure to invite you to the beautiful city of Istanbul for the European Para Youth Games 2025.

These Games represent much more than a sporting competition – they celebrate the resilience, talent, and spirit of the next generation of Para athletes across Europe. We are incredibly proud to host this remarkable event, where young athletes from across the continent will come together to compete, share their passion for sport, and demonstrate the power of inclusion.

As the President of the National Paralympic Committee, I can assure you that we have worked tirelessly to create an environment that is welcoming, accessible, and inspiring for all participants. Our city, rich in history and culture, will offer you the perfect setting for a memorable and impactful experience. We are confident that you will not only showcase your abilities but also build lasting friendships and create new connections that will shape the future of Para sport. The European Para Youth Games serve as an important stepping stone for young athletes, providing an opportunity to experience high-level competition, gain invaluable skills, and inspire others around the world.

We hope that you will enjoy every moment of these Games – both on and off the field of play. Let this be a time of growth, celebration, and unity as we come together to support one another and celebrate the incredible achievements of all our athletes.

We look forward to witnessing the unforgettable performances, shared experiences, and inspiring stories that will emerge from this fantastic event. Wishing you all the best of luck and success in advance!

Att. Murat AKSU, PhD
NPC Türkiye
President

About Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul: A City Where Cultures, History, and Modernity Converge

Dear Participants and Athletes,

We are delighted to welcome you to Istanbul, Turkiye's largest and most vibrant city, where East meets West in a breathtaking fusion of cultures, history, and modernity. As you prepare for your event, we invite you to experience the dynamic energy of a city that has long been a crossroads of civilizations, a centre of sport, and a hub for global tourism.

Population & Diversity

With a population of over 16 million people, Istanbul is not only the largest city in Turkiye but also one of the most populous and culturally diverse cities in the world. As the economic, cultural, and historical heart of the country, Istanbul welcomes millions of visitors each year, offering a truly cosmopolitan atmosphere. The city's diversity, with its blend of traditions from both Europe and Asia, ensures that you will experience a unique mix of modern and ancient influences during your stay.

Sports & Organizational Experience

Istanbul has long been a leader in hosting international sporting events. The city's sporting infrastructure and organizational expertise have earned it a reputation as a world-class destination for athletes and fans alike. Istanbul has hosted numerous prestigious events, including the 2005 UEFA Champions League Final, the 2010 FIBA World Basketball Championship, and the 2020 UEFA European Football Championship. Additionally, Istanbul has been selected as a candidate city for the 2036 Summer Olympics and Paralympics, which highlights the city's ongoing commitment to global sporting excellence. The city boasts state-of-the-art sports facilities such as the Atatürk Olympic Stadium, Vodafone Park, and the Istanbul Tennis Centre, alongside a variety of indoor arenas and training facilities. Whether you are participating in a world-class competition or enjoying local events, Istanbul's professional sports organizations ensure a seamless experience for all participants.

Tourism: A City of Timeless Wonders

Istanbul is a city of unparalleled beauty, offering a wealth of experiences for tourists. With its majestic skyline, stunning Bosphorus views, and rich architectural heritage, the city is a visual feast. Historical landmarks such as the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, and the Basilica Cistern are just a few of the must-see sites that reflect the city's fascinating past as the capital of three great empires: the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman.

For those seeking leisure and relaxation, Istanbul offers scenic parks, vibrant neighbourhoods like Sultanahmet, Taksim Square, and the famous Grand Bazaar, which is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. You'll find an eclectic mix of traditional Turkish shops, delicious local cuisine, and a buzzing nightlife scene. Whether you prefer to explore its rich history or indulge in modern comforts, Istanbul offers something for every visitor.

A Rich Historical Tapestry

As a city that has spanned continents and cultures, Istanbul's history is as rich as it is fascinating. From its origins as Byzantium to its transformation into Constantinople, and later, its role as the Ottoman Empire's capital, the city has been at the heart of major world events for over 2,500 years. This legacy is reflected in the city's remarkable architecture, its historical sites, and its enduring cultural traditions. Istanbul is not just a city, but a living testament to the ingenuity and resilience of past civilizations.

A City for All

Whether you're here for competition, leisure, or exploration, Istanbul is a city that invites you to be part of its ongoing story. With its combination of world-class facilities, a thriving sports scene, rich history, and breathtaking landscapes, Istanbul promises an unforgettable experience for everyone who visits.

We are excited to have you here and hope your time in Istanbul is both inspiring and enjoyable. We are confident that your stay will be an opportunity to create lasting memories, both on and off the field.

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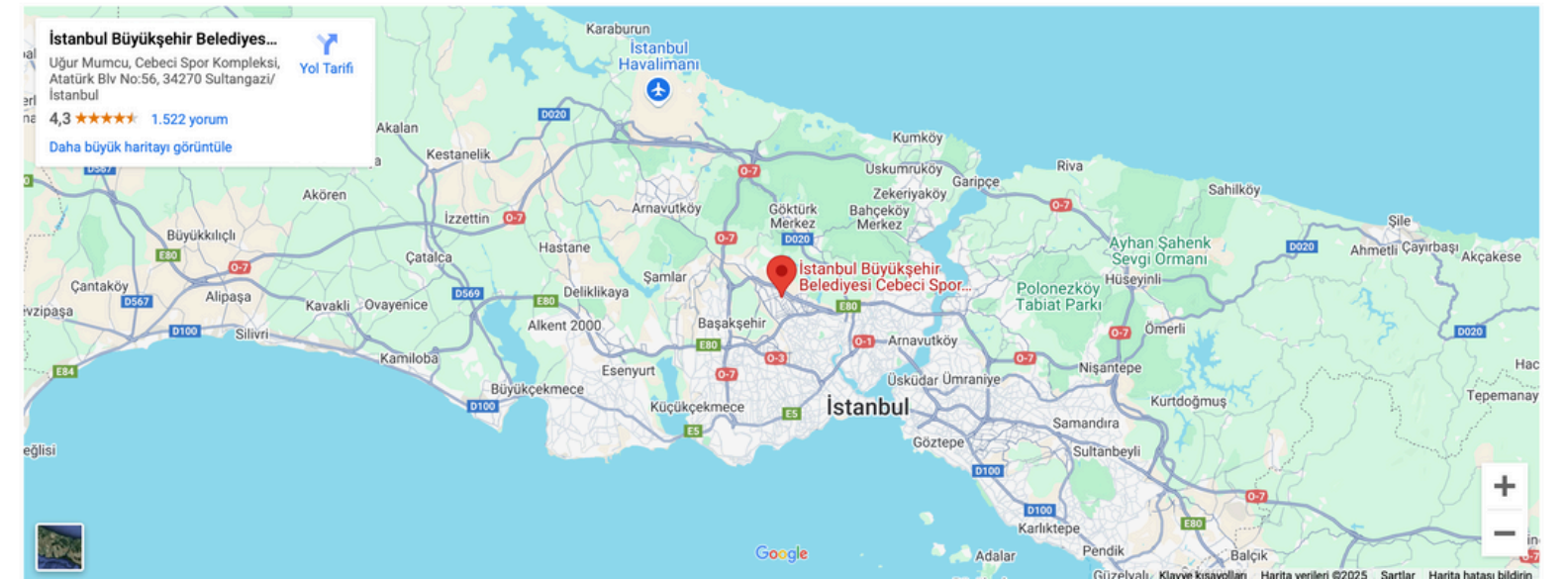
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VENUE

The Cebeci Sports Complex (Cebeci Spor Kompleksi) is a multi-purpose sports facility located in the Cebeci neighbourhood of central Istanbul, Türkiye.

Address: Uğur Mumcu, Cebeci Spor Kompleksi, Atatürk Blv. No:56, 34270 Sultangazi/Istanbul



Here are some key details about the venue:

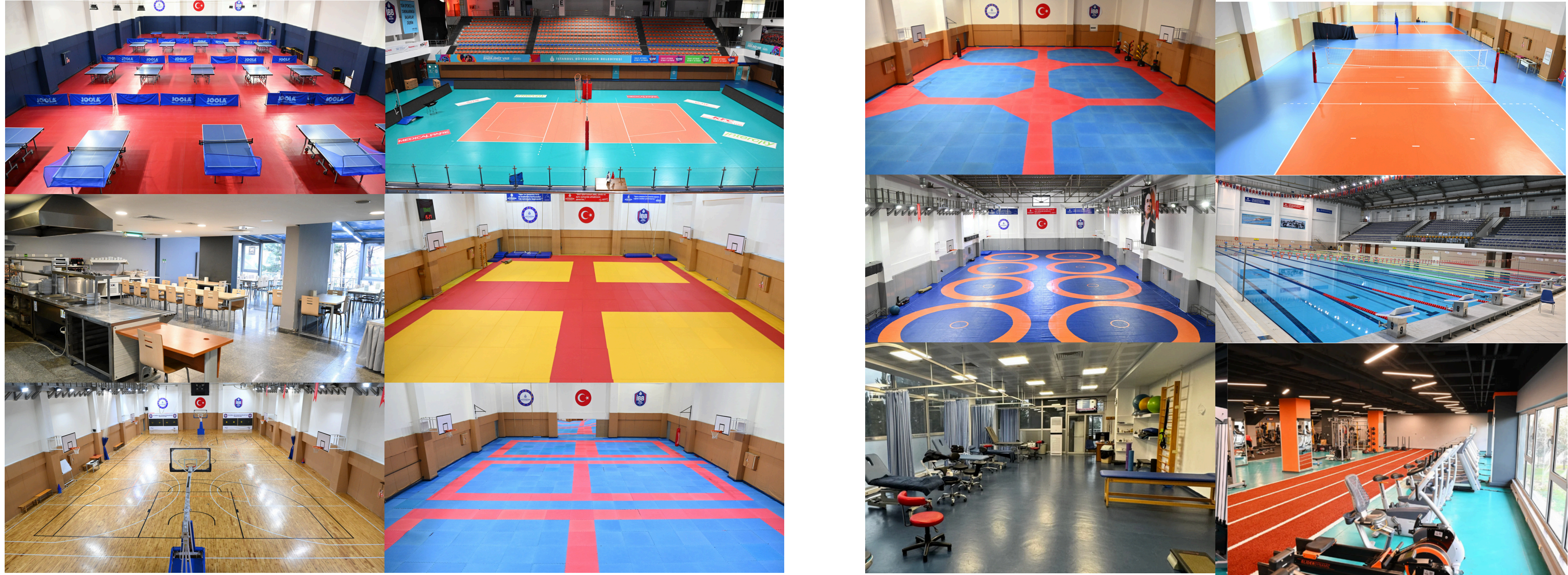
Track and Field Venue: The complex includes standard-size athletics track with six-lane, making it suitable for athletics events and trainings.

Indoor Sports Facilities: There are indoor halls within the complex for a variety of indoor sports, such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, taekwondo, judo, table tennis.

Fitness and Recreation: The complex is designed for community use, with recreational spaces for both individuals and groups. These areas are typically equipped with gyms, fitness rooms, and other resources for general wellness and sports training.

CEBECI SPORTS COMPLEX

VENUES



*The above are photos of the venue halls to be used in the facility. The halls will be rearranged for each sport accordingly.

ACCOMMODATION

The Kanuni Sultan Süleyman Dormitory will be used as the accommodation facility for all teams. LOC will create a village of comfortable standard and well-equipped hotel standard rooms with various activities.

There will be single and double rooms to suit all needs.

LOC will organize the rooms as accessible as possible. Accommodation is included in the entry fee. The same price category will be applied to all levels of accommodation.

Nations are requested to submit their rooming list, and LOC will finalize all accommodation arrangements.



Address: Ziya Gökalp, Muhsin Ertuğrul Cd No:2, 34490 Başakşehir/İstanbul

TRANSPORTATION

A sufficient number of buses will be scheduled according to the number of participants and flight schedules. The LOC will provide a welcome service for participants at the airport. Airport transfers for delegations will be organised with LOC buses. WC-friendly buses will be planned according to the number of wheelchair participants. A well-prepared shuttle service will also be provided for the participants between accommodation facilities and venues.

The transfer from the airport to the hotel will be provided from the following points:

Istanbul Airport

Sabiha Gokcen Airport

CATERING

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the entry fee. We will cater to all special dietary needs. The meals will be planned well for the athletes and a food engineer will be on duty during the Games to inspect all catering preparations.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The LOC will provide a medical team and a fully equipped ambulance at the Cebeci Sport Facility and accommodation facilities between 21-28 July 2025. The LOC's partner hospitals will be no more than 20 minutes away.

DOPING CONTROL

An anti-doping programme will be carried out working with the relevant organisations.

VISA

Ordinary and official passport holders from European countries are exempted from visas. Only participants from Cyprus and Armenia are required to have a visa to enter Türkiye.

We would like to submit for the participants who need the visa that the Electronic Visa (e-Visa) Application System was launched on 17 April 2013 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye. This system allows visitors travelling to Türkiye to easily obtain their e-Visas online (www.evisa.gov.tr), in approximately three minutes.

If you need more information about the visa process of Türkiye, kindly visit the website <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> or send an email to admin@istanbul2025.org.tr

INSURANCE

Travel, liability and accident insurance are the responsibility of each participant before arriving in Türkiye.

DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

The EPYG 2025 Discovery Programme will be planned with the EPC and LOC to create the most productive, enjoyable, and memorable environment for the participating young athletes. Workshops and conferences will be organized around the themes of the programme and will include beneficial topics such as clean sport, safeguarding, sustainability, etc.

The final Discovery Programme will be announced as soon as possible.

WEBSITE

The official website for the games "www.istanbul2025.org.tr" will be launched soon. All countries will be informed when it is ready.

EPYG 2025 SCHEDULE

Monday, 21 July / Arrivals

Tuesday - Thursday 22 July - 24 July / Classification and Training

Thursday, 24 July / Opening Ceremony

Friday - Sunday, 25 - 26 - 27 July / Competition Days

Sunday, 27 July / Closing Ceremony

Monday, 28 July / Departures

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

There must be at least 4 athletes or teams competing in order for an event to be approved as a Medal Event at the start time.

Events not complying with these criteria will be combined and be upgraded to a Medal Event or will be competed as a Non-Medal Event.

The LOC reserves the right to combine age groups and sport classes.

Age Eligibility

Athletes must be between 12 and 23 years old to participate. Please refer to the sport-specific age categories outlined in the following sections for further details.

Entry Requirements

Only NPCs in good standing with the European Paralympic Committee are eligible to register athletes for EPYG 2025. Participating athletes must hold the nationality of the NPC registering them.

Sport-specific registration must also be completed through the respective federation's registration channels.

SPORTS

The Sport Programme, developed by the LOC and endorsed by the EPC and IFs, will feature the following disciplines:

Para Athletics, Para Archery, Boccia, Para Judo, Goalball, Para Swimming, Para Table tennis, Para Taekwondo, and Wheelchair Basketball.

PARA ATHLETICS

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	U17 (14, 15, 16 years) and U20 (17, 18, 19 years)	The minimum age is 14 years old, the maximum is 19. The age will be considered as on 31 December in the year of competition.	International	1. Registered with WPA 2. An active IPC Athlete License holder for the 2025 season	A minimum of three (3) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual event on the programme.	Per the rules of the sport

Disciplines

100m T11-13, T35-38, T40/41, T42-47/T61-64, T33/34, T51-53, RR1, RR2 & RR3
 400 T11-13, T20, T42-47/T61-64, T33/34, T51-54
 800m T11-13, T35-38, T53-54
 1500m T11-13, T20
 Long jump T11-13, T20, T35-38, T42/47/T61-64
 High Jump T11-13, T42-47/T61-64
 Shot Put F11-13, F20, F35-38, F40/41, F42-46/61-64, F32-34, F52-57
 Discus Throw F11-13, F35-38, F40/41, F42-46/F61-64, F32-34, F51-57
 Javelin Throw F11-13, F35-38, F40/41, F42-46/61-64, F32-34

PARA ARCHERY

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male, Female and Mixed	U23 (2002-2013)	The minimum age is 12 years old, the maximum is 23. The age will be considered as on 31 December in the year of competition.	Classification (Standing, W1, W2, VI-1, VI2-3)	Registered with WAREOES	A minimum of three (3) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual event on the programme.	Qualification Rounds Individual Semi finals Individual Finals. Doubles Semi Finals Doubles Finals 4 Categories: RO - CO W1 - VI

Disciplines

	Individual	Double
U23 Mixed (F/M)	Recurve Compound W1 VI	Recurve Compound W1 VI

BOCCIA

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	Unique age group 13 - 21	The minimum age is 13 years old, the maximum is 21.	International, BC1-BC4	Registered with World Boccia	Max. 48h athletes.	Per the rules of the sport

GOALBALL

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female tournaments	U19	The maximum age 19 years will be considered as on 31 December in the year of competition.	International	Registered with IBSA	IBSA Youth U19 European Championships 1 team / nation / gender	Per the rules of the sport

PARA JUDO

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	U18 (2008-2010) and U21 (2005-2007)	The minimum age is 15 years old, the maximum is 20. The age will be considered as on 31 December in the year of competition.	International	Registered with IBSA	Minus one rules will be applied, a minimum of four (4) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual event on the programme.	Per the rules

Disciplines

Female:

-46kg
-52kg
-60kg
-70kg
+70kg

Male:

-62 kg
-70kg
-81kg
-95kg
+95kg

PARA SWIMMING

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	Junior male (2009-2013), junior female (2010-2013), senior male (2007-2008), senior female (2007-2009)	The minimum age is 12 years old, the maximum is 18. The age will be considered as on the first day of the relevant competition.	WPS Classification (II, PI, VI)	Registered with WPS. WPS registered and classified athletes, with classification status N (if classified in EPYG), C or R/RFD	Minus one rules will be applied, a minimum of four (4) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual event on the programme.	Per the rules of the sport, not all the races. Events will be swam as multi-class event

Disciplines

50m Freestyle S1 - 13
 100m Freestyle S1 - 14
 200m Freestyle S1 - 5, S14
 400m Freestyle S6 - 14
 50m Backstroke S1 - 5
 100m Backstroke S1-2, S6 - 14
 50m Breaststroke SB1 - 3
 100m Breaststroke SB4 - SB9, SB11- 14
 50m Butterfly S2 - 7
 100m Butterfly S8 - 14
 150m Ind. Medley SM1 - 4 (without Butterfly)
 200m Ind. Medley SM5 - 14
 4x50 freestyle Open relay
 4x50 medley Open relay

PARA TABLE TENNIS

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	U23	The maximum is 23. The age will be considered as on 31h December in the year of competition.	International	Registered with ITTF at least 2 months before the start of the event.	Minus one rules will be applies, a minimum of four (4) athlete entries from two (2) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual event on the programme, otherwise need to be combined with the next class.	Per the rules of the sports, single Events and Doubles and Mixed Doubles and Events.

PARA TAEKWONDO

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Male and Female	Uniqe age group 16-21	The minimum age is the year the athlete turns 16. Maximum age is when the athlete has turned 21.	International K44	WT Licence Holder	A minimum of 3 athletes from 2 countries to make the medal event eligible under WT Rules.	Per the rules of the sport

Disciplines

Men K44

-58 kg
-63 kg
-70 kg
+80 kg

Woman K44

-47 kg
-52 kg
-65 kg
+65 kg

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Venue	Gender	Age Category	Age Rule	Classification	Eligibility	Event Viability	Competition Format
Cebeci Sport Venue	Mixed gender	Unique age group 13 - 23	The minimum age is 13 years old, the maximum is 23. The athletes must be born from 01.01.2002 to 31.12.2012. The age will be considered as on 31 December in the year of competition.	International	Registered with IWBF	Minimum 4 Nations, 1 team per Nation. Mixed nation team possible. A team may add extra points to the total number of points for each male player under 16 (1.0 point), each female player under (1.0 point) and each female player under 16 (1.5 point) on court. Max 17 points on court.	Per the rules of the sport

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is €180 per person per day. The total amount is €1.260 for each participant for the 21-28 July 2025.

The additional cost for a single room is 60€ per person per day. The fee covers accommodation, full board meals (from lunch and dinner on the arrival day to breakfast on the departure day), ceremonies, event transportation, supporting events and the Discovery Programme.

IMPORTANT DATES:

The LOC must receive the invoiced amounts in full. This means that all bank fees are the responsibility of the payer. After the entry, the LOC will be available to assist supporters and families in the process of participating in the Games (accommodation). Registration must also be done through the respective sports' own channels. Further details will be provided later

Entry Open Date	Entry Deadline	Late Entry Deadline	Payment Deadline
1 April 2025	30 April 2025	16 May 2025	1 June 2025

*Entry fee for late registrations is €225 per person per day.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

- * For any cancellation the 30st of April to the 30th of May, the reimbursement is 50% of the personal entry fee.
- * From the 31st of May to the 20st of June the reimbursement is 30% of the personal entry fee.
- * No reimbursement will be paid later than 20st of June.
- * After entry cancellation is possible only with a medical certificate/report.

