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A NEW STANDARD FOR EUROPEAN PARASPORT

"This event actually looks and feels like the Paralympics, but with an even larger number of spectators. This is what the sport truly deserves." That is what we, the organisers of the 2019 World Para Archery Championships, heard from Paralympic athletes after they had completed their competition in the city centre of 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands.

In the summer of 2019, an archery stadium was built in the heart of the city. The unique central location, combined with the excitement of the sport, attracted large crowds and created a vibrant atmosphere. It was a memorable experience for local residents, visitors, athletes, fans, and the organising team alike.

This experience, combined with lessons learned from the Para Cycling Track and Road World Championships we had organised previously, led us to an important conclusion: there is only one way to unlock the full potential of Parasport. To attract greater public and media interest, sports need to be brought together so that each benefits from the visibility of the others. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Para athletes deserve the same platform, recognition, and professional experience as any elite athlete.

Inspired by this vision, we began extensive research in 2019 into the European Championships across a wide range of Paralympic summer sports. At the same time, we explored the possibility of creating a Parasport equivalent of the multi-sport European Championships that were held in Glasgow and Berlin in 2018 and later in Munich in 2022. Our research quickly revealed a highly fragmented sporting landscape. The first challenge was clear: how could we bring together the various international and European sports federations to create a successful multi-sport event?

To answer this question, we organised a series of meetings and workshops involving key stakeholders from across the Parasport ecosystem. We also wanted to ensure that all relevant organisations were engaged from the beginning and fully informed about the initiative. Through this collaborative approach, a shared vision and action plan were developed. Together, we identified the summer of 2023 as the ideal moment for the first edition, with a strong connection to the Paralympic Games Paris 2024 serving as a key requirement. The European Paralympic Committee embraced the concept and granted the event Regional Games status. This positioned the European Para Championships as the European counterpart to the Asian Para Games and the Parapan American Games, not only for 2023 but also for future editions. What followed was a race against time. Yet in 2023, we proudly delivered ten European Championships within a single multi-sport event in the heart of Rotterdam: the inaugural European Para Championships. We look back on a highly successful first edition, welcoming Europe's top athletes and supporting them on their road to Paris 2024.

In 2027, the event will move to Geneva, Switzerland, before continuing its journey to other major European cities from 2031 onwards. The strong commitment shown by international federations was rewarded with a successful and impactful event, delivered through a uniquely Dutch approach. We are excited to help shape the future of this concept together with future host cities and partners, continuing to drive meaningful progress for Parasport. The European Para Championships mark the beginning of an exciting journey, one with limitless opportunities for athletes, sports, and communities across Europe.



Eric Kersten
Founder European Para Championships

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ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS?

The European Para Championships is a multi-sport event, held every four years, bringing together elite para athletes and taking place in the year leading up to the Paralympic Games. Following a successful inaugural edition in Rotterdam in 2023, the European Para Championships will take place in Geneva from 2 to 15 August 2027. The event will unite multiple parasports in one city, with approximately 2,000 athletes from across Europe competing for European titles and qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

Our time is now to build a stage where Para athletes lead and inspire, shaping the future of sport through their achievements. We are dedicated to building the ultimate stage where Para athletes are celebrated as heroes, with their remarkable achievements and stories taking center stage. As global interest in Para sports continues to rise, the European Para Championships will stand as Europe's premier platform, elevating diverse talent and leaving a lasting legacy!

This edition features the following sports:

Additional sports may still be added



** pending the final signed host agreement.*

1.2

WHERE WILL THE EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027 BE HELD?

Geneva, the second largest city in Switzerland, will host the second edition of the European Para Championships in 2027. The main hub, and therefore the venue for multiple sports, is Palexpo. The venue is one of the most prestigious and versatile venues in Switzerland. It offers a base for international artists, elite athletes, politicians and celebrities.

In addition to its exceptional world-class indoor venue, the European Para Championships 2027 will also utilise Parc Sarasin as an outdoor location for multiple sports. The park will be transformed into a vibrant festival area, where visitors can experience and enjoy a variety of competitions. This unique setting allows us to present parasport at the highest level in an engaging and accessible way to the city of Geneva, its residents, and visitors. It offers a valuable opportunity to discover the diversity, skill, and excellence of parasport.







1.3 MANIFESTO

This spectacle brings together multiple sports, creating Europe's largest Para sport event to:

Celebrate extraordinary athletic achievements
Shaping the future of Para sports and setting new standards of excellence. Our mission is clear: we are creating the ultimate sport stage!

Unite athletes, fans & partners in a shared passion for sport
Creating lasting connections and celebrating diversity. We are building a community of champions!

Lead the way to make inclusivity the norm
Ensuring everyone finds their place in sports and society. We envision a future where everyone belongs!

Engage the next generation of sports fans
Ensuring the future of sport is driven by diversity, passion, and innovation. Our ambition is to empower the future of sport!

1.4 LEGACY

The European Para Championships are a quadrennial multi-sport event bringing together Europe's top para-athletes. Following a successful inaugural edition in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, the event has quickly become a key moment on the international para-sport calendar. The second edition will take place in Geneva, Switzerland. The long-term ambition is to secure a permanent place on the European sporting calendar, with future editions planned for 2031, 2035, and beyond.



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THE ORGANIZATION

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The non for profit L'association Les Championnats d'Europe Parasportifs is responsible for the organization of the 2027 European Para Championships, to be held from 2 to 15 August 2027 in Geneva, Switzerland.

EPCM (European Para Championships Management) develops the concept, scenario, and event in such a manner that it will serve as a solid basis for guaranteeing the continuity of the event on the European sports calendar in 2031, 2035 and beyond.



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SCHEDULE

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3.1 PROGRAM

With a very extensive sports program and around 2,000 professional para-athletes gathering in Geneva, the European Para Championships promise to be an event with lasting value. The overall event concept is innovative in many ways. In addition, the organization strives for perfect facilities for both athletes and staff.

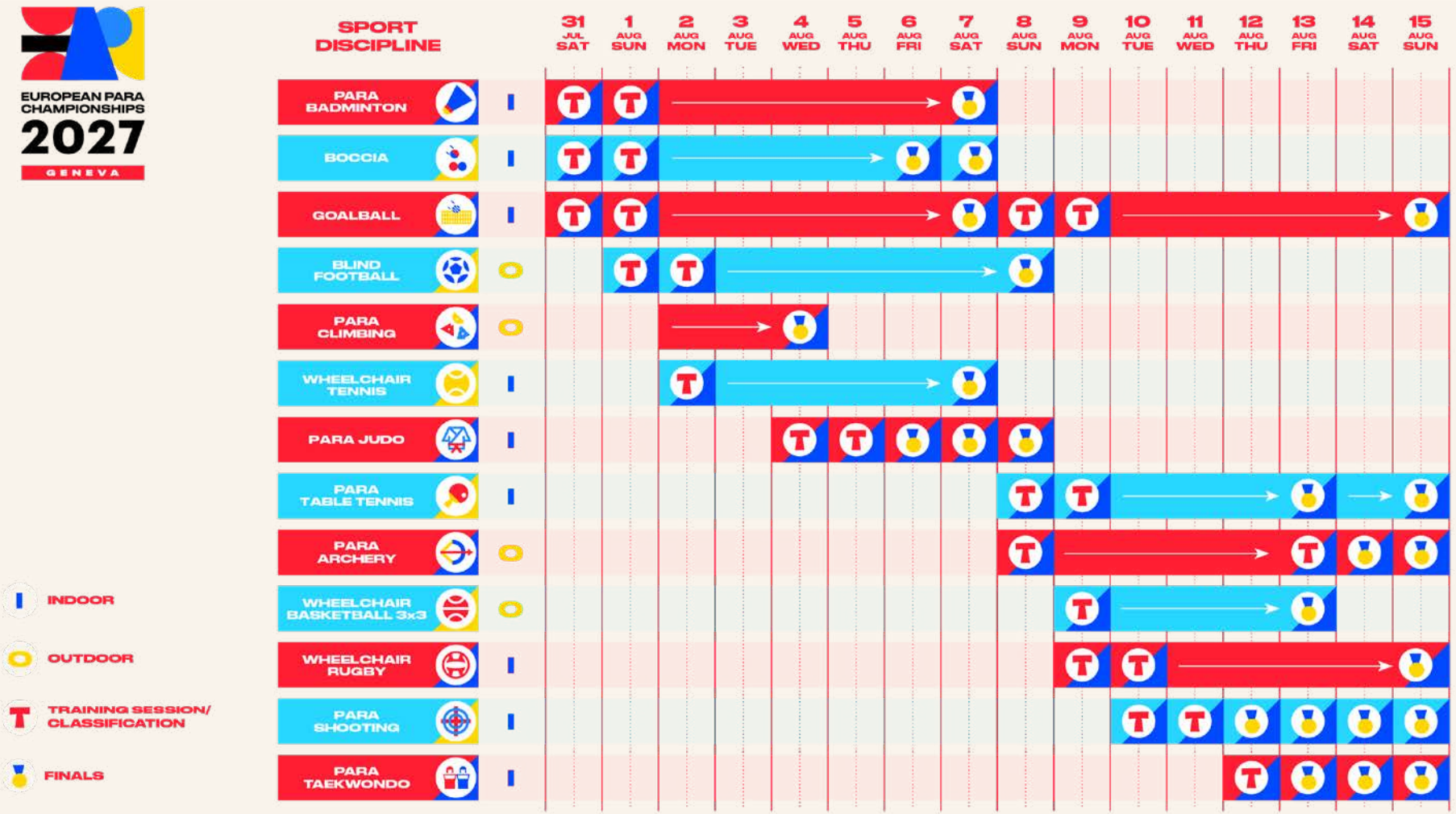
The event will take place between August 2 and August 15, 2027. The selected dates are aligned with the national and international sports calendars. They are also aligned as much as possible with other relevant events that are part of the sports that are also included in the 2027 European Para Championships.

The total number of competition days is 14 days. This is excluding practice and classification. Each sport will vary in terms of timing (3–12 competition days).

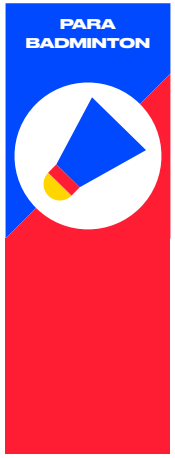


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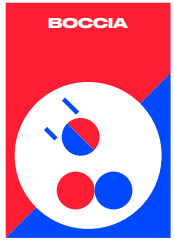
PRELIMINARY SPORTS SCHEDULE



3.3 SPORT SPECIFICATIONS



Divisions/categories	Monday August 2 - Saturday August 7 2027
Men's and Women's Singles	Wheelchair WH 1, Wheelchair WH 2, Standing Lower SL 3, Standing Lower SL 4, Standing Upper SU 5, Short Stature SH 6
Men's Doubles	Wheelchair WH 1 - WH 2, Standing Lower SL3 - SU5, Standing Upper SU 5, Short Stature SH 6
Women's Doubles	Wheelchair WH 1 - WH 2, Standing Lower/Upper SL 3 - SU 5, Short Stature SH 6
Mixed Doubles	Wheelchair WH 1 - WH 2, Standing Lower/Upper SL 3 - SU 5, Short Stature SH 6



Divisions/categories	Monday August 2 - Saturday August 7 2027
Individual Men's and Women's	BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4
Team Mixed	BC1/BC2
Pairs Mixed	BC3, BC4



Divisions/categories	Monday August 2 - Sunday August 15 2027
Men's group A	Monday August 2 - Saturday August 7 2027
Women's group A	Tuesday August 10 - Sunday August 15 2027

BLIND FOOTBALL

Divisions/categories	Tuesday August 3 - Sunday August 8 2027
Men 6 teams	
Women 4 teams	

PARA CLIMBING

Divisions/categories	Monday August 2 - Wednesday August 4 2027
Visual Impairment Men's and Women's:	B1, B2, B3
Upper Limb Amputations/Limitation	
Lower Limb Amputations/Limitation	
Neurological or Physical Disabilities (RP – "Reduced Power")	RP1, RP2, RP3

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Divisions/categories	Tuesday August 3 - Saturday August 7 2027
Men's, Women's and Quads	Singles and doubles

JUDO

Divisions/categories	Friday August 6 - Sunday August 8 2027
Men's J 1 (Blind)	-60 kg, -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg
Men's J 2 (Partially sighted)	-60 kg, -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg
Women's J 1 (Blind)	-48 kg, -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
Women's J 2 (Partially sighted)	-48 kg, -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg

PARA TABLE TENNIS

Divisions/categories	Tuesday August 10 - Sunday August 15 2027
Wheelchair Athletes	Classes 1-5: Wheelchair athletes
Standing athletes	Classes 6-10: Standing athletes
Intellectual impairment	Class 11

PARA ARCHERY

Divisions/categories	Tuesday August 10 - Sunday August 15 2027
Individuals Men's and Women's	Recurve Open, Compound Open, W1
Individuals VI	1,2/3
Team Mixed 1M + 1W	Recurve Open, Compound Open, W1
Teams Men's and Women's	Double Recurve Open, Double Compound Open, Double W1

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

Divisions/categories	Wednesday August 11 - Sunday August 15 2027
Quad Rugby Mixed 8 teams	

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL 3X3

Divisions/categories	Tuesday August 10 - Friday August 13 2027
Men's and Women's Division A	

PARA SHOOTING



Divisions/categories	Thursday August 12 - Sunday August 15 2027	
R1 - 10m Air rifle standing	Men's	SH1
R2 - 10m Air rifle standing	Women's	SH1
R3 - 10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH1
R4 - 10m Air rifle standing	Mixed	SH2
R5 - 10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH2
P1 - 10m Air pistol	Men's	SH1
P2 - 10m Air pistol	Women's	SH1
VIS - 10m Air rifle VI Standing	Mixed	SH-VI
VIP - 10m Air rifle VI prone	Mixed	SH-VI

PARA TAEKWONDO



Divisions/categories	Friday August 13 - Sunday August 15 2027
Men's	K44 -58kg, K44 -63kg, K44 -70kg, K44 -80kg, K44 +80kg
Women's	K44 -47kg, K44 -52kg, K44 -57kg, K44 -65kg, K44 +65kg

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LOCATIONS & TRANSPORT

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4.1 TRANSPORT NETWORK

Geneva International Airport is located just 900 meters from Palexpo, providing fast and convenient access for all teams. Airport pick-up and drop-off are fully organised by the Local Organising Committee, ensuring smooth and efficient transfers.

The official hotels are located closely to Palexpo. And transport will be provided where needed.





4.2 COMPETITION VENUES

Parc Sarasin will play a central role in bringing the European Para Championships to life in Geneva. It is envisioned that this iconic green space will become an integral part of the competition programme, creating a unique and engaging setting for both sport and spectators. By developing dedicated competition areas within the park, the event aims to combine high-performance sport with an open and accessible environment. In addition, the Local Organising Committee intends to create a vibrant festival atmosphere in Parc Sarasin, with opportunities for fan engagement, entertainment, and top sport. This concept will transform the park into a lively meeting place where sport, culture, and inclusivity come together.

However, the majority of the competitions will take place at Palexpo, one of Switzerland's leading and most versatile event venues. Internationally recognised for its flexibility and scale, Palexpo regularly hosts major events ranging from global exhibitions and conferences to high-level sporting competitions.

The venue offers a professional environment for athletes, officials, media, and spectators alike, and has a proven track record in delivering large-scale international events. Its modern facilities allow it to seamlessly adapt to different event formats and requirements. Palexpo is fully accessible for people with disabilities, ensuring an inclusive experience for all participants and visitors.





4.3

HOTELS

In August 2027, the European Para Championships will require around 1,500 hotel rooms per day across Geneva. The organizer will do its utmost to work as closely as possible with the official hotels with regards to accessibility. Adapted rooms in the official hotels will be used as a general shower facility next to the extra temporary adapted shower facilities in Palexpo.

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AIRPORT

Geneva International Airport is located just 900 meters from Palexpo, providing fast and convenient access for all teams.

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TRANSPORT

The Organizing Committee will arrange shuttle services from Geneva international airport to the selected event hotels. These buses are accessible to all, including wheelchair users.

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REGISTRATION

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5.1 PROCEDURE

The registration procedure and deadlines for the European Para Championships 2027 will vary per sport and international federation. Every sport has its registration procedures, systems, databases and deadlines. Therefore, each procedure will be unique per sport.

The registration procedure will start shortly. At that time, the local organizing committee will share its first entry documents with the relevant sports federations. These documents will contain general event information, including location information, hotel overviews, etc.

Competition information will also be added by that time, such as competition rules & regulations, schedules, classification terms, etc. After that, the registration packages will be presented, including costs, deadlines and General Terms and Conditions.

Although each sport has its registration procedure registered, there are also important uniform conditions. The most important of these is that it is mandatory to manage the entry of athletes in the assigned registration procedure/system, according to the international federation rules.

5.2 ACCREDITATION

All reservations during the registration procedure must be made through The Local Organizing Committee. All delegates registerd for an official event must stay in the official hotel selected by the organization. If this is not respected, accreditation will not be provided.

5.3 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Each athlete must be registered and licensed in the system of their own international federation before arrival. For classification (if applicable), all athletes should be registered in the database and licensed before classification. All participating countries must be in good standing with their international federations.



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CONTACT

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