



**ERABSF Benchrest European Championships & World Cup
in Shooting Center Ruutikangas,
Liminka & Lumijoki, Finland 6.-16.8.2025**

GENERAL INFORMATION

All information is available on the following website:

<https://ech2025.fi/>

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Dates, Schedule and Venue

The competition will be organized in the **Ruutikangas Shooting Center**, Raahentie 143, 91900 Liminka (FIN) 6.-16.8.2025 (E64.773845, N25.222351).

- Official arrivals 6.8.2025
- Unofficial training (25 m) 7.8.2025
- Official training (25 m) 8.8.2025
- Official training (50 m) 11.8.2025
- Technical meeting (25 m) 8.8.2025
- Technical meeting (50 m) 11.8.2025
- Competition (25 m) 9.-10.8.2025
- Competition (50 m) 12.-15.8.2025
- Official departure 16.8.2025

The preliminary schedule is attached. Please note there may be changes to the timetable once entries have been closed. The final schedule will be available in the competition webpage after the final entry's deadline.

Shooting in benchrest disciplines will take place in 40 lanes ISSF compatible 25 m and 50 m ranges at paper targets.

Simultaneously with the benchrest competitions AETSM European Silhouette Championships will be organised during 11.-22.8.2025 by the same organising committee.

Competition rules

The European Championship will be conducted according to the rules and regulations of the international federations.

- WRABF & ERABSF Official Rule book 2013 – 2021 (or newer)

Juries will be nominated by the championships director to supervise the championships.

Events

The events will be organised according to the standing rules of ERABSF and WRABF.

Single disciplines	Aggregates	Team events
25 m LV air rifle	25 m LV ja HV	25 m LV air rifle
25 m HV air rifle	25 m LV + HV + 50 m UAR	25 m HV air rifle
50 m Unlimited air rifle (UAR)	50 m LV + HV	50 m Unlimited air rifle
50 m LV .22LR rifle	50 m LV + HV + Sporter	50 m LV .22LR rifle
50 m HV .22LR rifle		50 m HV .22LR rifle
50 m Sporter .22LR rifle.		50 m Sporter .22LR rifle.
Senior and junior classes.		

The world cup competitions will be organised only in those disciplines in which there are participants outside of the European championships. [No World Cup in team events. \(Update 24.9.2024\)](#)

The Participation of the Member Federations

All member federations are allowed to register five senior athletes and one junior athlete per discipline. All member federations are allowed to register maximum three teams of 3 athletes in one discipline.

The European championships in individual classes is valid if there will be at least 30 shooters from 5 countries in a discipline. The team event is valid if there are at least three teams from 2 countries.

All Member Federation are recommended to wear their national identification on their shooting clothing. This could be a flag or 3 letter abbreviation of their country.

All participating countries must check the situation concerning movement to Finland and ERABSF decisions before starting any entry procedure. Further information can be found in the webpage of the Ministry for the Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFAF). [Visit the webpages of the MFAF.](#)

Entry process, Payments and Accreditation

Member Federations participating in the championship must submit their Preliminary Entries (entry-by-numbers) not later than January 31st, 2025; here you can find the [preliminary entry form](#).

Extra places for participating federations will be delivered according to the Preliminary Entry. They will be delivered by the decision of the ERABSF and the WRABF. This will be announced by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) well before the final entry (entry-by-names) deadline.

Final entry registration (entry-by-names) must be made by ECH2025 entry form not later than March 31st, 2025. The entry form will be published on the [ech2025.fi](#) (Registration) in January 2025. All other forms (Visa Support Form, Firearms and Ammunition Form, Final Travel Form, Media Accreditation Form etc) will also be presented in the official webpage.

The participating federation must pay all entry fees and requested services according to the final entry form to the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation through a bank transfer.

Finnish Shooting Sport Federation
 Name of bank: Nordea
 IBAN: FI41 1328 3000 0421 57
 BIC/SWIFT: NDEAFIHH

All bank transfers must be made in EUR and must include any fees the bank may charge. Please take care that all necessary data are indicated, so that the LOC can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer slip to your Team Leader to bring it as a proof of payment for the accreditation office.

Exceptionally, on-the-site payments can be made through contactless payments systems (credit or debit cards).

An entry fee for the European championship and World Cup include the registration and one discipline payment. Aggregates are free-of-charge. Other payments are on demands of the participant.

Entry fee, individual per discipline	50 €
Entry fee, team per discipline	100 €
Unofficial training fee	10 €

Gun storing fee per gun case per championship (TBD)	30 € (2024*)
Team gun license, according to authority costs	38 € (2024*)
- not for those having FIN national permit, Nordic firearm permit or EU firearm pass	
Transportation fee per championships	100 € (2024*)
- airport – official hotels – venue	
Closing ceremony dinner (3-course, no alcohol)	70 € (2024*)

Note: * = subject to change.

Hotel and rental car service (etc) payments must be done to the service provider.

The accreditation for all participants, officials will take place at the Ruutikangas Shooting Center. Accreditations will be distributed after full payment of the entry fees and other costs to the LOC. All team leaders are required to report to the Accreditation and Payment Office and confirm their Final Entries. This confirmation must take place latest 12:00 (noon) on the day before the specific competition. Replacement of a registered athlete by another athlete for the championship is permitted. This change can only be made latest 12:00 (noon) on the day before the specific competition.

Any Member Federation that reduces the number of athletes and/or officials after the final entry deadline is obliged to pay all applicable fees and costs including entry fees according to the number of entries in the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid, no member of that federation may participate.

Visa

Participants of the EU or Schengen country does not need a visa when travelling to Finland.

National federations are responsible for obtaining a visa if necessary. They can find information about visas between Finland and other countries here: <https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>. For those who need an invitation letter for visa, the LOC will provide an invitation letter by request. Provide the LOC with names and passport numbers.

Import and Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

The travelling with a Nordic Firearm Permit or a European Firearm Pass does not need a special Finnish permit when entering in Finland with firearms and ammunitions. Athletes without those permits must apply a temporary firearm permit with Finnish Police Application Forms 10 and 10a (<https://poliisi.fi/lomakkeet>) and emailed to luvat oulu@poliisi.fi and LOC@ech2025.fi not depending when and where you are entering Finland for the championships. Applications should be prepared for every single travel group by the group leader (not for every athlete in the group). Team leaders or separate groups must possess the championships invitation letter (this letter) and their national firearm permits with them. The LOC will assist participants to get permissions for their firearms and ammunition if requested.

In Finland an athlete does not need a firearm license for an air rifle in calibre less than 6.35 mm.

Contact your airliner about the regulations for transporting firearms and ammunition.

The firearm and ammunition storage service will be opened 30.7.2025. The storage service will be open limited hours before the official arrival day. The storage service will also be open until 22.8.2025. An air filling service will be provided besides the storage service.

Firearms can also be kept in your accommodation (etc) during your stay in Finland.

Detailed instructions for import and storing will be provided in <https://ech2025.fi/firearm-procedure/>.

Arrivals and Transportations

The nearest international airport is about 15 kilometer from the city of Oulu and about 35 kilometer from the Shooting Center Ruutikangas. The main air carrier to Oulu is Finnair being a member of the OneWorld Airlines which have six flights daily (August 2024) from the Helsinki airport. The Helsinki international airport is the main hub in Finland where all the major international air carriers operate.

Depending on the flight business situation you may find a direct flight also from Munich (GER) and Riga (LAT) to Oulu. Optionally you can fly to Rovaniemi (FIN), which is about 250 km north from Oulu, to sense the atmosphere of the Finnish Lapland. Oulu region may be reached quite easily also via Sweden. The city of Luleå has its own airport from which it is 270 km drive to Oulu region. Furthermore, all the road network of Norway and Sweden can be utilized to entry Finland. The border control is located between the cities of Haparanda (SWE) and Tornio (FIN).

The LOC will provide assistant service in the Oulu airport on official arrival and departure days. The LOC will arrange transportation service from/to airport Oulu to official championship hotels and between the official hotels to the shooting range for those who have requested it. The transport service will be at extra costs.

The LOC proposes that Hertz (www.hertz.fi) car rental system will be used in Finland. Find the service [here](#). Use the promo code (CDP) 943008. The reservations are requested to be done early enough to organise needed vehicles.

Hotels and Meals

All teams has to organise accommodations by their own during the competitions. The LOC proposes that pre-reserved hotels (3 - 4 stars) will be used. Hotels are situated 5 – 35 km from venues.

Hotels

Scandic Oulu City (****)

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/oulu/scandic-oulu-city> (reservation code BEHC060825)

Reservations before 8.4.2025, optionally 18.7.2025

Scandic Oulu Station (****)

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/oulu/scandic-oulu-station> (reservation code BEHC060825)

Reservations before 8.4.2025, optionally 18.7.2025

Hotel Pohjankieväri (***)

<https://hotellipohjankieväri.fi/en/> (reservation code ECH2025)

Reservations before 31.5.2025 or later if available.

Hotel Liminganlahti (****)

<https://www.liminganlahti.fi/en/home/> (reservation code ech2025hrl)

Park Hotel Liminka (****)

<https://www.parkhotelliminka.fi/en/front-page/#/booking/search> (reservation code ECH2025).

Reservations before 31.5.2025 or later if available.

Hotel classification according to booking.com.

Camping areas

Nallikari Camping

<https://nallikari.fi/en/accommodation/> (reservation code ECH2025)

40 km from the venues

Make your reservation not later than entry-by-names to guarantee accommodations.

Meals

On the shooting range there will be a restaurant where warm meals and snacks can be purchased. The tap water in Finland is potable.

Technical meeting and Ceremonies

The technical meetings will be organised separately one day before the first 25 m and 50 m competition day in the shooting range area

- 25 m disciplines 8.8.2025
- 50 m disciplines 11.8.2025

Each participating Member Federation is kindly requested to have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition Schedule, draw procedures and other important issues related to the European Championships and World Cup.

Ceremonies

- a brief opening ceremony in the shooting range will be held 8.8.2025
- prize award ceremonies daily after each discipline
- closing dinner and aggregate ceremony 15.8.2025

All participating countries are requested to provide a national flag (approximately 1 x 1,5 m²) and a short (max 60 sec) version of the national anthem in a memory stick to be presented for winners in the award ceremonies.

The closing dinner will be with an extra fee.

Anti-Doping

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the World Antidoping Agency (WADA) Rules by the Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports ([FINCIS](#)).

Medical Services and Insurances

The LOC will provide a first-aid station in the shooting range area. It will also guide participants for further care if necessary. In the Oulu region there is good public and private health care.

Each member federation and/or participants is responsible for the appropriate insurances for accidents, health and property of their team. The LOC is not liable for any cases.

Information service and media

All important information will be delivered in the championship's webpage <https://ech2025.fi> . Further information requests should be forwarded to the LOC.

Should someone plan to purchase a Finnish mobile phone subscription, Elisa and DNA are recommended for tested coverage.

All media representatives of the participating countries will be invited through the ERABSF, WRABF or their member federations. Before attending the championship, all media representatives must register by sending the relevant personal (name, AIPS id, contact info etc), media (TV, radio, magazine, photo, journalist) and travel information to the LOC (loc@ech2025.fi) according to the deadline for entry by names. For visa and other local services needed, follow the instructions for athletes.

ERABSF annual general meeting (AGM)

ERABSF annual general meeting will be organised in the Scandic Oulu City in 11.8.2025 (TBD).

Relevant Weather Information

The temperature in the Oulu region in August is approximately between 14 – 18 °C. The sun rises in August about 5:00 o'clock and goes down at about 22:00 which makes the daylight as long as 17 hours a day. The average number of rainy days is 12.

Contact details

The Local Organizing Committee: Finnish Sport Shooting Federation
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Competition office
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Phone: +358 TBD

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

ANNEX A. Summary of deadlines

The case	To whom	Not later than
Championship webpage ech2025.fi	Public	April 2024
An invitation letter will be published	International federations and member nations	August 2024
An entry procedure will be opened (look entry process...)		NLT the 1 st of September 2024
An entry by number (preliminary entry) Look https://ech2025.fi/preliminary-and-final-entries/ - this includes number of athletes by disciplines, estimations for hotel reservations and transportation services - the LOC will confirm entries done for member federations and ERABSF/WRABF to reallocate places	LOC	NLT the 31st of January 2025
A reallocation of places by ERABSF/WRABF	LOC	NLT the 16 th of February 2025
Extra places and restrictions will be informed to the member federations concerned	Participating nations	NLT 28 th of February 2025
An entry by names (final entry) Look https://ech2025.fi/preliminary-and-final-entries/ - this includes names/teams and disciplines and needs for official invitation letter for visas and firearms permissions, needs for firearm storage (dates), participations for closing ceremony, possible physical impairments etc	LOC	NLT the 31th of March 2025
Payments of all fees and services ordered from the LOC - unpaid fees and services will be cancelled	LOC	NLT the 4th of April 2025
Accommodations	Hotels etc	Look "Accommodations"
Visa Support requests	LOC	NLT the 30th of April 2025
Firearm and Ammunition Form (if necessary)	luvat.oulu@poliisi.fi and LOC@ech2025.fi	NLT the 30st of April 2025
Media Accreditation Form. Look https://ech2025.fi/preliminary-and-final-entries/	LOC	NLT the 31st of May 2025
Travelling data to official point-of-entry (airport of Oulu). Look https://ech2025.fi/arrival-departure/	LOC	NLT the 31st of May 2025
A storage service for firearms will be opened. Look https://ech2025.fi/firearm-procedure/		30 th of July 2025
An on-site accreditation and late-entry service	LOC	will be opened 6 th of August 2025
An equipment control and unofficial training. Look https://ech2025.fi/rules/		will start 6 th of August 2025
The championships will take place 6.-16.8.2025		
The storage service for firearms will be closed		will be closed 22 nd of August 2025.