



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

GENERAL INFORMATION
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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**, [Ruutikankaantie 15](#), 91900 Liminka (FIN) 6.-16.8.2025 (E64.773845, N25.222351).

- Arrivals 6.8.2025
- Technical meeting (25 m) 7.8.2025
- Official training (25 m LR/HR) 7.8.2025
- Competition (25 m) 8.-9.8.2025
- [Technical meeting \(50 m\)](#) 10.8.2025
- [Official training \(50 m ARU\)](#) 10.8.2025
- [Official training \(50 m RF\)](#) 12.8.2025
- Competition (50 m) 11.-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 and World Cup will be organised between 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 2023 – 2027 (ver 4.3)

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.

Classes	Grand Aggregates	Team events
25 m Light Rifle Air Rifle	25 m Air Rifle LR and HR	25 m Light Rifle Air Rifle
25 m Heavy Rifle Air Rifle	50 m Rimfire LR and HR	25 m Heavy Rifle Air Rifle
50 m Unlimited Air Rifle	50 m Rimfire IS, LR and HR	50 m Unlimited Air Rifle
50 m International Sporter .22LR.	5-gun: AR LR+HR, RF IS+LR+HR	50 m International Sporter .22LR.
50 m Light rifle .22 Rimfire Rifle	6-gun: AR LR+HR+UAR, RF IS+LR+HR	50 m Light rifle .22 Rimfire Rifle
50 m Heavy rifle .22 Rimfire Rifle		50 m Heavy rifle .22 Rimfire Rifle
Senior and junior classes.		

For a world cup competition in a specific class there must be also a minimum of one participant outside of the European championship.

Participation of the Member Federations

Each participating country may put a preliminary entry of an open number of competitors in each event. The European championships in individual classes is valid if there will be at least 30 shooters from 5 countries in an event. 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; you can find here the **preliminary entry form**.

Quotas for participating federations will be delivered according to the Preliminary Entry. They will be allocated by the decision of ERABSF and 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 ECH2025.fi (Registration). All other forms (Visa Support Form, Firearms and Ammunition Form, Final Travel Form, Media Accreditation Form etc) will also be published 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 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 includes registration and one discipline payment. Aggregates are free-of-charge. Other payments are on demands from the participant.

Entry fee, individual per discipline	60 €
Entry fee, late entry (after start lists)	80 €
Team gun license, according to authority costs	43 €
- not for those who have FIN national permit, Nordic firearm permit or EU firearm pass	
Transportation fee per championships	120 €
- airport – official hotels – venue	
Closing ceremony dinner (3-course, no alcohol)	60 €

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

The accreditation for all participants, officials and support personnel 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 Ase 10 and Ase 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 organised for those coming prior to the event and staying after the event. During the event firearms and ammunitions will be possessed by the teams. Firearms can be kept in your accommodation (etc) during your stay in Finland. The firearm and ammunition storage service will be available 30.7 - 22.8.2025.

An air filling service will be provided besides the equipment control area.

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 OneWorld Airlines which have six flights daily (January 2025) from 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 an assistant service at 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 car rental system [hertz.fi](https://www.hertz.fi) will be used in Finland. Use the promo code (CDP) 943008. The reservations are requested to be made early enough to organise the vehicles needed.

Hotels and Meals

All teams has to organise accommodations on their own during the competitions. The LOC proposes that pre-reserved hotels (3 - 4 stars) should 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 Pohjankievari (***)

<https://hotellipohjankievari.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 7.8.2025
- 50 m disciplines 10.8.2025

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 7.8.2025
- 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 to 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 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 requests for information should be forwarded to the LOC.

Should someone plan to purchase a Finnish mobile phone subscription, **Elisa** is 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 the visa and other local services needed, follow the instructions for athletes.

ERABSF/WRABF annual general meeting (AGM)

ERABSF/WRABF general meetings will be organised in the Scandic Oulu City 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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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 and member federations	August 2024
An entry procedure will be opened (look entry process...)	Member federations	NLT the 1 st of September 2024
An entry by number (preliminary entry) Look https://ech2025.fi/preliminary-and-final-entries/ - this includes the 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 31st of March 2025
Payments of all fees and services ordered from the LOC - unpaid starts 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) Look https://ech2025.fi/firearm-procedure/	luvat.oulu@poliisi.fi and LOC@ECH2025.fi	NLT the 30th 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 Look https://ech2025.fi/firearm-procedure/		will be closed 22 nd of August 2025.