Additional Information for Championships Participants – Part II

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This is the second additional information document for participants of the 2026 IBTA World Blind Tennis Championships.

We want your preparation and participation in the Championships to be as smooth as possible. In this document, we provide the latest information about official training sessions, competition draws, Singles and Doubles formats, and other important organisational matters.

We recommend reading this information from beginning to end. You will likely find answers to many of your questions and avoid the need to contact the organisers for additional information.

Important: This information may be updated or amended depending on the actual situation and other organisational requirements. Any important changes will be published through the official Championships information channels.

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1. Official Training Schedule

Together with this information document, we are providing separate **Official Training Schedule files in PDF and Excel formats**.

Official training sessions will take place on **23 and 24 August**.

The training schedule shows in separate columns:

- training date;
- training time;
- court number;
- the country assigned to each court, or the individual player if they are the only B1 player representing their country.

Please pay particular attention to the B1 and B2–B4 training blocks, as these categories use courts located in different areas of SEB Arena.

As explained in the first additional information document, official training sessions for B2–B4 and B1 take place in different areas of the arena. Therefore, before your training session, please check both your training time and your court number carefully. **All courts used for the Championships will be clearly numbered to help participants find their assigned court.**

If you have any questions about the training schedule, please contact **Championship Director Aidas Danilovas only via WhatsApp: +370 687 71714**.

2. Competition Draws and First Day Order of Play

In the first additional information document, we stated that the draws for all categories and the schedule for the first competition day were planned to be published by 19 August.

This plan has changed.

Approximately **40 players** will be assessed during classification on 23–24 August. Many of these players have not previously been officially classified, so their final sport classification is not yet known.

Because of this uncertainty, the Championships **Referee** cannot prepare even preliminary draws.

On the evening of 24 August, once the Referee receives the official final classification report, the following will be prepared:

- competition draws for all categories (**Draws**);
- the schedule for the first competition day on 25 August (**Order of Play**).

The Draws and the Order of Play for the first competition day will be published not before 19:30 on 24 August.

3. Singles Competition Format

Singles events in all B1, B2, B3 and B4 categories will be played in two stages:

- Stage 1 – **Round Robin**;
- Stage 2 – **Knockout**.

Matches will also be played to determine final placing positions, with the aim of giving every player the opportunity to play as many official matches as possible.

Singles matches will be played using a **Best of 3 Short Sets** format:

- each set is played to 4 games;
- at 4 games all, a regular 7-point **tie-break** is played;
- a 10-point **match tie-break** is played instead of a third set.

Important: the No-Ad (No-Advantage) scoring system will be used in all matches.

At deuce, one deciding point is played. The receiving player chooses which side to receive from.

4. Doubles Events

B2–B4 Doubles

In the first additional information document, we stated that Doubles pairs could only be formed by players from the same classification category, but that men's, women's and mixed pairs would be allowed.

This information has changed: only mixed pairs – one male player and one female player – will be allowed in the B2–B4 Doubles events.

Doubles events are planned to be organised separately for the B2, B3 and B4 categories.

Because of the different levels of vision and different playing conditions, a Doubles pair may only be formed by **players from the same classification category**:

- a B2 player with a B2 player;
- a B3 player with a B3 player;
- a B4 player with a B4 player.

At these World Championships, every B2–B4 Doubles pair must consist of one male player and one female player (Mixed Doubles).

Pairs consisting of two male players or two female players will not be accepted. This condition is intended to provide a more balanced level of competition and equal competitive conditions between the pairs.

B1 Doubles

Following requests from participants, the organisers are currently **looking for possibilities to organise a B1 Doubles event as well**.

The final decision regarding B1 Doubles will be announced **by 24 August**.

5. Doubles Match Format

There will be no Round Robin stage in the Doubles events.

All pairs will start directly in a **Single-Elimination Knockout** format.

A pair that loses a match is eliminated from the Doubles event and will not play any further Doubles matches.

Only the first three places will be determined.

Doubles matches will be played as follows:

- one set to 6 games;
- at 6 games all, a regular 7-point **tie-break** is played;
- the **No-Ad (No-Advantage)** scoring system will be used;
- at deuce, one deciding point is played, and the receiving pair chooses which side to receive from.

6. Doubles Registration

Registration for the Doubles events will open **not before 19:30 on 24 August**, after the Championships Referee receives the official final classification report.

All participants will be informed about the opening of Doubles registration **in a separate message**.

Registration will take place **in person only at SEB Arena, at the Supervisor's Office with the Championships Supervisor.**

Registration by phone or email **will not be accepted**.

7. Participant Insurance

All Championships participants must have **valid and adequate insurance covering the entire period of their participation in the Championships**.

This applies to players, coaches, officials, accompanying persons and other support staff.

The insurance must cover:

- international travel;
- medical assistance and treatment in Lithuania;
- accidents and injuries that may occur during official training sessions or Championships matches.

It is particularly important for players to check that their insurance covers participation in competitive sport. Standard travel insurance does not always cover injuries sustained while participating in official sports competitions.

Each participant is personally responsible for having valid and adequate insurance.

The organisers or IBTA may ask you to provide proof of valid insurance when your participant accreditation is issued.

8. Accreditation

Participants will receive their **accreditation cards** when registering for the Championships.

Please wear your accreditation card **throughout the Championships** so that SEB Arena staff and Championships organisers can easily identify you as an official participant.

Your accreditation card may be required:

- when using the catering services provided for participants;

- when using additional services available to participants;
- in other situations where you need to confirm that you are an official Championships participant.

If you do not have your accreditation card with you, misunderstandings may occur regarding catering, additional services or other benefits provided to participants.

Therefore, please keep your accreditation card with you and wear it throughout the Championships. **If you do not have your accreditation card with you, you will be responsible for any misunderstandings that may result.**

9. Guide Dogs in Lithuania

Guide dogs are still relatively new in Lithuania. In practice, you may therefore encounter situations where staff at some public places are not familiar with guide dogs and their role.

As a result, misunderstandings may sometimes occur when entering premises with a guide dog.

If you experience such a situation, please remain polite and avoid conflict. Calmly explain that the dog is a guide dog and try to find a suitable solution together with the staff.

If no solution can be found, we recommend choosing another place instead.

We are sorry that such situations may still occur in Lithuania and appreciate your understanding. The organisers are not able to control the actions or decisions of staff at individual public places.