

13th European Deaf Bowling Championships



INFORMATION PACKAGE

JUNE 29 – JULY 12, 2026

San Lazzaro di Savena (BO) - ITALY





ALESSANDRO SAMUELI
OC President



Dear Athletes and participating countries,

I'm the President of the Organizing Committee of this **13th Edition of the Deaf European Bowling Championship**, and I'm truly honored to host this special occasion.

This event is particularly important and meaningful to me, because I am a strong supporter of the Sport World and I will put all my effort to make all Bowling fans satisfied and happy.

You all are welcome to come to the Emilia Romagna region for this wonderful sporting event, in a land full of culture and tourism, in the city of San Lazzaro di Savena (BO).

I would like to thank all the Institutions - national, regional and local governments - for their various contributions: this support gives us the possibility to host a top level competition, the "Deaf European Bowling Championship".

Good luck to all the participants!



GUIDO ZANECCHIA
FSSI President



Dear athletes and participants from all over Europe,

the FSSI – Italian Federation of Deaf Sports, the Municipality of Montesilvano and the Organizing Committee, accepted the responsibility of organizing the **13th Edition of the Deaf European Bowling Championship**.

Our philosophy is always to give to deaf athletes the chance to fulfill the dream of competing a European Championship, restoring their right to take part in this event they have been waiting for four years, after sacrifice and hard training, making them proud to represent their countries without distinction of any kind.

Bowling is a very important and very popular sport and we are pleased to host this event in San Lazzaro di Savena (BO), as it is an Italian municipality that hosted the Champions of the hearing finals and I am sure that the public will also be able to appreciate our deaf champions.

I am sure that you will participate with enthusiasm and commitment: victories and defeats will not reduce that respect for the values of sport which, thanks to you, will be enhanced.

At least, I want to thank FSSI board members for their moral support, the federal offices for their efforts supporting this important event that for the first time will be hosted in Italy.



MARILENA PILLATI
Mayor of S.Lazzaro di Savena (BO)



Greetings from the **Mayor Marilena Pillati**

We have great pleasure to welcome all athletes and their companions who will be coming from all over Europe to compete in the European Deaf Bowling Championships.

San Lazzaro is looking forward to hosting this event and meeting you all.

This opportunity gives us immense joy and we will make sure you feel at home. It's a wonderful occasion to be together and experience the beauty of sport.

Events like this do more than just sport, we broaden our horizons and get to know other cultures.

We wish all the participants good luck and the best experience.



COSIMO ZECCA
FISBB Vice President



Greetings from the **FISBB Vice President Cosimo Zecca**

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Delegates, and Friends,

On behalf of the Italian Federation of Biliards and Bowling (Fisbb), it is a true honor and a great pleasure to welcome you to Italy for the DEF European Deaf Bowling Championship 2026 in San Lazzaro Di Savena (BO).

We are proud to host this important international event, which not only showcases the highest level of athletic skill in deaf bowling, but also promotes inclusion, respect, and the power of sport to bring people together beyond all differences.

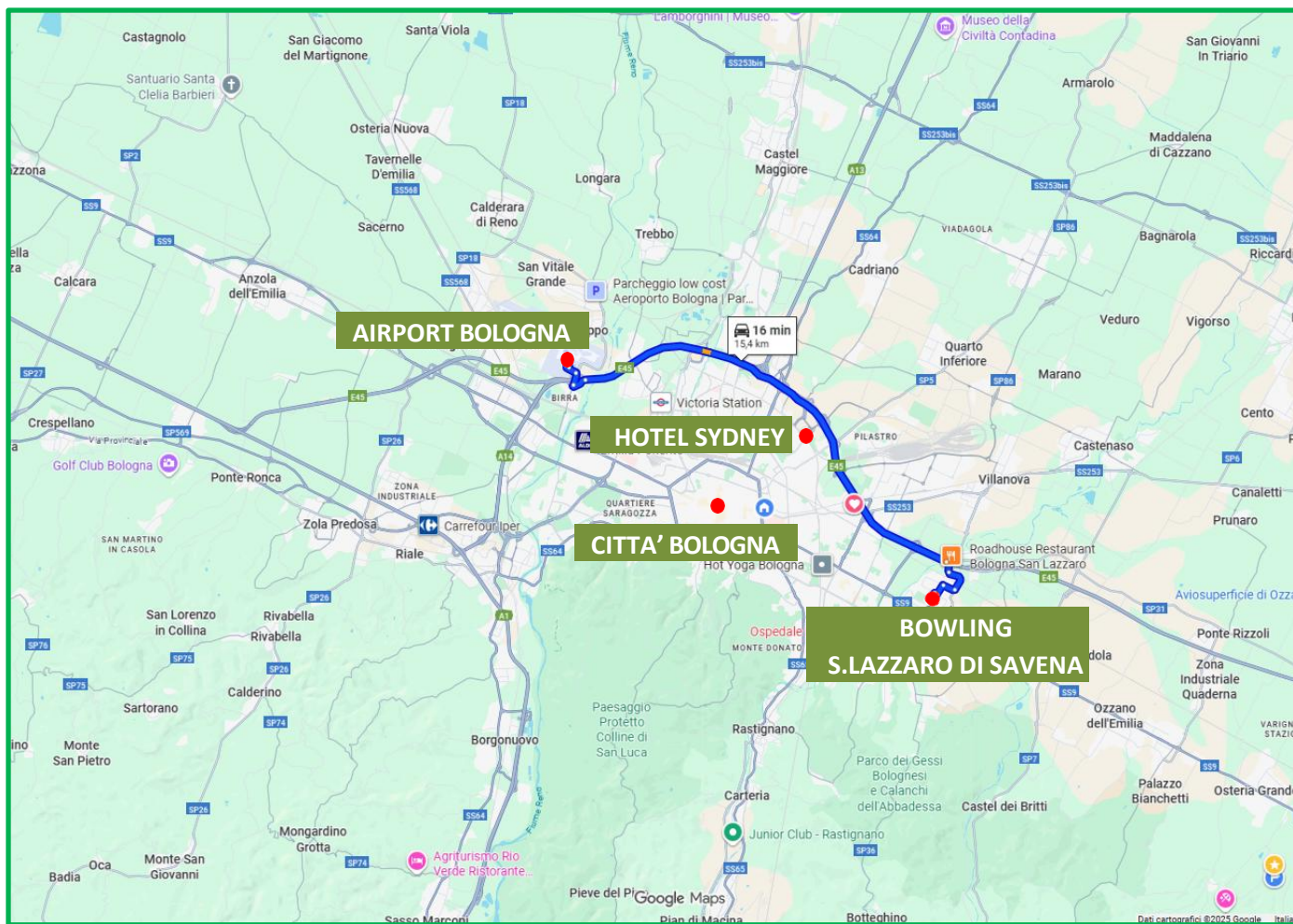
This championship is a celebration of dedication, talent, and community. As the Italian Bowling Federation, we are deeply committed to supporting deaf athletes and ensuring an accessible and professional environment where you can compete, connect, and shine.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all national federations, volunteers, interpreters, institutions, and supports who contributed to making this event a reality. Above all, we thank you, the athletes and teams, who represent the true spirit of the sport.

We wish you a memorable and successful championship, rich in sporting achievements, human connection, and the joy of being part of something truly meaningful. May your time in Italy also offer you the chance to experience our culture, hospitality, and passion for sport.

With our warmest regards and best wishes.

In San Lazzaro di Savena (BO) will organize 2026 13th European Deaf Bowling Championships Men and Women from 29 June – 12 July, 2026





The city crosses the Via Emilia (the *Aemilia*, built by the Roman consul Marcus Aemilius Lepidus between 189 and 187 BC) and lies on the right bank of the Savena stream, 6 km southeast of the center of Bologna. It is connected to the urban area of the main city: only the Savena separates it from Bologna, on whose left bank stands, among other things, the district of the same name.



The municipal territory extends across the plain and along the foothills of the Bolognese hills. It is crossed by several waterways such as the Zena, the Idice stream, and the Savena, as well as a network of smaller watercourses.

Among its natural features are the Spipola Cave, with its doline and the gypsum outcrops of Farneto and Croara, which together form a karst complex in the gypsum (with about 200 known caves, shaped by the high solubility of gypsum and the erosive action of water). This system, created in particular by the underground stream Rio Acquafredda, extends for over 11 km and is the largest of its kind in Western Europe. It is protected within the *Parco dei Gessi Bolognesi e Calanchi dell'Abbadessa* (Park of the Bolognese Gypsums and the Abbadessa Ravines).



CITY OF BOLOGNA



Bologna is an Italian municipality with 391,439 inhabitants, capital of the metropolitan city of the same name, and capital of the Emilia-Romagna region. Home to the oldest university in the world, it hosts numerous students who enliven its cultural and social life.

It is known for its towers, long porticoes, and well-preserved historic center, as well as for its vast architectural heritage and one of the largest city centers in Italy.

Bologna is one of the main road and rail transport hubs in Northern Italy, located in an area rich in mechanical, electronic, and food industries.

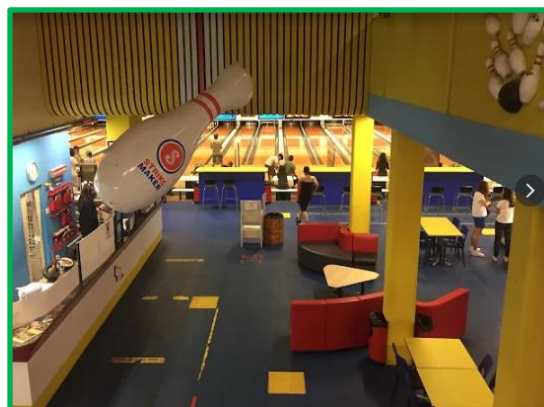
It is home to prestigious cultural, economic, and political institutions, as well as one of the most advanced exhibition centers in Europe. In 2000, it was one of the European Capitals of Culture.

Some of its porticoes and the natural site of the Bolognese Gypsums are included among UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

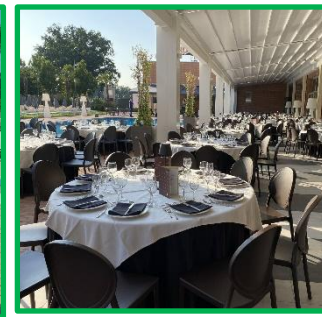


Bowling San Lazzaro

Via Speranza, 1 – San Lazzaro di Savena (BO)
(40 Bowling lines)



THE SYDNEY HOTEL - BOLOGNA



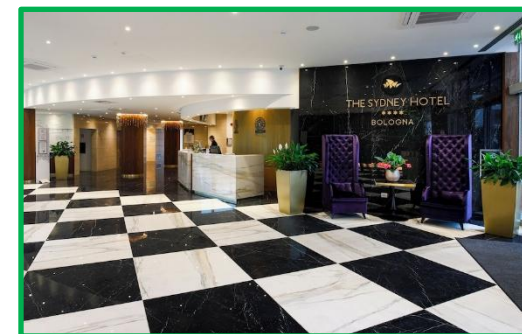
The perfect place for your stay in Bologna — whether for business or pleasure — is The Sydney Hotel, a 4-star property that welcomes you with spacious, bright areas and a wide range of services.

The offer is varied: as many as 10 meeting rooms for business events, an outdoor swimming pool where you can relax, and a fitness area for complete well-being. And the OPERA Restaurant, where Bolognese tradition perfectly meets innovation.

The location is strategic — close to the Bologna Exhibition Centre and the Congress Palace, which host major national and international events. We are also just a few steps away from ****GRAND TOUR ITALIA**** and Bologna's historic center.

Our guests will feel right at home: you will always find warm smiles and our staff's complete willingness to listen to your needs.

Our hotel is part of the **Savoia Hotels Group**, a guarantee of professionalism and quality.



The countries that need a visa must fill the attached «visa form» (See annex 1 «Visa form EC Bowling 2026”).

Interested countries must send the completed form in word and in pdf by mail to edbc.bowling.italia2026@gmail.com

Despite visa you will need a medical insurance for each participant. It is also available at the italian embassy in your country.

The form visa must be sent by
April 15th, 2026

REGISTRATION FEE



OC REGISTRATION FEE:

It is due to the organizing committee must pay a participation fee of 80 Euro per person regarding additional service (pass, antigenic swabs, disinfection, etc...).

EDSO REGISTRATION FEE:

It is due to the EDSO must pay a participation fee of 20 Euro per athletes and 30 Euro per officials.

TECHNICAL PACKAGE PER PERSON:

A technical package per person amounting to 800,00 EURO will be payable for the entire stay in case some nations register only for competition without reserving the OFFICIAL Hotel Accommodation.

EUROPEAN DEAF BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS package through the Organizing Committee. This technical package must be paid directly to the Organizing Committee by Bank Transfer.

The technical package includes “Welcome kit”, the referees’ costs, preparation of competition fields, doping test and the access to opening and closing ceremony.

If you don’t book through the OC the Hotel Accommodation, in addition to paying the technical package, you will not have kit welcome, any airport transfer, transportation to matches & training and gala dinner.



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