



EDSO European Deaf Championships

Host Manual

**Guidelines for the
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European Deaf Championships
including Qualification Procedures**

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KEY TERMS

Abbreviation	Meaning / Description
EDC	European Deaf Championships – official continental competitions under EDSO.
EDG	European Deaf Games – a multi-sport event for Deaf athletes held every four years.
EDSO	European Deaf Sports Organisation – the governing body for Deaf sports in Europe.
EDSO EC	EDSO Executive Committee – the EDSO's main decision-making body.
EDSO SD	EDSO Sports Director – appointed by EDSO to supervise technical operations.
EDSO GR	EDSO General Regulation
EDYG	European Deaf Youth Games – a multi-sport event for Youth Deaf athletes held every four years.
ICSD	International Committee of Sports for the Deaf – global authority for Deaflympics and World Championships.
IS	International Sign – visual language used for official communication.
LOC	Local Organising Committee – responsible for hosting and delivering the event.
NADA	National Anti-Doping Agency – responsible for anti-doping tests in the host country.
NDSF	National Deaf Sports Federation – national member organisation of EDSO.
TM	Technical Meeting

Part I – HOST MANUAL FOR THE ORGANISATION OF EUROPEAN DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chapter 1: Introduction and Strategic Framework

1.1. Introduction: The EDSO Host Manual

This handbook serves as the central reference document, providing hosts, organisers, and National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) with comprehensive guidelines for the planning, organisation, and delivery of the European Deaf Championships (EDC) under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

It also includes the essential qualification procedures applicable across various sports.

The document compiles all organisational, sporting, and administrative requirements necessary for the successful delivery of any EDSO event, with particular emphasis on those competitions that form part of the official qualification process for higher-level tournaments.

The EDSO recognises and authorises the European Deaf Championships as the highest continental level of competition for Deaf athletes in Europe.

Furthermore, many EDC events are recognised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) as official qualification tournaments for the Deaflympics and ICSD World Championships.

This handbook ensures full alignment with the principles, statutes, and anti-doping regulations of both EDSO and ICSD, guaranteeing that all events conducted under EDSO's authority — including qualification competitions — meet the highest international standards of governance, accessibility, and sporting integrity.

Our Goal: Consistent Quality and European Spirit

The primary goal is to establish uniform quality standards across all European countries, regardless of the sport or hosting experience.

This document helps to avoid misunderstandings, simplify planning and strengthen cooperation between the Local Organising Committee (LOC), EDSO delegates and the participating nations. Particular emphasis is placed on ensuring accessible communication and compliance with the specific regulations of deaf sports.

Transparency and Trust

The handbook promotes transparency and accountability across all organisational levels. It defines responsibilities, minimum standards and communication pathways, ensuring that all stakeholders share a common understanding.

It also serves as a bridge of mutual understanding, fostering a shared European spirit within the deaf sports community.

A well-applied handbook ensures that:

- Events are delivered professionally, accessibly, inclusively and safely
- Athletes' interests remain at the centre,

- Resources are used efficiently,
- EDSO's reputation is strengthened at the European level,
- and valuable experience is preserved for future hosts – creating a lasting legacy for deaf sports.

Public Authorities and Funding Compliance

This manual is designed to meet the requirements of public authorities, funding bodies and internationally recognised sport governance standards.

It provides a transparent, structured and verifiable framework that may be used by host cities, municipalities, regional authorities and funding institutions to assess responsibilities, financial structures, compliance obligations and organisational standards of EDSO European Deaf Championships.

Practical Guidance and Clarity

This handbook also provides practical clarity by defining key operational aspects, for example minimum venue requirements, referee numbers, competition duration, ceremonies and logistics. It ensures that every event is planned and executed on clear, transparent and realistic foundations.

The EDSO Host Manual is a living document – regularly updated to reflect new developments, technologies and international sports regulations. It guides you step by step through planning, implementation and evaluation – so that every European Championship becomes not only a sporting event but also a celebration of unity, inclusion and cultural exchange.

This Host Manual has been developed in accordance with the official regulatory framework of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), including the EDSO Constitution (approved October 2022), the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018) and the EDSO Anti-Doping Rules. In case of discrepancy, the latest approved versions of these documents shall take precedence.

1.2. Objectives and Core Principles

This handbook serves several primary objectives, guiding the organisation and successful delivery of all EDSO European Championships. These core principles ensure that every event reflects the high standards and spirit of the European deaf sports community.

A. Core Goals of an EDSO European Championship

The EDSO European Championships are established to achieve the following three key objectives:

Crown European Champions

To provide the highest level of competition for deaf athletes in Europe and to determine the official European Champions in individual and team disciplines under fair and consistent conditions.

Sporting excellence, fairness and equality of opportunity are at the core of this goal.

Sport Promotion and Development

To actively support the growth and development of each sport discipline and to strengthen participation across all EDSO member nations.

The Championships serve as a platform to identify new talents and raise the competitive level of deaf sports within Europe.

Qualification for World Championships and Deaflympics

Many EDSO European Championships also function as official continental qualification tournaments, enabling athletes and teams to earn entry to World Deaf Championships and the Deaflympics, governed by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD). This creates an essential link between the continental and global competitive structures.

Additionally, the Championships foster European unity, cultural exchange and mutual respect within the deaf sporting community and contribute to the long-term development of deaf sports across Europe.

Extended Competition Framework (Youth & EDG Integration)

In addition to the senior-level European Deaf Championships (EDC), EDSO may approve the organisation of Youth or Junior Championships (e.g., Futsal U21, Athletics U18–U20, or similar formats). These youth events follow the same organisational and sporting principles as the EDC but may apply adjusted technical rules, age categories, and competition formats depending on the sport and the number of participants.

The goal of these events is to promote the development pathway for young Deaf athletes and to prepare them for their transition into senior-level international competitions.

Furthermore, certain European Deaf Championships may, with EDSO approval, be integrated into the European Deaf Games (EDG), which are held every four years as a multi-sport event. In such cases, the Championships maintain their official status as recognised and approved by EDSO European Championships, but are conducted within the shared organisational framework, venues, and ceremonies of the EDG.

This integrated model allows EDG hosts to include additional sports when facilities and resources permit, ensuring more efficient use of infrastructure and greater visibility for Deaf sports at the continental level.

B. Fundamental Principles for Hosting

All EDSO events must adhere to the following core principles to ensure a professional, inclusive and ethical environment:

- Integrity and Fair Play**

The highest standards of sporting integrity must be maintained.

All competitions shall follow the relevant ICSD rules, EDSO Statutes and international anti-doping regulations. Any form of manipulation, discrimination, or misconduct is strictly prohibited.

- Accessibility and Inclusion (Deaf-Centred Approach)**

Every aspect of the event – from communication and venue layout to transport and logistics – must be designed to ensure full communication and physical accessibility.

International Sign (IS) is the official mode of communication for all EDSO events.

- Sustainability and Legacy**

Organisers must operate with efficiency, financial responsibility and environmental awareness. Each championship should leave a positive and lasting legacy for the host region and continue to promote deaf sports well beyond the closing ceremony.

- **Respect and Cultural Exchange**

The Championship must serve as a platform for mutual respect, celebrating diversity and shared values across Europe's deaf community. It should actively encourage friendship, understanding and intercultural exchange among all participating nations.

- **Safety and Well-being**

The health, safety and well-being of all participants are of the highest priority.

All venues and operational procedures must meet international safety, health and medical standards, including first aid, emergency and prevention measures.

1.3. Target Audience and Responsibilities

A. Target Audience (The Users of This Manual)

The guidelines and requirements outlined in this document are mainly intended for the following stakeholders:

EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC):

The governing body responsible for strategic decision-making.

National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSF) / Host Federation:

The organisation that submitted the bid and oversees the LOC, responsible for adhering to the host agreement with EDSO.

Local Organising Committee (LOC):

The primary implementers of the operational execution of the event on the ground.

EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD):

Experts appointed by EDSO to monitor compliance with sporting rules and standards.

Participating Federations and Teams:

Used as a reference to understand the logistical processes and expectations for their athletes and teams.

B. Defined Key Roles and Responsibilities

Successful delivery of a European Championship necessitates a strong partnership and clearly defined accountability. Responsibilities are defined as follows:

Role	Primary Responsibility (Focus)	Key Tasks (Examples)
EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC)	Strategic Steering and Oversight of compliance with EDSO Statutes.	Selection of the host nation, signing the host agreement, approving the budget and timelines and appointing the Sports Director.
NDSF / Host Federation	Contractual Compliance and Coordination with EDSO and Authorities.	Securing financial guarantees, legal supervision of the LOC and managing communication between the LOC and the EDSO EC.

Local Organising Committee (LOC)	Overall Operational Responsibility on site.	Organisation of venues, accommodation, transport, catering and provision of accessible communication services (Sign Language Interpreters).
EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD)	Technical and Sporting Assurance in the specific sport.	Inspection and approval of competition venues and technical equipment; monitoring the drawing of lots and the sports schedule; making decisions on technical rule questions.
Participating Federations and Teams	Adherence to administrative and sporting deadlines.	Timely registration of athletes, compliance with qualification regulations and ensuring the delegation's conduct (Code of Conduct).
Officials, Referees and Volunteers	Impartial and Rule-Compliant Execution.	Impartial management of the competitions; supporting the LOC with logistical tasks; adherence to official EDSO ethical guidelines.
Media, Partners and Sponsors	Commercial and Communicative Support.	Reporting and dissemination of the event; compliance with EDSO brand guidelines; securing contractually agreed services.

C. Lines of Communication and Reporting Structure

Clear lines of communication ensure seamless coordination across all organisational levels. The following structure defines the central reporting and cooperation relationships:

Role	Key Responsibilities	Reports to / Cooperates with
EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC)	Approves host, oversees overall governance.	NDSF and EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD)
NDSF / Host Federation	Legal and financial responsibility, overall coordination.	EDSO and local authorities
Local Organising Committee (LOC)	Day-to-day organisation, logistics, staffing, marketing.	NDSF and EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD)
EDSO Sports director (EDSO SD)	Technical guidance, inspection, rules enforcement.	LOC and EDSO EC
Participating Federations and Teams	Compliance with rules, team registration, fair play.	LOC and EDSO
Officials, Referees and Volunteers	Event support, refereeing, translation.	LOC
Media, Partners and Sponsors	Promotion, coverage, partnerships.	LOC and EDSO Communications Office

D. Role of the EDSO Sport Coordinator

The Sport Coordinator is appointed by the EDSO Executive Board and acts as the central link between the Executive Committee (EC) and all Sports Directors.

This position ensures unified coordination, operational quality, and full compliance with the standards of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) across all sports disciplines.

Main Responsibilities

- Strategic Coordination**

The Sport Coordinator oversees the operational planning and organisation of all EDSO competitions, qualification events, and development programmes in close cooperation with the respective Sports Directors.

- **Support and Supervision**

The Coordinator assists and supervises Sports Directors in the preparation and delivery of events to ensure that all processes comply with the EDSO General Regulations and Technical Regulations.

- **Calendar and Event Management**

The Sport Coordinator maintains the official EDSO four-year sports calendar and ensures that all European Championships, Youth Games, and qualification events are properly aligned with the ICSD and Deaflympic cycles.

- **Communication and Reporting**

Serving as the central liaison between Sports Directors, the Executive Board, Local Organising Committees (LOCs), and external partners, the Coordinator guarantees transparent communication and timely reporting.

- **Development and Innovation**

The Sport Coordinator supports the introduction of new sports, training programmes, and development initiatives to strengthen participation among all EDSO member nations.

- **Representation and Substitution**

In cases where a Sports Director position is vacant, temporarily inactive, or when a Director is unable to perform duties due to illness or other unforeseen absence, the Sport Coordinator shall act as temporary replacement, ensuring the continuity of operations and decision-making until a new or returning Sports Director is confirmed. The Coordinator may attend Technical Meetings, inspections, or competitions on behalf of the affected sport.

- **Quality and Compliance Control**

The Sport Coordinator ensures that all competitions are delivered professionally, accessibly, and in line with EDSO standards, maintaining consistent quality across all disciplines.

Status within the EDSO Structure

The Sport Coordinator is part of EDSO's operational management and reports directly to the Executive Board, but is not a member of the Executive Committee.

He or she acts under the authority of the Executive Board and cooperates closely with the Executive Director and the Treasurer.

Substitution in Case of Vacancy of the Sport Coordinator

If the position of the Sport Coordinator itself becomes vacant or temporarily unfilled, the EDSO Executive Committee, represented by the Executive Director, shall automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the Sport Coordinator until a new appointment is made by the Executive Board.

This ensures that all sporting and organisational operations of EDSO continue without interruption.

Attendance of the EDSO Sport Coordinator and Cost Coverage

The EDSO Sport Coordinator may participate in official site inspections, operational visits, Technical Meetings and the European Deaf Championships itself if deemed necessary by the EDSO Executive Committee or the EDSO Executive Director.

In such cases, all related costs, including but not limited to:

- international and local travel,
- accommodation,
- meals,
- and official expense allowances,

shall be fully covered by the Host Federation (NDSF) and/or the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

This provision ensures continuous quality control, standardisation and compliance across all EDSO Championships.

1.4. The EDSO European Championships Cycle (Four-Year Plan)

To ensure planning security for hosts, member federations and athletes and to achieve an even distribution of major events, the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) follows a fixed four-year cycle.

This cycle synchronises the EDSO European Championships (EDC) with major international events (Deaflympics and World Championships of the ICSD) and clearly defines when which sport is available for hosting.

A. Structure of the 4-Year Cycle

The EDSO competition cycle is organised by year and by sport type (Summer/Winter, Team/Individual). Knowledge of this rhythm is mandatory for the timely submission of a bid.

The general cycle, based on the provided table:

Year	Example Years	Summer Events	Winter Events
Year 1	2026, 2030, 2034	EDC Summer Individual Sports (Deaflympic sports) EDC Athletics EDC Badminton EDC Bowling EDC Cycling EDC Golf EDC Judo EDC Karate EDC Marathon EDC Mountain Bike EDC Orienteering EDC Shooting EDC Swimming EDC Table Tennis EDC Taekwondo EDC Tennis EDC Wrestling	EDC Winter Team Sports (Deaflympic sports) EDC Futsal EDC Curling

Year 2	2027, 2031, 2035	EDC Summer Individual /Team Sports (Non-Deaflympic sports)	No EDC event
		EDC Indoor Athletics EDC Basketball 3x3 EDC Cross Country EDC Ninepin Bowling EDC Padel EDC Pétanque EDC Triathlon EDC Water Polo	
Year 3	2028, 2032, 2036	EDC Summer Team Sports (Deaflympic sports)	EDC Winter Individual Sports (Deaflympic sports)
		EDC Basketball EDC Beach Volleyball EDC Football EDC Handball EDC Volleyball	EDC Alpine Skiing EDC Cross Country Skiing EDC Snowboard
Year 4	2029, 2033, 2037	EDC Summer Individual/Team Sports (Non-Deaflympic sports)	No EDC event
		EDC Basketball 3x3 EDC Cross Country EDC Ninepin Bowling EDC Padel EDC Pétanque EDC Triathlon EDC Water Polo	

Note: This calendar represents the core cycle. Certain smaller EC events may be scheduled more flexibly to optimise host capacities.

Exceptions to the Cycle

In exceptional cases, the schedule of the EDSO European Championships may be altered upon approval by the EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC).

Such changes may be considered in cases including, but not limited to:

- a)** Adjustments due to ICSD Cycles: Changes to the ICSD qualification cycles for World Championships or Deaflympics.
- b)** Force Majeure / External Crises: Natural disasters, political unrest, terrorist threats, or global health crises (e.g., pandemics like COVID-19) that render hosting in the planned year impossible.
- c)** Host Withdrawal: The short-term withdrawal of a confirmed host, necessitating an emergency rescheduling.
- d)** Lack of Bids: Insufficient bids for a specific hosting year, making a shift to another available year necessary.
- e)** Financial or Logistical Constraints: Unforeseen major financial or logistical constraints of the LOC that require a postponement.
- f)** Other significant reasons

Any change to the official cycle requires the formal approval of the EDSO Executive Board to ensure fairness, transparency and the continuity of the competition programme.

The EDSO European Championships in the same individual sport are scheduled so that they do not overlap with the Deaflympics or the ICSD World Championships in the same year. The same applies to team sports. This allows national associations to participate without restriction at both the continental and global levels.

Youth or Junior Championships are not strictly bound to this four-year cycle but should be coordinated with the EDSO calendar.

B. Youth and Junior Championships within the EDSO Cycle

Youth or Junior Championships (e.g., U18, U20 or similar age groups) are not strictly bound to the official four-year cycle of the Senior European Deaf Championships.

However, to avoid conflicts with the Deaflympics, the ICSD World Championships and the major senior European Championships, these youth events should preferably be scheduled in the years allocated to non-Deaflympic sports:

- **Year 2 Summer Sports** (e.g., 2027, 2031, 2035) or **Year 4 Winter Sports** (e.g., 2029, 2033, 2037)

This ensures that national federations are not overburdened financially or organisationally in years with major senior events and allows young athletes to participate without competing scheduling pressures.

Combined Senior + Youth Championships

A host federation may, upon request, organise Senior and Youth European Championships simultaneously in the same year and at the same location.

Such combined events are permitted under the following conditions:

- 1) The LOC can guarantee sufficient venues, infrastructure and staff to host both tournaments.
- 2) Scheduling conflicts between youth and senior competitions are avoided.
- 3) Technical requirements for each age category are fully respected.
- 4) All qualification pathways remain clearly separated and documented.

This option is particularly useful for sports with lower participation numbers or where venue-sharing is practical and efficient.

Flexibility and Approval

Although recommended scheduling exists, Youth Championships may be placed in alternative years if necessary.

Adjustments may be approved by the EDSO Executive Committee in cases such as:

- availability of a highly capable host in another year,
- alignment with national or international youth calendars,
- limited participation numbers requiring a shift,
- venue availability offering strategic advantages.

Any change outside the recommended years must receive prior written approval from the EDSO Executive Committee to ensure fairness, transparency and consistency across all sports.

C. Purpose of the Cycle for Hosts

The four-year cycle serves the following purposes for potential hosts:

Planning Security: It enables the LOC to tailor the bid and long-term financing precisely to the available year for the respective sport.

Resource Management: It ensures that EDSO delegates, athletes and national federations are not overburdened by overlapping events taking place at the same time, which guarantees the quality of the organisation and safeguards the budget of national deaf sports federations.

Competition Significance: Synchronisation with the ICSD ensures that the EDSO European Championships take place at optimal times to serve as important qualifying tournaments.

D. Planning and Bidding Timelines

To ensure proper preparation, adherence to a fixed timeline is crucial.

Regular Bidding Deadline: According to the EDSO General Regulations, the bid for a European Championship must be submitted at least **two years** prior to the scheduled year of the event.

Early Bids: Bids submitted significantly earlier (more than two years in advance) are explicitly encouraged. This allows the EDSO Executive Committee a faster decision-making process and enables the potential host to benefit from improved, long-term organisation.

EDSO Recommends adhering to the following Timeline:

- **Announcement of available hosting years:** 3 years in advance
- **Submission of bids:** 2 years in advance (Minimum Deadline)
- **Selection and confirmation of hosts:** 18 months before the event

Emergency or late bids: If no bids or insufficient bids are received by the regular deadline (two years before the event), or if a confirmed host withdraws, the EDSO Executive Committee reserves the right to expedite the process. In such exceptional cases, EDSO may accept a last-minute bid (e.g. only 12 months in advance) and make a decision as quickly as possible to ensure the continuity of the competition calendar.

Any modification to the official four-year cycle must receive prior written approval from the EDSO Executive Committee to ensure consistency and fairness across all sports.

1.5. Transition to the Organisational Framework and Usage

The preceding sections (1.1–1.4) established the fundamental purpose, values, structure and timeline of the EDSO European Championships. Together, these strategic foundations form the basis for a uniform, transparent and high-quality execution across all EDSO member nations.

Using This Manual

The following chapters (starting with Section 2 – Bidding and Selection Procedure) are dedicated to the practical implementation of these core principles. To make optimal use of the document, please note the following:

Mandatory Compliance: The requirements, standards and deadlines set out in this manual are mandatory for all hosts of EDSO European Championships and complement the EDSO General Regulations.

Structure and Navigation: The manual follows the chronological lifecycle of an event – from bidding and planning to delivery and post-event evaluation.

It is designed to be modular, allowing personnel responsible for specific areas (e.g., finance or logistics) to jump directly to the relevant chapters for quick reference.

The Step to Operational Implementation

This transition marks the shift from the strategic framework to operational implementation. The subsequent chapters will detail:

- a) How a federation can apply to become a host.
- b) How EDSO evaluates and approves bids.
- c) How a Local Organising Committee (LOC) professionally implements the event from preparation to post-event review.

The goal is to ensure that every EDSO European Championship is clearly structured, fairly organised and conducted in the European spirit of Deaf Sports.

The following operational sections (Part II – VIII) are designed to be accessible and visually structured, allowing Deaf readers to navigate each topic easily.

1.6. Supplementary Provisions and EDSO Authorisation

In cases where certain points are missing, unclear, or not explicitly covered in this Handbook, the following principles apply:

Authoritative Interpretation:

If something is missing or unclear, the EDSO Executive Committee (EC), together with an EDSO Representative (such as the Sports Coordinator or Technical Delegate), will decide and approve how to proceed.

Supplementary Measures:

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) may, with prior written approval from the EDSO EC or the designated EDSO Representative, implement additional organisational or technical measures, provided that they:

- are consistent with the spirit of EDSO regulations,
- do not create competitive unfairness or discrimination, and
- ensure safety, accessibility, and sporting integrity.

Reporting Obligation:

Any exceptional measures or deviations must be documented and included in the Final Report (see Chapter 7.1) for future reference and improvement.

Continuity of Standards:

All standards outlined in this Host Handbook shall remain applicable to any future updates of the EDSO Technical Regulations, unless otherwise decided by the EDSO Executive Committee.

1.7. Summary of Part I – Key Takeaways

- Unified framework for hosting all EDSO European Championships
- Clear division of roles and responsibilities
- Four-year cycle aligned with Deaflympic and ICSD events
- Mandatory use of this manual for all hosts
- Foundation for operational chapters (Part II onwards)

PART II – OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

Chapter 2: Bidding procedure and host agreement

2.1. Purpose and Guiding Principles of the Bidding Procedure

The bidding procedure for hosting an EDSO European Championship (EDC) is designed to ensure a fair, transparent, and objective selection of suitable hosts who can organise a high-quality, accessible, and athletically sound event in line with the spirit of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

The procedure serves quality assurance, equal treatment of all member federations (NDSF) and long-term planning certainty within European Deaf Sports. It ensures that the hosting of every European Championship is based on a solid foundation of professionalism, inclusion and sustainable organisation.

Core Guiding Principles

The core guiding principles of this bidding procedure are:

- a) Integrity and Fairness: Decisions regarding the award are based solely on objective criteria, the submitted documentation and the athletic and organisational suitability of the bidders.
- b) Transparency and Traceability: All steps of the bidding and selection process are documented, openly communicated and traceable for all member federations.
- c) Accessibility and Inclusion: The entire process takes into account the specific needs of deaf athletes, officials and delegates.
- d) Sustainability and Responsibility: Bidders should demonstrate the long-term benefit for deaf sports and the community in their own country.
- e) European Spirit and Cooperation: The process promotes exchange, cultural diversity and mutual respect among the EDSO member nations.

This bidding procedure forms the basis for awarding the EDSO European Championships in all recognised sports. The principles described in this manual are aligned with the EDSO General Regulations (Article 2 – Bidding Procedures) and supplement them with practical guidance for bidders.

2.2. Bidding Eligibility and Procedure

This chapter describes the mandatory procedure for the application process for hosting an EDSO European Championship (EDC). It is based entirely on Article 2 of the EDSO General Regulations and explains the individual steps in context to facilitate the application for member federations.

A. Bidding Eligibility and Deadlines

Eligible Bidders: Only National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSF) that are ordinary members of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) are eligible to apply to host an EDC. Applications are only possible for sports officially recognised by EDSO.

Application Deadline: The application must be submitted to the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) at least two (2) years prior to the planned date of the event and is subject to the EC's approval.

Note: Earlier applications are permissible and explicitly encouraged, as they enable longer-term planning and decision-making.

B. Required Application Documents

Every application must be submitted completely, clearly structured and in English. Incomplete or late applications cannot be considered.

- a) **Certification of Support:** The application must mandatorily include the following official certifications:
 - A written certification of support from the proposed host city (e.g., from the Mayor, City Administration, or Sports Office).
 - A certification of support from the NDSF of the applicable sport.
- b) **Application Details:** The application must contain detailed information on the following aspects:
 - the exact location of the EDC.
 - the planned dates of the EDC.
 - the estimated overall budget for the event.
 - the amount of the Financial Deposit.
 - a current price list for hotels (minimum three price classes), catering and transport services for the host city.

Note on Hotel Price List: The requirement for three different price classes may be waived if only one or two suitable hotel categories are available in the immediate vicinity of the sports venues. Such deviations must, however, be comprehensively justified and depend on the overall cost and scope of the organisation to ensure that participants still receive an appropriate choice.

- c) **Recommended Supplementary Documents (Optional):** It is highly recommended to include additional documents (e.g., a first draft of the Organisational Plan, details on accessibility, communication concepts).

C. Bidding Procedure Timeline

The application process follows a clear procedure established by EDSO:

- a) This table provides a summary of the chronological steps for the bidding process:

Step	Phase & Actor	Goal and Focus	Timeline (Reference)
1.	Call for Bids (EDSO EC)	Official announcement of available sports and hosting years, strictly adhering to the 4-year cycle.	3 years in advance

2. Submission of Dossier (NDSF)	Submission of the complete, detailed Bid Dossier with all financial, logistical and sporting information.	Minimum 2 years before the event (Mandatory Deadline)
3. Pre-Congress Inspection (EDSO Sports Director / EDSO Representative)	Mandatory site visit and technical verification of the proposed venues.	Before the Decision Congress
4. Approval by EC & Congress (EDSO EC/Congress)	Formal decision by the EC, followed by final confirmation by the member federations (Congress).	Approx. 18 months before the event
5. Host Agreement Signing (EDSO & NDSF)	Signing of the legally binding Host Agreement, stipulating compliance with all EDSO Regulations.	Immediately after confirmation
6. Operational Inspection (EDSO Sports Director /EDSO Representative)	Detailed inspection of operational readiness. Must take place in the month of the scheduled event.	Minimum 1 year before the event

b) Process Details

- **Submission & Review:** The complete application is submitted to the EC. The EC verifies formal completeness and compliance with EDSO regulations.
- **On-Site Inspection (Pre-Congress):** The bidder must arrange a site visit by the EDSO Representative or the responsible EDSO Sports Director. This must take place before the Congress where the bid is presented.
- **Presentation & Decision:** Bids approved by the EC are presented to the EDSO Congress for final confirmation and voting.
- **Emergency Decision:** If Congress does not convene in time, the EC may make the decision outside of Congress and subsequently officially inform the member federations to ensure continuity.

D. Post-Award Obligations — Host Commitments

Host Agreement (Legal Agreement): Upon successful award, the selected host receives a formal Host Agreement (Legal Agreement) from the EDSO Executive Committee. This document commits the host to comply with the EDSO General Regulations, the EDSO Technical Regulations and the provisions of this manual.

Signing: The Legal Agreement must be signed by authorised representatives of both sides: on behalf of the hosting NDSF and on behalf of the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).

Mandatory Second Inspection: The host must permit a second on-site inspection by the EDSO Representative and the EDSO Sports Director no later than one year prior to the EDC.

Crucially: This second inspection must take place during the month of the planned event to ensure realistic conditions are assessed.

E. Transparency, Documentation and Ethics

- All steps of the bidding procedure are documented and archived by EDSO in writing.
- Any form of undue influence, lobbying, or conflict of interest is strictly prohibited.
- All parties involved in the process are obligated to maintain the integrity and confidentiality of the application documents.

F. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based entirely on Article 2 – Bidding Procedures of the EDSO General Regulations and supplements them with explanatory notes and practical guidance. In the event of discrepancies or ambiguities, the EDSO General Regulations in their current version shall be legally binding.

EDSO will communicate any approved deviations from the standard bidding timeline to all NDSFs in writing.

2.3. Content and Structure of the Application Documents

The application documents form the basis for assessing the organisational, financial and logistical capabilities of an applicant. They must contain all essential information that enables a fair and objective evaluation by the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).

The goal of this chapter is to provide applicant federations (NDSFs) with clear guidance on which documents and proofs are required, what form and structure they should have and how they are to be submitted on time.

A. Formal Requirements

- a) Language of Documents:** All application documents must be written in English. Official letters (e.g., from authorities or sports institutions) may be submitted in the local language but must include an English translation.
- b) Format and Structure:**
 - Digital submission as a PDF file or via the official EDSO online form.
 - Uniform layout with a table of contents, page numbering and date.
 - All documents must be numbered, signed and officially authorised.
 - Use of the official form “EDSO Application to Host a European Deaf Championship” (see Part XI– Application Form Template).
- c) Timely Submission:** The complete application documents must be submitted to the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) no later than two (2) years prior to the planned event date. Early applications are expressly encouraged as they allow for longer preparation time and an earlier decision.
- d) Exceptions to the Two-Year Deadline (Emergency or Late Bid Procedure):** In justified cases, the EDSO Executive Committee may deviate from the regular deadline, particularly if:
 - no timely applicant has submitted a bid,
 - a confirmed host withdraws at short notice,
 - extraordinary events (e.g., natural disasters, political circumstances, pandemics) necessitate a re-award. In such cases, the EC may conduct an expedited application

procedure (e.g., 12 months prior to the event) to ensure the continuity of the competition cycle. All such decisions will be documented in writing and officially communicated to the member federations.

B. Obligatory Components of the Application

Every application must include at least the following main components. These constitute the minimum requirements for being admitted to the evaluation process.

No.	Content / Document	Description
1	Official Application Letter	Signed by the NDSF President, with a brief project summary and confirmation that all EDSO rules are accepted.
2	Letters of Support	a) Official support from the City Administration / Mayor, b) Confirmation from the National Deaf Sports Organisation of the respective sport.
3	Details of Venue & Sports Facilities	Description of the city, infrastructure and facilities (incl. photos, plans, capacity). Sports facilities must comply with EDSO Technical Regulations.
4	Event Period and Schedule	Proposed dates (start, end, rest days, Opening/Closing Ceremonies). The schedule must be aligned with the EDSO four-year cycle (see Chapter 1.4).
5	Financial Plan and Budget Overview	Overview of expected revenues and expenditures, with funding sources (public funds, sponsors, own contributions). Includes confirmation of the Financial Deposit .
6	Accommodation and Transport Plan	Overview of at least three accommodation price categories (Hotel, Hostel, Athletes' Village), transport links between accommodation, venue and airport.
7	Organisational Structure (LOC Draft)	Representation of the planned Local Organising Committee (LOC) with responsibilities: Sport, Finance, Communication, Logistics, Accessibility, etc.
8	Communication and Accessibility Concept	Measures for full accessible communication and access (Sign Language Interpreters, visual systems, emergency communication, accessible routes).
9	Safety and Health Concept	Description of medical provisions, security planning, first aid structures and emergency management.
10	Sustainability and Legacy Concept	Measures for ecological sustainability (waste separation, energy saving, mobility) and long-term promotion of deaf sports after the event.

C. Recommended Supplementary Documents (Optional, but Encouraged)

- Media and Marketing Strategy: Planned communication measures: Logo, website, Sign Language videos, social media, press work.
- Partnerships and Sponsors: Overview of planned collaborations with institutions, funding agencies, companies, or media partners.
- Preliminary Programme: Rough schedule of competition days, meetings, opening and closing ceremonies, cultural events.
- Maps and Photo Documentation: City maps, location of sports venues, photos, videos, or virtual representations of the facilities.

D. Application Form (Part X – Application Form Template)

Every application must also include the official form “EDSO Application to Host a European Deaf Championship”. This form summarises the most important details and confirms the NDSF's official consent to comply with all EDSO regulations.

Note: Only applications containing both the form (Part X) and all required documents according to this list are considered complete and will be reviewed by the EDSO EC.

E. Applicant Checklist (Self-Audit before Submission)

Before submission, all applicants should check the following points:

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- All mandatory documents (1–10) are complete and submitted in English.**
 - The **Application Form** (see part XI) is completely filled out and signed.
 - The **Application Deadline** (min. two years in advance) is met, or EC exemption is approved.
 - Official **Letters of Support** from the city and NDSF are provided.
 - The **Financial Plan** is realistic and feasible.
 - Sports venues** meet the EDSO Technical Regulations.
 - Accessibility and Communication** are secured.
 - The **responsible contact person** (name, function, email, phone) is nominated.
 - All files are clearly labelled and submitted in **PDF format**.
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F. Evaluation and Feedback

Upon receipt, the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) reviews the application documents for completeness, formal correctness and compliance with the EDSO regulations. Missing or unclear points may necessitate revision. Only fully approved applications will be admitted to the evaluation process (see Chapter 2.4 – Evaluation Criteria).

G. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based entirely on Article 2 – Bidding Procedures of the EDSO General Regulations and supplements them with practical guidelines, examples and checklists. In the event of discrepancies, the wording of the EDSO General Regulations in their current version shall always be legally binding.

The following chapter (2.4 – Evaluation Criteria) outlines how the EDSO Executive Committee assesses submitted applications based on transparent, weighted criteria to ensure fairness and consistency across all bids.

Applications missing any of the mandatory documents shall not be considered for evaluation

2.4. Evaluation Criteria and Host Selection (Evaluation Criteria)

This chapter defines the standards and criteria by which the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) evaluates and selects applications for hosting EDSO European Championships (EDC).

The goal of the evaluation is to ensure that every championship is hosted by an organisationally, financially and technically suitable host to guarantee consistently high quality and fairness in all EDSO competitions. The evaluation is carried out according to objective, transparent and measurable indicators that equally consider organisational, technical, financial and accessibility aspects.

A. Goals of the Evaluation

The evaluation pursues the following main goals:

- **Quality Assurance:** Ensuring that every EDSO Championship meets the organisational, financial and technical minimum standards.
- **Fair and Transparent Selection:** Objective comparison of all applicants based on clearly defined and published criteria.
- **Promotion of Deaf Sports Development:** Preferencing hosts that sustainably strengthen deaf sports nationally and regionally.
- **Accessibility and Inclusion:** Ensuring that all events implement the EDSO's deaf-centric approach.
- **Sustainability and Legacy:** Creating long-term benefits for the Deaf community and the local environment beyond the event.

B. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process is divided into four phases:

Phase	Description	Responsible Party
1. Preliminary Review	Review of the completeness and formal correctness of all submitted documents according to EDSO regulations.	EDSO EC
2. Technical and Financial Assessment	Evaluation of infrastructure, sports venues, budget and financial guarantees.	EDSO EC & SD
3. Accessibility & Inclusion	Review of the communication and inclusion concept, accessibility and provisions for Deaf athletes and officials.	EDSO EC & SD
4. Final Assessment and Decision	Comparison of all applications based on the evaluation matrix and voting on the award.	EDSO EC

The decisions are made by simple majority and documented in the official minutes.

C. Evaluation Matrix and Weighting

All applications are assessed according to the following criteria with a percentage weighting:

Category	Assessment Focus	Weighting
1. Organisational Capacity	Experience, structure, planning competence of the LOC.	20 %
2. Sports Venues & Technical Standards	Suitability, rule compliance, accessibility of sports facilities.	25 %
3. Financial Viability	Realistic budget, financial guarantees, risk management.	20 %
4. Accommodation & Transport	Quality, accessibility, price structure.	10 %
5. Accessibility & Communication	Sign language and information concept, visual systems, inclusion.	10 %
6. Safety & Health	Medical provisions, emergency and safety planning.	5 %
7. Sustainability & Legacy	Environmental awareness, long-term promotion of deaf sports.	5 %
8. Public Support & Commitment	Support from authorities, volunteers, public relations.	5 %
Total:		100 %

Evaluation is based on a scale of 1 (Satisfactory) to 5 (Excellent). A **minimum score of 60%** is required to be considered eligible for hosting.

D. On-Site Visit and Verification

As part of the evaluation, a mandatory on-site visit is carried out by EDSO representatives or the EDSO Sports Director (see Chapter 2.2 C).

The following are reviewed:

- Sports facilities and technical equipment
- Accommodation / Transport
- Communication and accessibility measures
- Safety and health structures
- Support from local authorities

Results are documented in a **Site Visit Report** and submitted to the EC.

E. Decision and Notification

- The **final selection** of the host location is made by the EDSO EC after evaluating all reports and assessments.
- The decision is made by majority vote.
- The selected federation receives official confirmation and a draft of the **Host Legal Agreement** (see Chapter 2.5).
- The decision and a summary of the evaluation are communicated to all NDSFs for transparency.

F. Principles of Fairness, Confidentiality and Transparency

- All evaluations are carried out according to the EDSO Code of Ethics.
- Parties involved must maintain independence and disclose conflicts of interest.
- Results are documented comprehensibly to ensure equal treatment.

G. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is fully aligned with Article 2 – Bidding Procedures of the EDSO General Regulations, which defines the formal rules and obligations for submitting, reviewing and approving hosting bids for European Deaf Championships (EDC).

References to Article 3 – Organising Committee apply only to the subsequent implementation phase after the host has been officially approved, as described in Part III of this handbook (Organisation and Management).

In the event of discrepancies between this handbook and the EDSO General Regulations, the official EDSO General Regulations (latest edition) shall prevail as the legally binding framework.

H. Link to the Next Chapter

The next chapter, 2.5 – Host Legal Agreement, defines the contractual framework and mutual obligations between EDSO and the selected Host Federation (NDSF).

It outlines the signing process, legal responsibilities, financial guarantees and official approval procedures that follow the final host decision.

Evaluation records shall be archived by EDSO for at least four years after the event.

2.5. Host Legal Agreement

A. Purpose of the Agreement

Following the official selection and approval by the EDSO Executive Committee (EC), a legally binding agreement—known as the Host Legal Agreement—is concluded between the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) and the selected National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF).

This agreement governs the rights, duties and responsibilities of both parties in connection with the organisation of the EDSO European Championship (EDC).

The purpose of the agreement is to establish clear legal, financial and organisational frameworks that ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with the EDSO regulations.

B. Contracting Parties

- European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), represented by the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).
- NDSF / Host Federation, represented by the President or an officially authorised person.

By signing, both parties confirm that they fully acknowledge and commit to implementing the provisions of the EDSO General Regulations, the EDSO Technical Regulations and this Manual.

C. Contract Content

The Host Legal Agreement includes, in particular, the following key provisions:

Subject Area	Content / Obligation
1. Legal Binding	The contract is legally binding for both parties and can only be amended by mutual agreement.
2. Applicable Regulations	All actions and decisions within the framework of the EDC must be in compliance with the EDSO General Regulations, Technical Regulations and Anti-Doping provisions.
3. Financial Obligations	The host commits to paying the specified Financial Deposit and covering all organisational costs, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
4. EDSO Support	EDSO provides technical advice, delegates (Sports Director, Representatives) and communication support.
5. Reporting Obligations	The host must regularly submit written Progress Reports (e.g., budget, planning, schedule) to the EC.
6. Insurance and Liability	The host is obligated to provide proof of adequate insurance coverage (liability, accident, event cancellation).
7. Breach of Contract	In the event of non-fulfillment of contractual duties, the EC may take measures, including warning, suspension, or withdrawal of hosting rights.
8. Language of Communication	The official contract language is English. All official documents, reports and communications must be submitted in English.

9. Dispute Resolution	Disputes between the parties will first be resolved amicably. If no agreement is reached, the EDSO Executive Committee will make the decision.
10. Entry into Force	The contract enters into force upon signature by both parties. One copy remains with the EDSO and one copy remains with the Host Federation (NDSF).

D. Financial Securities (Financial Deposit)

In pursuant to Article 2 (4d) and Article 16 of the EDSO General Regulations, the applicant must provide a financial guarantee (Deposit).

This serves as security for the proper execution of the event. The amount is determined by the EDSO EC and confirmed in writing before contract signing. The deposit may be withheld in whole or in part if essential contract conditions are not fulfilled. It will be fully reimbursed after the successful conclusion of the event and the submission of all final reports.

E. Validity and Duration

The Host Legal Agreement is valid from the time of signing until the full settlement of the European Championship, including the final report and financial closing. The project is considered officially completed upon confirmation by the EDSO EC.

F. Signing of the Host Legal Agreement

The legally binding agreement enters into force upon signature by the authorised representatives of both parties.

The signing confirms the full acceptance of the contractual obligations and the EDSO regulations. The contract must bear the complete date, the location of signing and the handwritten signature of the following individuals:

- For the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO): The EDSO President or another member authorised by the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).
- For the NDSF / Host Federation: The NDSF President or an officially authorised legal representative.

One copy of the signed contract remains with the EDSO and one copy remains with the Host Federation (NDSF).

G. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based entirely on:

- Article 2, Paragraphs (5) and (6) – Bidding Procedures
- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). In the event of ambiguities or contradictions, the original English version of the EDSO regulations shall always be legally binding.

The Host Agreement shall include clauses on dispute resolution and applicable jurisdiction. If no amicable settlement is reached, disputes may be referred to the EDSO Commission before other legal actions

2.6. Site Inspections and Monitoring

A. Purpose and Guiding Principles

Site inspections and the continuous monitoring of the host serve to ensure that all organisational, technical, financial and accessibility requirements of the EDSO are met.

- Monitoring has the following main goals:
- Quality assurance and compliance with EDSO standards.
- Early identification of potential risks or delays.
- Supporting the LOC through expert advice.
- Ensuring an accessible and inclusive event environment.
- Protecting the interests of athletes and participating nations.

The supervision is conducted in a partnership-based, transparent and solution-oriented manner—it is intended to support the host, not to penalise them.

B. Types of Inspection Visits

During the preparation phase, several control and consultation visits take place, depending on the project progress. The following types are mandatory or recommended:

Type of Visit	Timing / Purpose	Responsible Party
1. Pre-Bid Inspection (Optional)	Visit by an EDSO Representative to assess feasibility, especially for new applicants.	EDSO Sports Director / Representative
2. Pre-Congress Inspection (Mandatory)	Per Art. 2 (7) EDSO GR – Inspection of the proposed venues and infrastructure before the bid is presented at the EDSO Congress.	EDSO Sports Director / EDSO Representative
3. Pre-Event Inspection (Mandatory)	No later than one year before the event (Art. 2 (9–10)). Review of venues, accommodation and transport routes under real conditions (in the same month as the planned EDC).	EDSO Sports Director + EDSO Representative
4. Final Readiness Visit (Recommended)	Approx. 1–2 months before the event: Final check, fine-tuning of procedures, final recommendations on accessibility and safety.	EDSO SD / LOC
5. Monitoring during the EDC	Ongoing support by EDSO Delegates to monitor competition operations and rule compliance.	EDSO SD + Technical Delegates
6. Post-Event Review	Evaluation of the overall course, financial and final reports, sustainability and legacy outcomes.	EDSO EC + EDSO SD

C. Reporting and Communication Obligations

The host (LOC) is obliged to submit **Progress Reports** to the EDSO regularly. These reports form the basis for preparing the inspection visits and include:

- Organisational progress: Planning status, personnel, contracts, timelines.
 - Financial report: Budget development, sponsorship, public funds.
 - Infrastructure: Construction or renovation status of the sports venues.
 - **Accessibility & Communication:** Deployment of Sign Language Interpreters, visual information, emergency communication.
 - Risk management: Identified problems and corrective actions.
- Reports must be submitted in **writing and in English**. Official communication runs exclusively through the EDSO Sports Director or the EDSO Representative.

D. Responsibilities

Actor	Primary Responsibility	Reports to / Cooperates with
EDSO Executive Committee	Overall oversight of implementation and decision-making on deviations.	EDSO SD / LOC
EDSO Sports Director	Technical direction of inspections, venue verification, rule compliance.	EDSO EC / LOC
EDSO Representative	Observation and consultation regarding EDSO standards and accessibility.	EC / LOC
NDSF / Host Federation	Monitoring of legal obligations, coordination between EDSO and LOC.	EC / LOC
Local Organising Committee (LOC)	Implementation of recommendations, provision of all information and documents.	NDSF / EDSO SD

E. Inspection Reports and Follow-up Measures

After each visit, EDSO creates an official Inspection Report containing:

- A brief description of the inspection conducted.
- Evaluation by categories (venues, logistics, finance, communication, safety).
- Recommendations for improvement and deadlines for implementation.
- Notice of necessary remedial actions or further visits.

The report is sent to the NDSF, the LOC and the EDSO Executive Committee. All parties must respond to established points within a specified deadline.

F. Corrective Measures and Sanctions

If significant deficiencies are found, EDSO may take the following actions:

- Written warning and request for rectification.
- Additional control visit to verify implementation.
- Appointment of an EDSO Observer for continuous supervision.
- In cases of serious or continuous violations: Withdrawal of hosting rights (Art. 2 EDSO GR).

All measures are documented in writing and justified.

G. Documentation and Confidentiality

All inspection reports, communication protocols and emails are archived by EDSO. All information is subject to confidentiality and may not be published without explicit authorisation from the EDSO Executive Committee.

H. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on Articles 2 (7–10) and 3 (7–8) of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). All inspection and monitoring procedures are mandatory and part of the official approval and quality assurance process.

I. Transition to Part III

With the conclusion of this chapter, Part II – Bidding Procedure and Host Agreement is complete.

The following sections (Part III – Organisation and Event Management) will describe the practical implementation of the EDSO European Championships by the Local Organising Committee (LOC): structure, procedures, resource planning, delivery and post-event review.

Reference:

This section (Part II – Bidding Procedures) is based on and fully compliant with *Articles 2 and 3 of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018)*.

In the case of any divergence, the provisions of the official EDSO General Regulations shall apply.

All financial guarantees and fees defined in Article 16 of the EDSO General Regulations apply to approved hosts and must be fulfilled as a condition for maintaining hosting rights.

All bidders and LOC members must sign the EDSO Declaration of Ethical Compliance before the submission of any bid.

2.7. Summary of Part II – Key Takeaways

Purpose:

Part II defines the complete framework for bidding, selection and approval of hosts for all EDSO European Championships. It ensures that the entire process — from the first intention to bid to the official signing of the Host Agreement — is conducted transparently, fairly and in accordance with EDSO General Regulations.

Key Takeaways:

- Unified and Transparent Bidding Framework:
- Only recognised National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSF) are eligible to bid. All bids follow the same transparent procedure defined by Article 2 of the EDSO General Regulations.
- Structured Application and Evaluation Process:
- Clear documentation requirements, submission formats and evaluation criteria ensure fairness, comparability and professionalism across all sports.
- Mandatory Host Agreement:
- The legal contract between EDSO and the Host Federation defines the rights, obligations and financial responsibilities of both parties, ensuring full compliance and accountability.
- Financial Security and Deposit:
- Every host must provide a financial guarantee (deposit) as stipulated by the EDSO General Regulations to safeguard the event's proper delivery.
- Comprehensive Inspection and Monitoring System:
- EDSO carries out structured site visits — from pre-bid to post-event — to maintain quality, accessibility and integrity of each Championship.
- Compliance and Ethics:
- All actions within the bidding and approval process are governed by the EDSO Code of Ethics, ensuring integrity, impartiality and confidentiality.

Part III – ORGANISATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

Chapter 3: Operational Structure and Management of the European Deaf Championships

3.1. Purpose and Framework

A. Purpose of the Organisational Framework

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a clear and consistent operational foundation for the organisation of the European Deaf Championships (EDC).

After a host has been officially approved and the Host Legal Agreement signed, the practical phase begins — turning plans into action.

The organisational framework defines how the Local Organising Committee (LOC), in coordination with the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), plans, manages and delivers all aspects of the Championship.

The key aim is to guarantee that each EDSO event is delivered:

- Professionally and efficiently
- Fully accessible and inclusive for Deaf participants
- Safe and compliant with all international standards
- Environmentally and financially sustainable
- Reflective of the European Deaf Sports community's values

This framework ensures that organisational efforts are coherent, transparent and aligned with EDSO's mission and principles.

B. Link to the EDSO Regulations and Governance

The foundation for this chapter lies in Article 3 – Organising Committee of the EDSO General Regulations.

According to this article, the organising responsibilities for each Championship are delegated to the Local Organising Committee (LOC), which operates under the authority of the host NDSF and under the supervision of the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).

The LOC's tasks include:

- Establishing a competent management structure.
- Maintaining open communication with EDSO.
- Ensuring compliance with EDSO General and Technical Regulations.
- Providing regular updates and reports to the EC and EDSO Sports Director.
- Coordinating with national and local institutions, sponsors and partners.

By following this structure, the LOC ensures professional delivery, transparency and accountability throughout the event's lifecycle.

C. Principles Guiding the Organisation of EDSO Championships

The organisation of an EDSO European Championship must be guided by five central principles:

- Inclusivity and Accessibility: Every part of the Championship — from logistics and communication to ceremonies and competition — must be fully accessible to Deaf athletes, officials and visitors. International Sign (IS) is the primary means of communication.
- Integrity and Transparency: All management and decision-making processes must be conducted ethically, fairly and transparently. Financial and operational accountability is mandatory.
- Collaboration and Respect: The Championship is a collective effort between EDSO, the host NDSF and local institutions. Mutual respect, partnership and open communication are essential to success.
- Sustainability and Legacy: The organisation should promote long-term benefits for Deaf sports and the local community. Environmental responsibility, volunteer engagement and social awareness must be central elements.
- Professionalism and Excellence: High organisational standards ensure that every EDSO European Championship represents the excellence of Deaf sports in Europe and strengthens EDSO's international reputation.

D. Objectives of the Organising Phase

The operational phase of the Championship aims to:

- Deliver all competitions according to EDSO Technical Regulations and ICSD standards.
- Provide optimal conditions for athletes, coaches, officials and visitors.
- Guarantee financial transparency and responsible resource use.
- Promote visibility and awareness of Deaf sports through media and public engagement.
- Foster European unity, cultural exchange and the spirit of fair play.

E. The Role of the LOC within the EDSO Framework

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is the central operational body. It acts as the bridge between the EDSO and the local implementation.

Its key roles include:

Core Area	LOC Responsibility	Coordination
Strategic Coordination	Execute all organisational duties as per Host Agreement.	Reports to NDSF and EDSO EC.
Operational Management	Deliver logistics, venues and competition organisation.	Works with EDSO SD & technical officials.
Accessibility and Inclusion	Ensure full communication and physical access for all.	Cooperates with International Sign - interpreters.
Finance and Reporting	Manage budgets, sponsorships and reporting duties.	Submits reports to EDSO EC & NDSF.
Communication	Maintain clear information channels in IS and English.	Coordinates with the EDSO Communication Office.

F. Connection to Following Sections

The following sections of Part III (3.2 – 3.8) describe how the LOC operates in practice — from its formation and internal governance to risk management, delivery and post-event evaluation. Together, they form the core operational manual for the delivery of any EDSO European Championship.

3.2. Formation of the Local Organising Committee (LOC)

A. Purpose and Guiding Principles

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is the central body for planning, directing and executing the EDSO European Championships (EDC). Its establishment marks the transition from the strategic to the operational phase.

In accordance with Article 3 of the EDSO General Regulations, the LOC operates on behalf of the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and in close coordination with the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) and the EDSO Sports Director. The LOC bears the responsibility for the professional implementation of all organisational, technical and logistical aspects of the Championship—while maintaining accessibility, transparency and fairness.

B. Establishment and Approval

Process Step	Description
Official Appointment	The LOC is officially appointed by the NDSF immediately after the signing of the Host Agreement. The NDSF remains legally responsible for all actions of the LOC.
Notification to EDSO	Within 30 days of the appointment, the NDSF must submit the complete composition of the LOC (names, functions, contact details) to the EDSO.
Approval and Cooperation	The EDSO confirms the establishment in writing. From this point, the LOC functions as the official contact partner for all organisational matters.
Term of Office	The LOC remains in office until the official conclusion of the Championship - including the submission of the final closing report.

C. Composition and Structure

The LOC should consist of experienced individuals—both Deaf and hearing—with competencies in sports management, event organisation, finance, communication and accessibility. The structure must cover at least the following functions:

Function	Primary Task	Notes
LOC President / Event Director	Overall management and coordination; main contact to NDSF and EDSO EC.	Must be authorised by the NDSF.
Deputy Director / Operations Manager	Day-to-day business, logistics, venue management.	Supports the President/Director.
Sports Manager	Game schedules, rules, cooperation with EDSO SD.	Experience in the respective sport is required.
Finance & Administration Head	Budget, contracts, accounting, reporting.	Responsible for financial transparency.

Communication & Media Manager	Website, social media, IS content, press work.	Coordinates with the EDSO Communication Office.
Accessibility & Inclusion Coordinator	Ensuring full accessibility and IS communication.	Should be proficient in International Sign.
Medical & Safety Officer	Health services, emergency and safety plans.	Cooperation with local authorities.
Volunteer Manager	Recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers.	Mix of Deaf and hearing helpers.
Ceremonies & Protocol Manager	Opening/Closing ceremonies, award ceremonies, delegation support.	In consultation with EDSO.
Sustainability Officer	Environmental measures and legacy projects.	Post-event reporting.

D. Organisation Office and Communication

Central Office: The LOC must establish an office with telephone, email and, if necessary, video communication (as per Art. 3 Para. 3 EDSO GR).

Contact Visibility: All official correspondence and websites must include current contact information (Art. 3 Para. 4).

Working Languages: Official languages are English and International (IS).

E. Cooperation and Reporting Lines

Institution	Task	Communication Channel
EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC)	Strategic supervision, decision-making on deviations.	Reports from NDSF & LOC.
EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD)	Technical supervision, rule compliance.	Direct contact with LOC Sports Manager.
NDSF (Host Federation)	Legal and financial responsibility, supervision of the LOC.	Report from LOC to NDSF.
LOC	Operational management and execution.	Report to NDSF & EDSO SD.
Local Authorities / Partners	On-site support (security, infrastructure).	Coordination via LOC President.

F. Diversity, Accessibility and Deaf Leadership

The organisation of an EDSO Championship requires strong representation from the Deaf community:

- **Deaf Participation:** It is strongly recommended that at least 50% of the LOC members are Deaf.
- **Leadership Roles:** Central leadership roles (e.g., in communication, accessibility, or sport) should preferably be filled by Deaf professionals.
- **Inclusive Meetings:** Interpreters and visual communication systems must be integrated into all LOC meetings.

G. Responsibility and Ethics

All LOC members are committed to the EDSO Code of Ethics. Conflicts of interest must be disclosed; all key decisions are to be minuted to ensure transparency and accountability.

H. Reference to EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on Articles 3 (Organising Committee) and 16 (Financial Instructions) of the EDSO General Regulations. In the event of any contradictions, the EDSO General Regulations shall be legally binding.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for covering the travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the appointed EDSO Representatives, EDSO Sports coordinator and Technical Directors during all official inspections, meetings and the event itself.

In addition, the LOC must provide an appropriate allowance or reimbursement (per diem) to cover incidental expenses in accordance with the current EDSO Financial Instructions.

These obligations form part of the standard hosting requirements as defined by EDSO Article 3.

3.3. Governance and Project Planning

Following the principles of governance and accountability described above, the LOC must operate according to a structured Project Plan, serving as the practical framework for monitoring all key activities leading up to the European Deaf Championship (EDC).

A. Purpose and Role of the Project Plan

The Project Plan is the central tool of operational governance. It ensures alignment between planning, decision-making, financial control and EDSO supervision.

Its primary purposes are:

- Time Management: Adherence to all contractual, administrative and technical deadlines.
- Resource Allocation: Clear assignment of tasks, responsibilities and budgets to each LOC team
- Monitoring and Reporting: Serves as a baseline for Progress Reports to the EDSO EC and NDSF.
- Risk Management: Early identification of potential delays, budget issues, or compliance risks.
- Integration: Synchronisation with EDSO inspections and milestones outlined in Chapter 2.6.

B. Critical Milestones and Operational Phases (18–0 months before event)

Phase	Key Focus	Approx. Timeline
Phase I – Foundation and Setup	LOC formation, leadership appointment, master budget, confirmation of venues and accommodation, start of partnerships and sponsorship outreach.	18–12 months prior
Phase II – Operational Implementation	Contract signing (venues, hotels, transport), publication of Preliminary Entry Form, volunteer recruitment, communication plan, accessibility concept.	12–6 months prior
Phase III – Administrative Review	Mandatory second site visit, final Entry Form dispatch, completion of safety and emergency plan, technical validation of venues.	6–3 months prior

Phase IV – Event Readiness	Accreditation system ready, interpreter logistics, final Technical Meeting with EDSO SD, security briefing with prior authorities.	3–0 months
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Each milestone should include a responsible person, deadline and verification method. Any major changes require notification to the EDSO Sports Director and written EC approval.

C. EDSO-Specific Monitoring Points

The Project Plan must include all mandatory EDSO control elements, which are subject to inspection or reporting:

- Communication and Accessibility: International Sign (IS) interpreting must be guaranteed at all official events (Opening/Closing Ceremonies, Technical Meetings, Accreditation and Press Conferences).
- Anti-Doping Coordination: Early liaison with the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to ensure compliance with ICSD and EDSO rules.
- Team Leaders Meeting (TLM): Logistical preparation (venue, equipment, interpreting) for the mandatory TLM.
- Financial and Progress Reporting: Clear timeline for submission of financial statements and progress reports, as defined in 3.3 (F).
- Sustainability and Legacy: Continuous review of environmental, financial and social sustainability targets.

D. Review and Continuous Update

The Project Plan must remain a living document—reviewed and updated after each EDSO inspection or major milestone. Updates must be included in every Progress Report submitted to EDSO.

This planning structure ensures that the LOC maintains full operational control and accountability while promoting transparency, inclusion and long-term impact in line with the EDSO mission.

E. Communication and Coordination

Internal Communication

- Regular LOC and LOC Team meetings in International Sign (IS) and English.
- All decisions and actions must be recorded and documented.
- Use of digital tools (e.g., project tracking software) for task management and reporting.

External Communication

- The LOC President or a designated Communications Manager acts as the official spokesperson.
- All public statements must be approved by EDSO prior to publication.
- Major announcements (press releases, competition updates, social media posts) must be submitted to the EDSO Communications Office for review.

Accessible Communication

- IS interpreters must be present at all official meetings, briefings and media events.
- Equal access to information for deaf and hearing persons must be ensured through visual displays, captioning and sign language content.
- All official correspondence with EDSO shall be copied to the Host NDSF, to ensure traceability and institutional accountability.

F. Financial Management and Accountability

- The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) oversees all financial operations, expenditures and income.
- All financial transactions must be properly documented and authorised according to national law and Article 16 of the EDSO General Regulations.
- EDSO reserves the right to request financial statements or proof of expenditure at any time.
- Separate accounting records must be maintained for the event.
- The financial report must include proof of deposit reimbursement and final audit confirmation.

G. Documentation and Reporting Obligations

Report	Content	Deadline
Initial Report	LOC structure, project plan, budget, risk assessment.	Within 3 months after LOC establishment.
Progress Reports	Status updates on finance, logistics, communication and accessibility.	Every 3–4 months.
Inspection Reports	Implementation of EDSO recommendations from inspections.	Within 30 days after inspection.
Final Report	Full evaluation including finance, organisation and legacy outcomes.	Within 3 months after event.

All reports must be prepared in English and submitted electronically to the EDSO Secretariat.

H. Ethics and Confidentiality

- All LOC members are bound by the EDSO Code of Ethics.
- Conflicts of interest must be declared immediately to the LOC Chair or EDSO EC.
- Financial and personal data must remain confidential at all times.
- Ethical breaches must be reported immediately to the EDSO Ethics Commission or the Executive Committee.
- All LOC members must sign the EDSO Code of Ethics declaration prior to assuming their duties.

I. Reference to EDSO Regulations

This section is based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

In case of any discrepancies, the English original version of the EDSO General Regulations shall prevail.

J. Summary

The governance and project planning framework outlined in this chapter establishes a clear operational roadmap for every EDSO European Championship. It ensures professionalism, transparency, accessibility and continuous accountability throughout all stages of event delivery.

The following chapter (3.4 – LOC Teams) defines the specific operational domains and responsibilities within the LOC framework introduced above.

3.4. Detailed LOC Teams (formerly Functional Areas)

A. Purpose and Overview

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for the planning, delivery and post-event review of the European Deaf Championships (EDC). To ensure efficiency, accountability and smooth cooperation with the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), the LOC's structure is divided into clearly defined LOC Teams.

Each LOC Team represents a specific operational working group within the LOC, managed by a designated LOC Team Leader or Head of Department. All LOC Team Leaders report to the LOC Director and, through them, to the Host National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and the EDSO Sports Director.

This structure ensures:

- Professional and transparent management of all event components.
- Equal focus on sporting excellence, accessibility and safety.
- Compliance with EDSO General and Technical Regulations.
- Effective synchronisation with EDSO inspection and reporting cycles (cf. 2.6 and 3.3).

B. Core LOC Teams of the LOC

The LOC must establish the following minimum LOC Teams. Depending on event size, additional departments (e.g., Cultural Events) may be added.

LOC Team	Main Responsibilities	Key Deliverables / Examples
1. General Management	Overall coordination, liaison with EDSO and NDSF, legal oversight, budget and schedule monitoring.	LOC management meetings, progress reports, contract management and compliance register.
2. Sports & Competition Management	Planning and delivery of all competition activities in compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Competition schedule, equipment standards, referee coordination and results management.
3. Finance & Administration	Budgeting, accounting, deposits, contracts and insurance.	Financial statements, audit reports and sponsor invoices.

4. Logistics & Transport	Organisation of accommodation, meals, local transport and arrivals/departures.	Transport and accommodation plans, catering plan, airport coordination.
5. Communication & Media	Public relations, branding, social media, press coordination and official information dissemination.	Media accreditation, press releases, IS video updates.
6. Accessibility & Inclusion	Implementation of a deaf-centred environment, sign language interpreting services, visual and linguistic accessibility.	IS interpreter plan, accessible signage, visual alert systems.
7. Safety, Security & Medical Services	Security management, first aid, risk and emergency planning.	Safety and emergency plans, medical station setup, coordination with authorities.
8. Volunteer Management	Recruitment, training and coordination of Deaf and hearing Volunteers.	Volunteer manual, duty schedules, IS introduction.
9. Ceremonies & Protocol	Planning and delivery of opening, closing and medal ceremonies.	Ceremony scripts, flag protocol, dignitary support.
10. Sustainability & Legacy	Environmental responsibility, social impact, long-term development of Deaf sports.	Waste concept, mobility plan, Legacy report.

C. Cross-Team Coordination

Tasks often overlap between areas (e.g., accessibility ↔ logistics, communication ↔ ceremonies). To ensure coordination, the following measures are recommended:

- Weekly coordination meetings of all LOC Team Leaders.
- Shared project and task tracking (digital dashboard).
- Integration of accessibility measures into all LOC Teams.
- Documentation of all decisions in IS and English.

Each LOC Team should additionally appoint a Deputy Head to ensure continuity in case of absence.

D. Staffing and Representation

The LOC shall ensure:

- Balanced participation of Deaf and hearing staff (Art. 3 Para. 2 EDSO GR).
- Appointed staff possess appropriate experience and qualifications.
- At least one Deaf leader or Accessibility Coordinator in senior management.
- Training for all staff and volunteers in EDSO ethics, communication and inclusion before the event starts.

E. Reporting Lines and Accountability

Clear reporting duties ensure transparency:

Level	Reports to / Cooperates with	Frequency
LOC Team Heads	LOC Director	Weekly progress meetings
LOC Director	Host NDSF / EDSO Sports Director	Monthly progress report
EDSO SD	EDSO Executive Committee	At inspections and milestones
NDSF (Federation)	EDSO EC / Authorities	As required per Host Agreement

All formal reports to EDSO must be prepared in English and submitted electronically to the EDSO Secretariat, with a copy to the Host NDSF.

F. Cooperation with EDSO Representatives

To ensure compliance with EDSO standards:

- The EDSO Sports Director acts as the primary point of contact for the LOC.
- The EDSO Representative provides support and consultation in non-technical areas (accessibility, sustainability, protocol).
- Findings and recommendations from inspections must be documented and integrated into the Project Plan (Chap. 3.3 D).

G. Risk Management and Contingency Planning

Each LOC Team maintains a Risk Register detailing potential issues, their impact and mitigation measures.

- Typical Risk Categories:
- Financial (sponsor loss, budget overruns)
- Logistical (venue failure, transport disruptions)
- Technical (equipment failure, IT problems)
- Health/Safety (medical emergencies, pandemics)
- Communication (interpreter unavailability, information gaps)

The LOC Director compiles these risks into an overall Risk Matrix, which is submitted to the EDSO EC in the semi-annual progress report.

H. Ethics and Inclusion

All LOC Teams are committed to:

- Upholding the EDSO Code of Ethics.
- Ensuring equal treatment and non-discrimination.
- Shaping communication based on the "Deaf-Led" principle.
- Promoting mutual respect and intercultural exchange.

All LOC management members must sign the EDSO Code of Ethics declaration before assuming their duties.

I. Event Website and Information Management

The LOC must establish an official event website or subpage providing all essential information about the championship (e.g. schedules, results, accommodation, transport, photos, videos, and press releases).

Content in International Sign (IS) should be provided as needed and within available resources. After the event, the website or its main content should remain accessible via a link from the EDSO main site or another EDSO-approved platform.

The LOC shall coordinate with EDSO to ensure that all key materials are documented and remain accessible for reference and future use.

J. Media and Public Relations

Media relations, publicity, livestreaming, and sponsor communication are under the responsibility of the LOC.

The LOC may optionally request support, only if an EDSO Media Team is available, for example for IS video production, photography, or press coordination.

All related costs (travel, accommodation, meals, and production) are to be covered by the LOC.

Any publications or media materials using official EDSO branding or logos should be pre-approved by the relevant EDSO representative or media officer.

K. Medal and Certificate Design

The design, size, and material of medals, as well as the layout of certificates (diplomas), must be approved prior to production in consultation with the designated EDSO Representative and the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).

Medals:

- Recommended minimum size: Ø 60 mm, made of metal with the EDSO logo, sport pictogram, and year of the event.
- Colours and materials should comply with EDSO standards (gold, silver, bronze).
- All design and production costs are borne by the LOC.

Certificates (Diplomas):

- Must include the EDSO logo, LOC logo, and the signatures of the designated EDSO Representative and the LOC Director.
- Text should be in English and, where possible, also in the host country's language.
- A sample version must be sent to EDSO for approval before final printing.

Responsibility:

The LOC is fully responsible for production, distribution, and archiving (one original copy per competition must be stored in the LOC or EDSO archive).

L. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is fully based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). In case of discrepancy or conflict, the official English version of the EDSO General Regulations shall prevail.

M. Summary

The clear definition of LOC Teams within the LOC ensures professional event management, transparent accountability, and operational excellence across all domains.

By adhering to EDSO standards and prioritising accessibility and Deaf leadership, each European Deaf Championship can be delivered efficiently, safely, and in the true spirit of European Deaf sport.

The LOC must ensure the presence of qualified Sign Language Interpreters during all medical checks, anti-doping procedures, and referee communications to guarantee equal access and understanding for all Deaf participants.

In addition, the LOC is responsible for:

- providing continuous and updated information through an official event website,
- maintaining inclusive media and public relations in coordination with EDSO, and
- producing medals and certificates that meet the approved quality and design standards.

These elements strengthen the event's international visibility, credibility, and long-term legacy.

3.5. Financial Management and Budget

A. Purpose and Guiding Principles

Financial planning is a central component of the successful organisation of a European Deaf Championship (EDC). This chapter defines the principles, procedures and responsibilities for the financial management of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the Host National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF).

The objective is to ensure transparent, legally compliant and sustainable use of funds that aligns with the provisions of the EDSO General Regulations (Article 16 – Financial Instructions).

Essential Goals:

- Maintaining financial integrity and traceability.
- Ensuring budget control and accountability.
- Guaranteeing sufficient liquidity during all project phases.
- Protecting the EDSO from financial risks or misuse of funds.

B. Responsibilities in Financial Management

Stakeholder	Responsibilities
LOC Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	Primary responsibility for all financial affairs, budget monitoring, payments, accounting and reporting.
LOC Director / President	Approves all expenditures, monitors contract compliance and reports to the NDSF and EDSO.
NDSF	Legal entity for the project, liable for compliance with national financial laws and assists the LOC with funding applications.
EDSO Executive Committee (EC)	Monitors financial transparency as required by the Host Agreement and may request audit reports.

All financial officers must be officially appointed by the NDSF in advance and reported to the EDSO EC.

C. Structure and Setup of the Budget

The LOC must create a Master Budget that includes all projected revenues and expenditures for the project's entire lifecycle (from LOC formation to the final report).

The budget must be divided into at least the following main categories:

Category	Examples
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Revenues	Participation fees, sponsorship contributions, government grants, donations, ticket sales, merchandise.
Expenditures	Venue fees, accommodation, transport, catering, security, communication, insurance, professional fees, EDSO fees.
Reserves / Deposits	EDSO Host Deposit, risk and damage reserve (minimum 5% of the total budget).
Legacy & Sustainability	Programmes for the promotion of Deaf sports after the event.

The budget must be agreed upon with the NDSF and the CFO and submitted to the EDSO EC no later than 18 months before the start of the event.

D. Budget Planning and Control

- Planning Phase: Creation of detailed cost planning based on quotations, market prices and empirical data. Comparison with event capacity and the NDSF financial framework.
- Control Phase: Monthly budget review by the CFO and LOC Director. Adjustments may only be made after approval by the NDSF and EDSO.
- Settlement Phase: Final accounts and audit no later than 90 days after the end of the event. EDSO reserves the right to review original receipts.

E. Financial Security (Deposits, Securities and Reserves)

EDSO Financial Deposit:

- A deposit must be paid to the EDSO in accordance with Article 2 (4d) and Article 16 EDSO GR.
- It serves as security for the proper execution of the Championship.
- The amount is determined by the EDSO EC and confirmed in the Host Agreement.

Reimbursement:

- The full deposit will be reimbursed after the successful completion of the event and the submission and approval of the audited Final Financial Report.
- In the event of breaches or non-fulfilment of contractual obligations, EDSO may withhold the deposit partially or entirely.
- Reserves: The LOC must establish an Emergency Reserve (min. 5% of the total budget) to cover unforeseen expenses (e.g., natural disasters, technical failures).

F. Revenue Management

- All revenues must be traceably documented and held in official NDSF or LOC accounts.
- Sponsorship agreements must be concluded in writing and reviewed by the Finance Department.
- Grants from municipalities, states, or EU programmes must be used for their intended purpose and reported to the funding bodies with proof of use.

Participation fees may only be charged according to the tariffs approved by the EDSO.

G. Expenditure Management

- Expenditures are only permitted for project-related purposes.

- Every payment must carry two signatures (CFO + LOC Director).
- Invoices must contain original receipts, payment date and cost centre.
- Procurement must adhere to the principles of transparency, cost-efficiency, sustainability and accessibility.
- For major contracts (from €5,000), at least two comparative bids must be obtained.

H. Financial Reporting and Audits

Report	Content	Responsible	Due Date
Budget Plan (Initial Report)	Overview of all revenues/expenditures and financing sources.	CFO / LOC Director	18 months prior to the event
Interim Reports	Current financial status, budget variance analysis and budget changes.	CFO	Biannually (or as agreed)
Audit Report	Review by an external, independent auditor or national control body.	External Auditor / NDSF	After the event conclusion
Final Report	Final accounts, deposit verification and recommendation for future Hosts.	CFO / LOC Director	90 days after the event

EDSO may request inspection of financial documents at any time. Any deviations require written justification.

I. Ethics, Integrity and Corruption Prevention

- Financial management must adhere to the EDSO Code of Ethics.
- Conflicts of interest in tenders or procurement must be reported immediately.
- Gifts, benefits, or personal advantages related to financial decisions are strictly prohibited.
- All employees in the financial sector must sign a declaration of integrity and confidentiality.

J. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is fully based on:

- Article 2 (4d) – Bidding Procedures
- Article 3 (1–5) – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). In case of ambiguities, the English original version of the EDSO Regulations is binding.

K. Summary

Financial planning forms the backbone of the successful execution of an EDSO European Championship. This chapter ensures that all funds are used correctly, transparently and for their intended purpose, responsibilities are clearly regulated, EDSO and NDSF maintain full control and traceability and financial risks are minimised for a reliable, fair and sustainable financial foundation for the entire event.

3.6. Coordination and Stakeholder Interfaces

A. Purpose and Significance

The successful execution of an EDSO European Championship (EDC) critically depends on effective communication and coordination between the Local Organising Committee (LOC), the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and other national and local partners.

This chapter describes the central communication structures, coordination channels and responsibilities to ensure transparent decision-making processes, timely information and accessible communication.

Goals:

- Clear delineation of responsibilities among EDSO, NDSF and LOC.
- Uniform communication standards (English & International Sign Language).
- Effective involvement of all stakeholders at the national and international level.
- Ensuring traceability and accountability.

B. Primary Coordination with EDSO (Main Partner)

The EDSO is the central contracting partner and controlling authority for the LOC.

Communication follows defined lines of responsibility:

Stakeholder	Main Responsibilities	Communication Channel
EDSO Executive Committee	Strategic and contractual matters, approval of budget and schedule changes, formal reports (Progress Reports).	Written / Email from LOC President or NDSF President to EDSO EC.
EDSO Sports Director	Technical control, compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations, approval of venues, TLM coordination.	Direct and regular contact between LOC Sports Manager and EDSO SD.
EDSO Representative	Observation and consultation in non-technical areas (accessibility, protocol, media).	Direct contact with the corresponding LOC LOC Teams.
EDSO Communications Office	Coordination of press work, social media strategies, brand guidelines, event communication.	Direct contact with the LOC Communications Manager.

Special Note on Communication: To ensure full accessibility and efficiency, the use of video telephony or videoconferencing platforms (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams) is strongly recommended for all direct consultations between the EDSO EC / EDSO Sports Director and the LOC Leadership. These visual communication channels enable clear, natural communication in International Sign Language (IS) or visual communication.

C. Coordination with External Partners (National Level)

The LOC is responsible for cooperating with all relevant partners in the host country:

- Host NDSF: Primary legal entity; must be involved in all essential decisions (finance, contracts, insurance).

- National Sports Federations: Cooperation on the use and certification of venues, refereeing and technical expertise.
- National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA): Coordination of control procedures in accordance with ICSD and EDSO rules.
- State / Municipal Authorities: Permits, security, emergency medical care, visas and transport planning.
- Sponsors and Partners: Contractual compliance with sponsorship and marketing guidelines, while adhering to the EDSO Brand Policy.

D. Communication with Participating Nations

- Communication with the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) of the participating countries must be clear, consistent and accessible.
- Official Languages: English and International Sign (IS) for all meetings, bulletins and videos.
- Information Materials: All forms (Preliminary Entry Form, Final Entry Form) and official notices must adhere to the schedule approved by the EDSO.
- Team Leaders Meeting (TLM): The LOC organises the space, equipment, interpreting and technical support for the TLM, which serves as the main communication forum among EDSO, LOC and the delegations.
- Feedback Channels: A feedback option for delegations should be available after each event day (e.g., digital feedback form).

E. Protocol, Receptions and Official Ceremonies

The LOC is responsible for adhering to the EDSO protocol during all official receptions, ceremonies and meetings.

- VIP Protocol: The order and rank of official representatives (EDSO, ICSD, government, local authorities) must be respected.
- Flag Protocol: The correct arrangement and presentation of national flags, anthems (visibly displayed) and the EDSO flag are mandatory.
- Receptions: Official functions (Welcome Reception, Closing Dinner, etc.) must be designed to be accessible and inclusive.

F. Communication Protocols and Language

- All official communications from the LOC must meet the following standards:
- Format: Written, clear, in the English language; supplemented by IS video or visual display where necessary.
- Accessibility: All critical announcements (schedule, safety, transport, results) must be visually accessible—e.g., through subtitling, IS video or visual displays.
- Corporate Design: Consistent use of the EDSO brand guidelines (logos, colour palette, fonts).
- Media Work: All press releases and social media content must be approved by the EDSO Communications Office prior to publication.

G. Documentation and Follow-up

All reports, minutes and correspondence with EDSO, NDSF and authorities must be archived electronically. Communication records (e.g., progress reports, meeting minutes) must be retained for at least five years. Changes in communication channels or responsibilities must be reported to the EDSO SD immediately.

H. Ethics, Neutrality and Data Protection

- Communication must always comply with the principles of the EDSO Code of Ethics.
- Advertising or content must not contain political, religious, or discriminatory statements.
- Personal data may only be published with consent.
- All employees and volunteers in the communications area must sign a declaration of confidentiality.

I. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 7 – Communication
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). In case of ambiguities, the English original version is legally binding.

J. Summary

Coordination and stakeholder interface management form the communicative backbone of the event. This chapter ensures:

- Structured cooperation between EDSO, NDSF and LOC.
- Clear responsibilities and protocols.
- Accessible and bilingual communication.
- Unified public presentation of the EDSO European Championship.

This guarantees a professional, inclusive and transparent communication culture that strengthens the integrity and European spirit of Deaf sports.

3.7. Visa Assistance and International Travel Protocol

A. Visa Requirements

The Local Organising Committee (LOC), in cooperation with the Host National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and national authorities, must ensure that all accredited athletes, officials, and delegates who require an entry visa can obtain it in time for the event.

Each NDSF is responsible for identifying all team members requiring a visa and must inform the LOC as early as possible, in accordance with the visa application procedures and deadlines established by the respective embassies.

B. Obligation to Support

The LOC must actively assist the participating NDSFs in the preparation and submission of visa applications, including communication with national immigration authorities and embassies. To facilitate efficient coordination, the LOC should maintain direct contact with the responsible consular offices whenever possible.

C. Letters of Invitation

The LOC must issue official Letters of Invitation, signed by the Host NDSF President, after the official confirmation of the event and publication of the team draw or competition announcement, but no later than according to the visa deadlines set by national embassies. Each letter must contain the necessary information:

- full name and passport number of each applicant,
- purpose of visit and duration,
- competition dates and venue address,
- official contact details of the LOC.

This ensures that NDSFs can begin their visa process early, even if final entry lists are not yet completed.

D. Coordination with Authorities

The LOC Head of Logistics or Administration serves as the main contact person for national immigration offices, consulates, and embassies.

Consolidated lists of visa applicants may be forwarded to the authorities to accelerate the administrative process and improve traceability.

E. Travel Coordination

All relevant travel information (nearest accessible airport, customs procedures for sports equipment, and local transportation details) must be included in the Delegation Information Package (see Section 6.2.B).

This information shall be provided in both written English and International Sign (IS) video format for accessibility.

F. Liability for Late Applications

The LOC's responsibility to assist with visa procedures applies only to athletes and delegates who have been officially nominated according to EDSO's technical and administrative deadlines. For late nominations or substitutions (Late Entries) submitted after the set deadlines, the LOC cannot guarantee timely visa issuance.

Responsibility for visa delays or rejections in such cases lies entirely with the respective NDSF. While the LOC will make reasonable efforts to assist, it assumes no liability for any delay or rejection resulting from late submissions.

3.8. Risk Management and Contingency Planning

A robust risk management plan is essential to guarantee the health and safety of participants and secure the continuity of the EDSO European Championship (EDC). The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is contractually obliged to develop comprehensive and documented emergency and risk plans.

A. Purpose and Guiding Principles

Risk management is a continuous process that must be anchored in all LOC Teams of the LOC:

Goals:

- Minimising risks to participants, staff and visitors.
- Ensuring the continuity of event operations.
- Protecting financial and organisational stability.
- Upholding the reputation of EDSO, NDSF and LOC.

Guiding Principles:

- Prevention over Reaction: Risks must be identified and mitigated early.
- Cooperation and Transparency: Risk management must be coordinated with the NDSF, EDSO and local authorities.
- Accessibility and Inclusion: Safety and emergency measures must be fully accessible and understandable for Deaf individuals.

B. Risk Management Process

The LOC's risk management process comprises the following steps:

Phase	Description	Responsible Party
1. Risk Identification	Systematic collection of potential risks across all LOC Teams (Finance, Logistics, Sport, Communication, Security).	All Heads of LOC Teams / LOC Director
2. Risk Assessment	Evaluation based on the Likelihood of occurrence and the Impact (low–medium–high) on a multi-stage scale.	LOC Director / CFO
3. Prevention Planning	Development of preventative measures to avoid or reduce risks.	Heads of LOC Teams
4. Monitoring and Control	Regular review by the LOC and reporting to EDSO.	LOC Director / NDSF
5. Escalation Management	Definition of clear decision pathways for acute risks or emergencies.	LOC Director / EDSO SD / Authorities

The LOC creates a Risk Register that documents all potential hazards. This register must be updated at least every three months and submitted to the EDSO in the Progress Report.

C. Typical Risk Categories

The LOC must cover at least the following critical risk categories and associated contingency plans:

Category	Examples of Risks	Contingency Focus
Financial	Sponsor withdrawal, budget overruns, delayed grants.	Activation of the Contingency Fund (min. 5%); finding replacement sponsors; immediate notification to the EDSO EC.
Logistical	Transport failure, accommodation shortages, delivery delays.	Framework agreements with service providers, back-up transport plans, alternative accommodation.
Technical	IT failure, power outages, data loss (e.g., results service).	Emergency generators, data backup systems, technical redundancy.

Health & Safety	Serious injuries, pandemics or local epidemics , medical emergencies.	Immediate coordination with security and medical authorities; evacuation plans; crisis communication (in IS).
Communication & Inclusion	Interpreter team failure, incorrect visual information, conflicts due to lack of accessibility.	Backup interpreters; verification of digital visual communication systems; Deaf Awareness training for staff.
External Factors (Force Majeure)	Extreme weather, strikes, visa delays, political unrest.	Adjustment of schedule (time buffer); provision of emergency shelter; communication with diplomatic missions.

D. Responsibilities in Crisis and Emergency Management

Function / Role	Primary Duties in a Crisis	Communication with
LOC Director (Crisis Manager)	Overall command of the Crisis Management Team (CMT), final decision-making, communication with EDSO and authorities.	EDSO SD, NDSF, Authorities
Head of Safety & Security (LOC Team 7)	Implementation of security and evacuation plans, directing security services.	Police, Fire Dept., Ambulance Services
Chief Medical Officer (CMO)	Directing medical provisions, coordinating with hospitals, first aid structure.	Local Health Authorities
Communications Manager (LOC Team 4)	Crisis communication, coordination with EDSO Communications Office, public relations.	Media, Delegations
EDSO Sports Director	Monitoring athletic integrity, deciding on event cancellation or schedule changes.	LOC Director, EC

E. Contingency Planning

The LOC must create a detailed Emergency & Contingency Plan covering all critical scenarios:

- Evacuation Plan: Clear, accessible assembly points and evacuation routes. Use of visual alarm and vibration systems for Deaf individuals.
- Communication Security: Emergency communication in IS and English (e.g., video announcements, visual warning systems). Training of all Volunteers in relaying safety information to Deaf individuals.
- Health Emergencies: Medical teams at all venues. Coordination with hospitals, rescue services and insurance providers.
- Technical Failures: Backup power, redundancy systems for timing, IT and sound/lighting.
- Weather or Environmental Issues: Alternative competition venues, weather-proof infrastructure, emergency tents.

F. Crisis Team and Decision Structure

The LOC must form a standing Crisis Management Team (CMT), consisting of: LOC Director (Head), Head of Safety & Security, Chief Medical Officer, Communications Manager, NDSF Representative and EDSO Sports Director (Advisory Role).

The team must convene immediately in acute cases (within 30 minutes of alarm). All actions must be documented and reported to EDSO in writing upon conclusion.

G. Crisis Communication

Crisis communication must be controlled, unified and accessible:

- Only the LOC Communications Manager or LOC Director may issue official statements.
- Press releases must be approved by the EDSO Communications Office beforehand.
- In a crisis, all communications must be delivered in IS and English.
- Post-crisis, a final information analysis must be conducted to derive lessons for future events.

H. Documentation and Post-Event Review

All incidents (including near-misses) must be documented in an Incident Logbook. The LOC submits a Crisis Report to the EDSO EC within 30 days of the event. The report includes root cause analysis, evaluation of response times and recommendations for improvement.

I. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 3 (7-8) – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

International standards and guidelines for safety and emergency management, ensuring compliance with the spirit of the EDSO regulations.

All inspection and monitoring procedures are mandatory and part of the official approval and quality assurance process.

J. Summary

The Risk Management and Contingency Planning concept forms the safety foundation of every EDSO European Championship. It ensures:

- Early risk detection and continuous monitoring.
- Clear responsibilities and decision pathways in a crisis.
- Accessible and inclusive safety communication.
- Unified action between the LOC, EDSO and authorities.
- Sustainable improvement of safety standards for future events.

This lays the foundation for a professional, safe and responsible execution in the interest of athletes, officials and all participants.

3.9. Final Report and Post-Event Evaluation

A. Purpose and Objective

The Final Report is the central instrument for documenting, evaluating and securing the knowledge acquired during an EDSO European Championship (EDC). It serves as accountability to the EDSO, an assessment of organisational and financial execution and a means to secure Best Practices for future hosts.

Objectives:

- Proof of proper execution in accordance with EDSO Regulations.
- Evaluation of the organisational, sporting, financial and communicative quality.
- Documentation of lessons learned, successes and potential for improvement.
- Ensuring transparency and sustainability.

B. Structure of the Final Report

The report must be written in English and contain the following main components:

Section	Content / Description
1. General Information	Host city, event dates, disciplines, number of participants, final LOC structure.
2. Sporting Execution	Competitions, results, records, refereeing, fair play, technical evaluation by EDSO SD.
3. Organisation & Logistics	Schedule adherence, transport, accommodation, catering, accessibility , Volunteers.
4. Finance	Revenues, expenditures, sponsors, balance sheet, proof of Host Deposit reimbursement.
5. Safety & Medical	Security measures, emergencies, medical care, anti-doping report.
6. Communication & Media	Press work, IS Communication , media coverage, social media statistics.
7. Sustainability & Legacy	Environmental measures, social impact, promotion of Deaf sports.
8. Evaluation & Recommendations	Lessons Learned, suggestions for improvement for future organisers.
9. Annex	Photos, diagrams, press clippings, certificates, participant lists, sponsor logos.

The Final Report should include an Executive Summary (max. 2 pages), which concisely presents the most important key figures and results.

C. Deadlines and Submission

- The Final Report must be submitted to the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) within 90 days of the conclusion of the Championship.
- A copy must be sent to the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF).
- The report must be submitted digitally (PDF), with the digital signature of the LOC Director and the NDSF President.
- Late submissions may lead to the withholding of grants or non-recognition of the event (as per Art. 16 EDSO GR).

D. Responsibilities

Stakeholder	Duties Regarding the Final Report
LOC Director	Overall coordination, compilation of reports from all LOC Teams.
CFO (Financial Lead)	Creation of the final balance sheet, proof of Deposit reimbursement.
EDSO Sports Director	Technical and sporting evaluation, report to the EDSO EC.
EDSO Representative	Feedback on accessibility, protocol, communication, sustainability.
NDSF President	Legal and organisational responsibility, co-signing.

E. Evaluation by EDSO

Upon receipt, the EDSO Executive Committee reviews the Final Report based on the following criteria:

- Completeness (all required sections and annexes are present).
- Formal Correctness (language, signatures, deadlines).
- Compliance with EDSO Regulations (Art. 2, 3, 16).
- Fulfilment of the Host Agreement.
- Financial Transparency and verification of the Host Deposit settlement.
- Qualitative Assessment (organisation, accessibility, communication, sustainability).

The findings are discussed in an EDSO evaluation meeting. The EDSO EC subsequently prepares an official Feedback Report to the NDSF and LOC.

F. Knowledge Retention and Transfer

The Final Report is archived by the EDSO Secretariat and entered into the EDSO Knowledge Database to serve as a reference for future hosts.

- Particularly successful practices ("Best Practices") are integrated into the next version of the EDSO Host Manual.
- Errors or critical situations are documented as Lessons Learned.
- A summary of the key findings may be presented at the EDSO Congress.

G. Sustainability and Legacy Report

The Final Report must contain a dedicated section on Sustainability and Legacy. Exemplary contents include:

- Environmental management (e.g., waste separation, energy consumption, mobility).
- Promotion of Deaf sports at the national level.
- Inclusion projects that continue beyond the event.
- Evaluation of the accessibility standard for future EDSO events.

Objective: To prove that the event has a social and ecological impact beyond its sporting dimension.

H. Archiving and Documentation

- All original documents (contracts, reports, financial documents, communication protocols) must be retained for a period of at least five years.
- A digital backup copy must be stored with the EDSO Secretariat.
- The Final Report is archived as an official EDSO document.

I. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions
- Article 2 (10) – Bidding Procedures

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018). In case of ambiguities or deviations, the English original version is legally binding.

J. Summary

The Final Report is more than an administrative duty—it is the strategic tool for evaluation, transparency and knowledge management. It ensures:

- Traceability and accountability to the EDSO.
- Sustainable quality development for future hosts.
- Documentation of organisational and sporting standards.
- Long-term promotion of Deaf sports in Europe.

Thus, the report concludes the event cycle and forms the transition to the institutional learning phase of the EDSO and its member federations.

3.10. Summary of Part III – Key Takeaways

A. Overview

Part III of the EDSO Host Manual outlines the entire organisational framework and the practical requirements for the planning, execution and follow-up of an EDSO European Championship (EDC).

It is aimed at organisers, Local Organising Committees (LOCs) and NDSF representatives responsible for operational delivery. The focus of this chapter is on efficient governance, clear division of tasks, financial transparency, accessible communication and sustainable management across all phases of the project.

B. Key Takeaways

Topic	Core Finding / EDSO Requirement
Governance and Responsibilities (3.1–3.2)	A strong leadership model with clearly defined roles (LOC, NDSF, EDSO) is the foundation for a successful event. Decisions must be traceable, documented and made in accordance with EDSO Regulations.
Project Planning and Milestones (3.3)	A structured project plan with fixed milestones, clear responsibilities and regular progress reports ensures timely and professional execution.
LOC Teams (3.4)	The establishment of specialised LOC Teams (Sport, Finance, Communication, Accessibility, Security, etc.) creates efficiency, transparency and expert control in all organisational processes.
Financial Management (3.5)	Strict financial control, documentation and compliance with Article 16 of the EDSO General Regulations ensure transparency and protect against financial risks.
Coordination and Communication (3.6)	Bilingual, accessible communication (English & IS) is mandatory. All interfaces between the LOC, EDSO, NDSF and partners must be clearly defined and documented.
Risk Management and Contingency Planning (3.7)	An up-to-date Risk and Contingency Plan with preventative measures protects participants and ensures operational readiness in a crisis. Accessible safety communication is mandatory.
Final Report and Evaluation (3.8)	The Final Report is a key document for transparency, traceability and knowledge retention. It forms the basis for future improvements and the evolution of the EDSO standard.

C. Significance for Future Hosts

This chapter establishes the operational standard against which future hosts will be measured. It connects strategic EDSO requirements with practical tools for daily implementation:

- Promotion of Professionalism and Deaf Leadership.
- Strengthening accessible communication and inclusion.
- Ensuring a unified European quality standard for all EDSO Championships.
- Supporting a learning organisational culture through systematic evaluation.

D. Outlook – Connection to Part IV, V, VI and VII (The Next Steps)

With the conclusion of Part III, the organisational founding phase ends. The LOC now possesses the necessary governance framework to enter the detailed implementation phase.

The operational content will now be divided into the following specialised Parts:

New Part	Content Focus	Objective
Part IV – Technical Preparation	Focuses on the minimum requirements for sports venues and the general technical infrastructure (e.g., lighting, scoreboards).	Ensuring the sporting basis.
Part V – Sport-Specific Implementation	Addresses the special and detailed technical requirements of the respective sport.	Compliance with Technical Regulations.
Part VI – Operational Flow & Delivery	Describes daily procedures, event services, logistics, crisis management and protocol during the event.	Ensuring a smooth operation.
Part VII – Administration & Follow-up	Includes the process for the final report, evaluation and securing the Legacy.	Formal conclusion and knowledge retention.

Part III thus serves as a bridge, connecting the strategic direction (Part I & II) with the detailed operational implementation (Parts IV to VII) and transferring the EDSO principles into the LOC's daily work.

E. Conclusion

Part III ensures that every EDSO European Championship is:

- Well-planned,
- Efficiently organised,
- Transparently managed,
- Safely conducted,
- and implemented accessibility for all involved.

Through the consistent application of the processes described herein, it is ensured that EDSO events serve not only as high-quality sporting events but also as organisational, ethical and inclusive role models in international Deaf sports.

Part IV – TECHNICAL PREPARATION

Chapter 4: Venues and General Technical Standards

4.1. General Requirements for Venues and Facilities

A. Purpose and Scope

This chapter defines the general technical, organisational and accessibility requirements applicable to all competition and training venues of the EDSO European Championships (EDC).

It applies to all sports disciplines, covering both Summer and Winter sports (e.g., Athletics, Football, Curling, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard).

These requirements cover:

- Official competition venues,
- Training facilities,
- Technical and operational areas,
- Temporary structures such as media centres, security zones and doping control rooms.

The objectives of this chapter are to:

- Establish unified quality and safety standards across all EDSO member nations,
- Ensure fair, safe and inclusive competition environments,
- Promote sustainability and efficiency in event organisation,
- Provide a consistent framework for inspections and approvals under EDSO supervision.

B. General Principles for All Venues

- Safety and Functionality: All competition and training facilities must comply with recognised international safety standards. This includes appropriate infrastructure for both indoor and outdoor venues, as well as ice and snow-based facilities (for winter sports), ensuring stability, controlled surface conditions and safe access routes.
- Compliance with Rules and Standards: Venues must comply with the EDSO Technical Regulations, ICSD Sports Regulations and, where applicable, the standards of the relevant International Sports Federations (IFs), such as: FIFA (Football), FIBA (Basketball), IBF (Badminton), FIS (Ski, Snowboard), WCF (Curling), or WA (World Athletics).
- Accessibility and Inclusion: All facilities must be fully accessible to Deaf and hearing persons alike. For winter sports, this includes:
 - Safe, non-slip access routes in snow and ice,
 - Visual instead of auditory warning systems (e.g., light signals, flags),
 - Visual start and finish cues during competitions.
- Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility: Event organisers must minimise environmental impact through sustainable energy use, efficient snow and ice management and protection of natural landscapes in mountain regions.

- **Communication Infrastructure:** Venues must provide a stable communication and visual information system, including large screens, captioning and International Sign (IS) video announcements.
- **Flexibility and Reusability:** Whenever possible, multi-purpose venues should be used to allow efficient adaptation to different sports or event sizes.

C. Minimum Venue Standards

Area	Minimum Requirements / Description
Summer Venues (Outdoor/Indoor)	Rule-compliant dimensions and safety zones, certified surfaces, adequate lighting and shading, stable communication links.
Winter Venues (Ice/Snow)	Temperature control, regular surface maintenance (ice quality/snow depth), wind protection, emergency power systems, visual start/stop signals .
Training Venues	Comparable conditions to competition venues; separate areas for national teams; emergency and medical facilities.
Spectator Areas	Accessible stands, visual displays, non-slip access paths, heated areas (for Winter events).
Sanitary Facilities	Clean, heated (for Winter), well-lit, accessible.
Safety and Rescue Zones	Medical first aid, evacuation routes with visual marking, emergency plans.
Technical Infrastructure	Power supply, internet, backup systems for measurement, timing and communication.
Environmental Management	Waste separation, energy-saving systems, protection of sensitive natural zones.

D. Specific Requirements for Winter Sports

Snow Sports (e.g., Alpine Skiing, Snowboard):

- Snowmaking and surface maintenance plan,
- Weather and avalanche safety concept,
- Transport and access systems adapted for athletes and officials (e.g., cable cars, shuttles, barrier-free paths),
- Designated warm-up zones with visual communication aids.

Ice Sports (e.g., Curling, Ice Hockey):

- Temperature control and anti-condensation systems,
- Visual start and stop signals synchronised with timing systems,
- Designated safety perimeters between field of play and spectators,
- Adequate lighting and stable electricity supply.

E. EDSO Inspection and Technical Recognition

Before each EDSO European Championship, an official venue inspection must be conducted.

The inspection is carried out by the EDSO Sports Director together with the relevant EDSO Technical Director and, when necessary, with a representative of the appropriate International Sports Federation (IF).

Recognition of the venues is based on:

- Compliance with the EDSO Technical Regulations for the respective sport.
- Fulfilment of all technical and safety standards established by the relevant IF (e.g., FIFA, IBF, FIS, WCF, etc.).
- Compliance with national safety and building codes.
- Proof of accessibility and communication readiness for Deaf athletes and officials.

Upon successful inspection, the EDSO Sports Director issues a Venue Approval Report confirming that all required standards are met. No separate “certificate” is required, provided that compliance with EDSO and IF standards is verified and documented.

All sports venues must comply with the relevant international federation (IF) standards (e.g. FIFA, FIS, IBF, WA) and be approved by the EDSO Sports Director before use.

F. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee,
- Article 7 – Venues and Facilities,
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018) and the applicable EDSO Technical Regulations for each sport.

In the event of ambiguity, the official English version of the EDSO Regulations shall prevail.

G. Summary

The requirements defined in this chapter ensure that all EDSO European Championships—whether summer or winter events—are hosted in safe, inclusive and regulation-compliant environments.

By aligning with both EDSO and international federation standards, hosts guarantee:

- Fair competition conditions,
- Full accessibility and communication support,
- Environmental responsibility and sustainability and
- Technical consistency across all EDSO member nations.

4.2. Venue Layout and Technical Zones

A. Purpose and Scope

This chapter defines the spatial and organisational requirements for the layout and functional zones of all competition and training venues for the EDSO European Championships (EDC).

The venue setup is designed to ensure:

- Safety and accessibility for all athletes, officials and spectators.
- Functional separation and clear wayfinding.
- Smooth flow between individual organisational areas.

- Compliance with the technical regulations of EDSO and the respective International Sports Federations (IF).

The requirements apply equally to indoor and outdoor facilities, as well as to Summer and Winter sports.

B. General Principles of Zoning

Each EDSO European Championship venue must be divided into clearly defined functional zones. These areas are essential for safety, organisation, and communication and must be separated by physical or visual barriers.

Central Principles of Zoning:

- Safety: No overlap between spectator and athlete zones.
- Visual Orientation: Uniform, visually comprehensible signage with international pictograms and symbols in International Sign (IS).
- Access Control: Access only for accredited persons according to their authorisation.
- Efficient Flow: Logical connections between the main areas (Field of Play, Warm-up, Mixed Zone, Media, Medical).
- Emergency Access: Clearly marked and always accessible escape and rescue routes.

C. Standard Venue Layout

Irrespective of the specific sport, all EDC venues must contain the following core zones:

Zone	Primary Function / Description	Access For
Field of Play (FOP)	Main area for competitions according to EDSO and IF rules.	Athletes, Referees, Technical Officials, EDSO TD
Warm-up / Training Area	Area for preparation and warm-up in immediate proximity to the FOP.	Athletes, Coaches
Call Room / Assembly Area	Control zone before the competition (identity and equipment check, instructions).	Athletes, Officials
Mixed Zone	Press and media area for post-competition interviews.	Athletes, Media, Interpreters
Technical Zone / Timing	Control of timing, scoring and results.	Technical Personnel, EDSO TD
Medical and Doping Control	Separated, shielded area for medical care and doping tests.	Doctors, Doping Control Officers, Athletes, Interpreters
Press Centre / Media Area	Workspace for accredited journalists, incl. IS press conferences.	Media, EDSO Communications
Spectator Area	Safe and accessible spectator stands with visual information systems.	General Public
VIP / Protocol Area	Area for EDSO officials, sponsors and honoured guests.	EDSO EC, Guests
Logistics / Operations Area	Storage, technical utilities, transport, personnel coordination.	LOC, Service Providers

D. Accessibility and Visual Communication

Full communication and access accessibility must be ensured in all functional zones. This applies to both the structural design and the provision of information.

General Requirements:

- Signage: Uniform pictograms with high visibility (min. 20m reading distance).
- Lighting: Uniform, non-glare illumination of all public and sports-relevant zones.
- Information: Schedules, results, safety announcements and general announcements must be displayed visually (e.g., LED boards, screens).
- Accessible Routes: Step-free, marked routes between all main zones.
- Alarm System: Acoustic signals must be supplemented or replaced by visual alarm systems (flashing lights).

Mandatory Interpreter Presence: To ensure equal communication, qualified Sign Language Interpreters (IS and/or national Sign Language) must be present in specific zones:

Area	Function / Purpose	Interpreter Requirement
Technical Meeting (TLM)	Exchange between EDSO, referees, coaches and delegation leaders.	Min. 2 IS Interpreters (rotating).
Call Room / Assembly Area	Control, explanations of starting order or equipment.	1 Interpreter per session.
Field of Play (FOP)	Communication support for decisions, protests, or rule instructions.	Interpreter on call in immediate proximity.
Doping Control	Communication with control personnel and doctors, especially for forms or medical questions.	Mandatory; preferably same-gender.
Medical Area	Doctor consultations, first aid, emergency communication.	Interpreter available 24/7.
Press Conferences / Mixed Zone	Interviews, media work, IS translation for livestreams.	1–2 Interpreters per unit.

Coordination:

- Interpreter coordination falls under the Head of Accessibility & Communication (LOC Team 4).
- Interpreters must possess basic sport-related knowledge and receive a briefing before the EDC begins.
- Backup interpreters must be scheduled for parallel competitions.
- All interpreters must be clearly identifiable and accredited in the relevant zones.

E. Adjustments for Winter Sports

For Winter Sports (e.g., curling, skiing, snowboarding), additional requirements for venue setup apply:

- Protected warm-up and waiting areas for athletes (protection against wind, snow, cold).
- Non-slip surfaces on walkways and stairs.
- Heated functional zones for personnel and officials.
- Technical booths with insulation and power reserve for timing and video.
- Separated snow storage and maintenance zones.
- A snow removal and de-icing plan is mandatory and part of the safety planning.

F. Safety and Emergency Planning

Safety aspects must be integrated directly into the layout plan:

- Evacuation Routes: Clearly marked, visually indicated and kept clear at all times.
- First Aid Stations: Available in every main zone.
- Emergency Communication: Visual warning and information systems.
- Coordination with Authorities: Cooperation with fire services, police and medical services.

The LOC must create an up-to-date Venue Plan showing safety and access routes and distribute it to all EDSO representatives, security services and team leaders.

G. Planning Documents

The following documents must be submitted to the EDSO at least 12 months before the event starts:

- Venue Plan / Site Map showing zoning and routes.
- Safety and Accessibility Plan.
- Energy and Communication Schematic.
- Access Matrix detailing responsibilities and authorisations.
- These documents must be submitted in English to the EDSO Sports Director.

H. Compliance with EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 7 – Venues and Facilities,
- Article 3 – Organising Committee,
- Article 12 – Medical and Safety

of the EDSO General Regulations (Version 3.0, 2018), as well as the EDSO Technical Regulations and Anti-Doping Rules.

I. Summary

A clearly structured and accessible venue layout is the foundation for a safe, fair and professional execution of the EDSO European Championships.

By integrating Sign Language Interpreters, visually accessible communication and coordinated zoning, it is ensured that:

- Communication is understandable at all times.
- Athlete and spectator safety is guaranteed.
- All competitions take place according to international standards and in the spirit of Deaf sports.

4.3. Technical Equipment and Infrastructure

To guarantee fair competition conditions and secure the EDSO standard for results management, visual communication and accessibility, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) must precisely plan, review and provide the technical infrastructure and equipment.

A. Results and Timing Systems

The reliability and accessibility of results and timing systems are critical to the sporting integrity of the EDC.

- Timing: For all sports where time is critical (e.g., Athletics, Swimming, Alpine Skiing), an official electronic timing system (Photo Finish, sensors) must be in place that complies with the standards of the relevant International Federations (IFs).
- Note: In cases of false starts or interruptions, visual signals (light, flag, screen display) must be used instead of acoustic signals.
- Results Management: The LOC must provide an IT-based Results Management System that operates in real-time, automatically secures data and displays it visually.
- Visual Results Display: All results (split times, placings, records) must be displayed visually—e.g., on LED walls, digital scoreboards and the official event website.
- Note: Exclusive acoustic announcement of results or decisions is prohibited.
- Display areas must be clearly visible from all spectator zones and equipped with large, high-contrast digits.
- Accessible Data Communication: Results, start lists and schedules must additionally be available on a visual online platform or app that offers IS or text support.

B. Specific Communication Infrastructure

The goal is full communicative inclusion according to EDSO standards (cf. 4.2 D).

- Visual Alarm Systems: In all sensitive areas (e.g., changing rooms, accommodations, competition venues), visual alarm systems (flashing lights, display warnings) are mandatory. These must operate via an emergency power backup system in the event of a power failure.
- IS Communication Infrastructure: In all rooms where communication with delegations or media takes place (e.g., Technical Meetings, Team Leaders Meetings, Press Centre), fixed installations for visual communication must be available:
 - Well-lit interpreter zones with direct eye contact to the speakers.
 - Cameras or displays for IS/Captioning overlays.
 - Technology for hybrid communication (e.g., video conferencing with an interpreter window).
- The LOC must ensure that all official EDSO announcements are published in parallel in written and IS video form (e.g., start lists, daily programs, award ceremonies).
- Video and Streaming Capabilities: Main arenas must have stable upload bandwidth (> 50 Mbit/s) and camera systems. Official live streams should include IS overlays, subtitling/captioning, or visual symbol displays (pictograms). IS Interpreters are mandatory at press conferences.
- Live transmission must be performed according to EDSO communication and inclusion standards, which ensure visual and linguistic equality.

C. IT and Media Infrastructure

The LOC must provide dedicated IT and media infrastructure to support the event:

Area	Minimum Requirement / Specificity
Media Centre	Accessible workstations, stable high-speed Wi-Fi connection, IS-compatible presentation technology (monitor for Sign Language, Live Captioning).
IT Security	GDPR-compliant data management, particularly for participant data and medical information.

Internet / Network	Stable and broadband internet in all arenas, hotels and LOC offices to support live streams, results services and EDSO communication.
Accreditation System	Digital system with photo ID, QR code, wheelchair access and IS symbol identification for interpreters, Deaf persons and volunteers.

Note: Accreditation cards should be visually coded (colours, symbols instead of only text).

D. Sports and Competition Equipment

- Provision and Condition: The LOC is responsible for the procurement, testing and maintenance of all competition equipment (e.g., goals, nets, referee stands, starting blocks). Equipment must be new, tested, or in technically flawless condition.
- Conformity: Equipment must comply with the EDSO Technical Regulations and the standards of the International Federations (IFs) (e.g., FIFA, IBF, FIS, IAAF).
- For Winter Sports: Equipment (e.g., ski lifts, timing systems, snow machines) must be nationally certified and EDSO-approved.
- Additional Equipment: Provision of equipment for referees and the Call Room (starting boards, visual timers, name displays), Doping control and medical equipment according to ICSD/WADA guidelines and special visual start signals (e.g., light-based start pistols) for Deaf sports.

E. Technical Acceptance and Responsibility (Corrected Deadline)

- Acceptance by EDSO Sports Director: The final technical acceptance of all equipment and infrastructure takes place during the Pre-Event Inspection (at least 1 year before the event). All systems (timing, results, visual signals, alarm systems) will be checked for functionality, accessibility and safety conformity.
- Exception: Should the facilities not be completed by the regular acceptance date (1 year prior) due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., construction delays, force majeure), the LOC must obtain written approval from the EDSO EC for a postponement. A detailed and binding schedule for completion must be submitted. Acceptance must, however, take place no later than 6 months before the event starts.
- Responsibility of the LOC: The LOC bears sole responsibility for all costs related to the procurement, setup, maintenance and operation of the technical systems. Every technical service provider must designate a responsible contact person for the EDSO SD. In case of technical faults, immediate visual information (IS/display) must be provided.

F. Documentation

The LOC must submit the following documents to the EDSO no later than 6 months before the event starts:

- Technical data sheets for all timing and display systems.
- Plans of communication and alarm systems.
- Safety proof for visual signals.
- Proof of power and IT backup systems.
- Example of visual results display (e.g., screenshot, test video).

G. Compliance with Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 7 – Venues and Facilities,
- Article 12 – Medical and Safety,
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions,
- as well as the EDSO Technical Regulations, the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules and the respective International Federation Standards (IF).

H. Summary

A technically and visually accessible infrastructure is a prerequisite for the execution of every EDSO European Championship. It ensures that:

- All competitions are fair, safe and traceable.
- All information is accessible in visual and Sign Language form.
- The 1-year Pre-Event Inspection is the critical compliance gate, which must be adhered to unless officially deferred by the EDSO EC.

All timing, scoring and communication systems must provide clear visual outputs (light signals, scoreboards, captions, IS video feeds) to ensure full accessibility for Deaf athletes and officials.

4.4. Accreditation and Access Control

A. Purpose and Significance

The accreditation system serves security, organisation and communication accessibility during the EDSO European Championships (EDC).

It ensures that only authorised persons gain access to the respective LOC Teams and that, simultaneously, all information is visually and accessibly available.

The system must be unified, clearly colour-coded and internationally comprehensible to guarantee the participation of Deaf athletes and officials.

B. General Requirements

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for the setup, production and issuance of the accreditations.

- All passes must be personalised, colour-coded and feature a photo, barcode, or QR code.
- Issuance only occurs after confirmation of the official nomination by the respective NDSF.
- The accreditation serves simultaneously as proof of identity, security clearance and access authorisation.
- Loss or misuse of an accreditation must be reported immediately; a replacement pass will only be issued with the approval of the LOC Security Manager.

C. Colour Code System (According to EDSO Standard)

Colour	Category	Access / Description
Blue	Athletes	Access to sports venues, changing rooms, warm-up zones, dining hall.

Green	Officials (Referees, Technical Officials)	Access to Fields of Play, Officials' rooms, Technical Meetings.
Red	EDSO Officials (EC, Sports Director, Technical Delegate)	Full access to all zones (incl. Media, Logistics, Security).
Orange	Organising Committee (LOC)	Access to LOC Teams according to area of responsibility (e.g., Transport, Media, Administration).
White	Honorary Guests	Access to VIP areas, receptions, stands.
Red (Special Mark)	Delegates of the Next EDC Host (3–4 delegates per nation)	Access to sports venues and official zones for observation purposes.

Note: All passes should additionally be equipped with **pictographic symbols** (e.g., Camera, Microphone, Wheelchair) to facilitate orientation for non-English-speaking and Deaf participants.

D. Zones and Access Rights

The LOC clearly defines the access zones and marks them visually on all site maps.

Recommended Zone System:

Zone	Description	Access For
1. Field of Play (FOP)	Competition area	Athletes, Officials, EDSO ¹¹
2. Warm-up / Call Room	Preparation & Call-up	Athletes, Officials, Interpreters ¹²
3. Mixed Zone	Media & Interviews	Media, Athletes, EDSO ¹³
4. LOC Operations	Organisation & Administration	LOC, Volunteers ¹⁴
5. VIP / Guest Area	Stands, Hospitality	Honorary Guests, Sponsors ¹⁵
6. Medical & Doping Control	Medical care, Doping tests	Doctors, Interpreters, Doping Team ¹⁶
7. Accreditation Centre	Issuance and control of passes	LOC, Security Personnel ¹⁷

E. Accessible Design

- Accreditations and signs must be visually clear, high-contrast in colour and easily recognisable.
- Important areas (e.g., Call Room, Medical, Mixed Zone) must be marked with visual icons and, if necessary, QR codes linked to IS video explanations.
- Control personnel must receive an introduction to Deaf Awareness and basic knowledge of International Sign (IS).
- Visual communication aids (e.g., tablets, whiteboards, pictogram cards) should be available at control points.

F. Security and Data Protection Measures

- Accreditations are non-transferable.
- Data processing must comply with GDPR (DSGVO) regulations.
- Unauthorised persons must be denied access; electronic and visual control must be ensured.
- Upon conclusion of the EDC, all unused accreditations must be destroyed or securely archived.

G. Control and Validation

- The accreditation system is reviewed by the EDSO Sports Director during the Pre-Event Inspection.
- The final zone and colour plan must be approved by the EDSO Executive Committee no later than 6 months before the event.
- Changes may only be made in consultation with EDSO.

H. Reference to EDSO Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- Article 3 – Organising Committee
- Article 16 – Financial Instructions
- EDSO Venue and Accreditation Checklist (Part X)

I. Summary

The standardised accreditation and access system ensures:

- Security,
- Efficient organisation,
- and complete visual accessibility.

Through clear colour codes and visual symbols, the EDC becomes an inclusive, secure and transparent sporting event.

4.5. Medical, Security, Anti-Doping and Audiogram Testing Infrastructure

A. Purpose and Principles

Health, safety and fairness are fundamental values of EDSO.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is obligated to create a comprehensive medical, security and anti-doping infrastructure that offers all participants—especially Deaf athletes—a protected, accessible and fair environment.

All measures must be conducted in close coordination with the:

- EDSO Sports Director,
- National Authorities and
- National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) or the ICSD Anti-Doping Commission.

B. Medical Services

1. Basic On-Site Care

- Every competition venue must have a First Aid Station.
- These stations must be equipped with medically trained personnel (min. 1 doctor + 1 paramedic) and emergency equipment (defibrillator, stretcher, first-aid kit).
- Visual signage (with a medical symbol and IS icon) is mandatory.

2. Central Medical Coordination

- A Chief Medical Officer (CMO) must be appointed by the LOC.
- The CMO coordinates all medical teams, emergency care, contact with hospitals and cooperation with the Anti-Doping Commission.

3. Communicative Accessibility

- IS Interpreters must be available for medical interventions, especially at the main medical centre, the Doping Control Centre and during emergencies.
- Alternatively, visual communication tools (e.g., tablet text communication) must be provided.

4. Cooperation with Hospitals

- The LOC must designate at least one reference hospital with a 24-hour emergency room and specialists.
- A written agreement on emergency transport and treatment must be concluded.

C. Security and Emergency Management

1. Overall Responsibility

- The Head of Security develops the security concept, coordinates police, fire services and medical services and monitors evacuation and emergency plans.

2. Security Zones

- The security concept must be aligned with the accreditation zones (cf. 4.4 D).
- Special attention must be paid to the Call Room, Doping Centre, media rooms and IT areas.

3. Evacuation & Crisis Communication

- Evacuation routes must be visually marked.
- Alarm systems must use visual and tactile signals.
- Security and medical personnel must undergo Deaf Awareness Training.

4. Communication in an Emergency

- Emergency messages are delivered visually and multi-lingually (English/IS).
- A central security control centre must be reachable 24/7 and coordinate all operations.

D. Anti-Doping Control System

1. Legal Basis and Testing Authority

- Anti-doping controls are governed by the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules (2022), the WADA Code and the International Standards (ISTI, WADA-ISL, ISPPPI).
- The ICSD is the competent testing authority for all international competitions and conducts In-Competition and Out-of-Competition controls.
- The LOC logically supports these controls and covers the costs for infrastructure and personnel according to the Host Agreement.

2. Doping Control Station (DCS)

- At least one accessible DCS with separate waiting, sample and work rooms.
- Gender-separated areas and clear visual signage (IS symbols).
- Access only for accredited athletes, controllers, interpreters and the anti-doping team.

3. Interpreter and Communication Obligation

- At least one IS Interpreter must be present or on call for every control.
- Controllers must be trained in Deaf Awareness and visual communication beforehand.

4. Sample Analysis

- All samples are analysed exclusively in WADA-accredited laboratories according to WADA -ISL standards.
- The LOC ensures secure transport, documentation and confidentiality. Results are submitted encrypted via ADAMS to the ICSD.

5. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

- Authority: The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is the official granting authority for TUEs at international competitions, including all EDSO European Deaf Championships.
- EDSO's Role: The European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) acts as a communication interface between athletes, the LOC and the ICSD TUE Commission. EDSO does not grant TUEs itself but supports the submission and transmission.
- Procedure: TUE applications must be sent through the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO) or directly to the ICSD TUE Commission (tue@ciis.org).
- Deadlines: Applications must be submitted at least 30 days before the start of the competition.

E. Audiogram Testing (ICSD/EDSO Authority; LOC Implementation)

Audiological eligibility testing is mandatory for all athletes and must comply fully with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

The ICSD Audiology Commission has full authority over testing procedures, verification and eligibility decisions.

The LOC provides all operational and logistical arrangements necessary to conduct the tests.

A link to the official ICSD Audiogram Regulations must be provided in the appendix or Annex section of this Manual.

1. LOC Responsibilities

The LOC must ensure:

- an appropriate, quiet and accessible audiogram facility or clinic;
- coordination with the ICSD Audiology Commission and the ICSD Representative;
- IS interpreters during all tests;
- proper privacy, access control and athlete flow;
- secure handling of confidential data;
- coverage of logistical and facility costs as defined in the Host Agreement.

Testing must not interfere with the sport schedule.

2. Technical Requirements

a) Testing Facility

The LOC must secure either an authorised audiogram clinic or an onsite testing room near official hotels or venues. If off-site, shuttle transport must be provided.

b) Required Audiological Tests

The facility/equipment must allow the four mandatory ICSD tests:

- Air Conduction (AC)

- Bone Conduction (BC)
- Tympanometry
- Acoustic Reflexes (ipsilateral & contralateral)

If not available externally, portable ICSD-approved equipment must be installed on site.

c) Equipment Standards

Recommended equipment includes:

- Portable audiometer (e.g., Maico MA41)
- Tympanometry & reflex systems (e.g., Interacoustics models)
- OAE system (e.g., Maico EuroScan)

Equipment details must be submitted to EDSO and ICSD.

F. Prevention and Education

- The LOC, together with EDSO and NADA, provides information material in text form and IS.
- Mandatory training during the Team Leaders Meeting or online modules according to the WADA Standard for Education.
- Goal: Promotion of fair play, awareness of reporting obligations and protection of the integrity of the sport.

G. Reporting, Data Protection and Archiving

- After every medical or security-relevant incident, the LOC must create an Incident Report.
- A Medical and Safety Summary Report is submitted to EDSO after the event.
- All data is treated confidentially according to GDPR and the WADA International Standard for Privacy (ISPPPI).
- Documents must be archived for at least 10 years.

H. Reference to EDSO and ICSD Regulations

This chapter is based on:

- EDSO General Regulations (2018): Art. 3 (Organising Committee), Art. 16 (Financial Instructions)
- ICSD Anti-Doping Rules (2022): Art. 4–7 (TUE & Testing), Art. 10–13 (Results Management & Appeals), Art. 18 (Education), Art. 23 (Confidentiality)

In case of doubt, the English original version of these regulations is always legally binding.

I. Summary

The medical, security and anti-doping infrastructure forms the foundation of a fair, safe and inclusive European Championship.

This chapter ensures that all athletes compete under conditions that meet the highest international standards—in full compliance with ICSD, EDSO and WADA.

Mandatory audiogram testing is also an essential part of the medical and eligibility framework.

The LOC must provide the operational environment for all ICSD-required hearing tests, ensuring accurate, confidential and accessible procedures that uphold the integrity of athlete classification.

If no ICSD representative is present at the venue, the LOC and EDSO Medical Delegate shall notify EDSO immediately and the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) will be reported via EDSO to ICSD.

4.6. Summary of Part IV – Key Takeaways

Part IV – Technical Preparation defined the mandatory technical, infrastructural and safety requirements for hosting the European Deaf Championships (EDC). This section bridges the organisational framework (Part III) with the sport-specific implementation (Part V).

Key Requirements:

- Sport Venues (4.1): All venues must be fully accessible, safe and certified according to the standards of the relevant International Federations (e.g., FIFA, IBF, FIS). This applies equally to Summer and Winter Sports facilities.
- Competition Areas (4.2): Venue layout and functional zones (Call Rooms, Doping Control Areas, Technical Meetings) must ensure full visual and IS accessibility. Interpreters are mandatory in all official athlete–official interactions.
- Technical Systems (4.3): Timing and results systems must meet international standards. All results and critical communications must be displayed visually—sound-only announcements are strictly prohibited. The system must utilise visual alarm backups.
- Accreditation (4.4): The LOC must implement a color-coded accreditation system with GDPR-compliant security (QR/chip) for barrier-free access control.
- Medical & Anti-Doping & Audiogram testing (4.5): All procedures must comply with ICSD and WADA regulations. Anti-doping controls follow ICSD/WADA standards, and TUE applications are formally processed via the EDSO interface to the ICSD TUE Commission. Mandatory audiogram testing is an integral part of athlete eligibility. The LOC must provide the operational environment (facility, equipment, IS interpreters, logistics) for all ICSD-required hearing tests to ensure consistent and fair classification. Interpreters must be present during all medical, audiogram and doping procedures to guarantee informed consent and accessibility.

Relevance:

Part IV ensures that every EDC is conducted under safe, inclusive and technically sound conditions, combining international sporting standards with Deaf-specific accessibility requirements. This technical baseline is the prerequisite for the successful execution of the sporting program defined in Part V.

Part V – SPORT-SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION

Chapter 5: Sport-Specific Framework and Technical Requirements

5.1. General Framework for Sport-Specific Requirements

This matrix defines the general structure and minimum standards for all sports within the European Deaf Championships (EDC).

It must be used by every bidder and host as a planning and evaluation tool.

The table covers the organisational, technical, and accessibility aspects that apply to all EDSO Championships and Qualification Events, to be adapted according to the characteristics of each discipline.

The first two columns list the standard criteria used for all sports, while the third column specifies the minimum requirements to be completed by the bidder.

A fourth column provides examples or reference values for orientation.

This framework ensures uniform quality standards, fairness, and accessibility across all EDSO events.

If any requirement cannot be fulfilled, a written justification must be provided in the bid form and approved by the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) or Sports Director (SD).

This table helps every organiser verify that all minimum sport requirements are available before applying to host an EDSO event.

Sport: _____

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Example / Reference Value
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	June to September 2026
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	4 competition days, 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	10 men's, 6 women's teams ≈ 300 persons
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	16 Teams
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Yes – Main round Group planned
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	45 games (Futsal) / 30 disciplines (Athletics)
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Vienna City Marathon – separate Deaf scoring

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8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	FIFA Quality Pro / World Athletics Class 2
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	2 competition fields, 1 training field,
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	09:00 – 21:30 (incl. evening sessions)
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	≥ 500 Lux for TV coverage
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	LOC provides hurdles/goals; teams bring their own implements
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Automatic timing + LED results board 10 m × 4 m
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	2 500 seats
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	1 doctor + 2 paramedics; hospital 5 km away
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	1 DCS with waiting / sampling/work rooms
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Yes
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	2 interpreters for matches, 1 for the call room

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19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	3 × 15 min net (Futsal); heats/semis/finals
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 4×100 m relay
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	1 pre-start, 1 pre-final
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	4 International referees + minimum 2 Deaf
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 Representative, 2 Sport director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	No – Opening – Yes - Closing
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Daily 19:00 Main Stadium
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design (approved by EDSO EC).	250 medals + 3 draft designs submitted

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Min temp –5 °C for Curling; road closure for Cycling
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5.2. Alpine Skiing – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: December to March. Coordinated with EDSO calendar
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	3 – 4 competition days, 1 - 2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	34 Men + 17 Women + 50 officials – 12 countries - 2012
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Slalom (SL), Giant Slalom (GS). Super-G, Alpine Combined. 1 - 2 runs per discipline
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions or the European Cup.

II. Venues & Technical Implementation

8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	FIS-homologated piste
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	SL: 150–220 m; GS: 300–450 m vertical
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 16:00 or longer
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Min. 80–120 Lux
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Slalom and GS poles (incl. spare poles), Drill + drill bits, Safety nets and protection mats, Course marking dye, Ski lift/gondola/chairlift for transport to start area
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic A + B timing
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	No restrictions, but safety must be ensured.

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	At least one ambulance per 10 km. Medical posts every 5 km. Doctor at start/finish. IS interpreter or Deaf-aware staff preferred.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. IS interpreter available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Qualification and final runs or two-lap runs
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate Men/Women/Youth category
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Every day from one day before the start until the last day of competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	1 FIS-Referee + 1-3 Assistant
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	may, but not must
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or end of session: IS interpreter mandatory, located near the finish line or field centre
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/mixed; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Weather buffer day recommended
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5.3a. Athletics - Marathon – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	March to May and Sept to Nov
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	1 competition day, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	20 athletes (14 men, 6 women), 20 officials – 11 countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, possible
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Official course certified by World Athletics / AIMS (42.195 km). Flat,
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	At least one training loop (2–5 km) or stadium track available for warm-up. Safe and traffic-free access
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Competition day: 06:00–16:00 (including cleaning and road reopening). Training day: 08:00–18:00.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Lighting is only needed if the start is before 07:00 or after 19:00. Minimum 300 Lux at start/finish area.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Bib numbers, safety pins, timing chips, start/finish arch, barriers, refreshment and water stations every 5 km, photo-finish system.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live display at finish line
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	No restrictions, but safety must be ensured.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	At least one ambulance per 10 km. Medical posts every 5 km. Doctor at start/finish. IS interpreter or Deaf-aware staff preferred.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. IS interpreter available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 1 IS interpreter for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	One training day and one race day. Start time between 07:00–09:00. Victory ceremony right after the race.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men's and Women's individual races
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	One Technical Meeting one day before the competition,
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	no obligation
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	no opening and no closing, just a brief greeting
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Recommended temperature range: 5–20 °C.
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5.3b. Athletics Senior (Outdoor) – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: June to September, coordinated with EDSO calendar. Avoid extreme heat
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	4 - 5 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	120 athletes, 50 officials – 21 countries – 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 46 events (Men & Women combined)
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Venue must comply with World Athletics Category 2 certification; 400 m, 8-lane synthetic track; approved throwing and jumping sectors;
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	One warm-up track (same surface) adjacent to the stadium, with access to field event areas; call room; rest area for athletes; signage accessible for Deaf participants.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Stadium open 08:00–21:00; training 08:00–18:00; call room opens 1 hour before each session; competition ends before sunset unless floodlights are available.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Floodlighting \geq 800 Lux (track) and \geq 500 Lux (field) for

			evening sessions. Not required for daytime events.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Certified implements (shots, discs, javelins, hammers, hurdles, blocks); wind gauges, electronic timing (photo-finish), measuring devices, display boards, sound-to-light start system.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Fully automatic timing system + wind measurement. Wi-Fi, Results printed and electronically stored; live results and scoreboard output required. Manual timing as backup.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 1,000 spectators for smaller events; \geq 3,000 for major championships. Clear spectator flow and optical info system (scoreboard).
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Doctor and ambulance on site; first-aid staff at each sector; defibrillator and cooling facilities; IS interpreter available for emergencies. massage table
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Two rooms (waiting + testing), both secure and private, with toilets and refrigeration; IS interpreter and same-gender staff mandatory.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system with flash, light signal, or countdown board; acoustic pistol only as backup. Visible start clock for Deaf athletes.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 3 IS interpreters for TM, call room, start area, and ceremonies; 1 backup interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying \rightarrow final).	Following the World Athletics timetable format (morning & afternoon sessions). Includes qualification, semi-final, and final rounds where applicable.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Standard outdoor program (100 m–10,000 m, hurdles, jumps, throws, relays, combined events). Separate

			Men/Women/ Mixed categories, Junior category optional
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	no obligation
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 2 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	no opening and no closing, just a brief greeting
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or the end of the session, IS interpreter is mandatory; located near the finish line or field centre.
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st-3rd place individuals/relays; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Ideal temperature 15–28 °C; (can to max 35°C) wind monitored (≤ 2 m/s for records). Heat, rain, or lightning contingency plans are required.
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5.3c. Athletics Junior (Outdoor) – Summer sports

1) Junior Athletics U18 and U20 – Deviations from the Senior Athletics Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Athletics (Items 1–27) apply equally to Junior Athletics U18 and U20 competitions.

The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Junior Athletics U18 and U20.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 9 athletes – 5 countries – 2023 – U20 and U18 Women: 17 athletes, 23 officials – 9 Countries – 2023 – U20 and U18 as part of the Senior Athletics event

2) Disciplines / Categories – Athletics Youth

Athletics Youth competitions may be organised for age categories ranging from U15 up to U23, depending on the number of registrations and overall organisational capacity of the event. The exact age groups (e.g. U15, U17, U19, U21, U23 or combined age categories) will be defined by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in coordination with EDSO after the registration deadline.

Competitions shall be organised in separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions are not permitted in official EDSO Youth Athletics Championships.

Each athlete may only compete in one age category during the event. The final allocation of age categories must be published in the official competition regulations before the event.

5.3d. Athletics (Indoor) – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: Jan to Mar, coordinated with EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2 - 3 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	136 athletes, 67 officials – 20 countries – 2018
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification required unless participation exceeds lane or time slot capacity. Preliminary heats or time trials may be applied according to WA rules.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 28 disciplines (Men + Women) following the official World Athletics indoor programme.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Indoor arena according to World Athletics Indoor Facility Requirements: 200 m oval track (min. 4 lanes), 60 m straight (6–8 lanes), approved jump and throw areas.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Separate warm-up area or side hall (same surface), at least 80 x 30 m; accessible and clearly signed for Deaf athletes. for athletes; signage accessible for Deaf participants.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Venue open 08:00–21:00; training until 19:00;

			ventilation and temperature between 18–22 °C.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform indoor lighting of at least 800 Lux above track and field sectors; emergency lighting system required.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	WA-approved implements (shot puts, hurdles, starting blocks, measuring devices); electronic timing (photo-finish), scoreboard; no wind measurement needed for 60 m.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Fully automatic photo-finish timing; electronic distance measurement for jumps and throws; live display and printout for Jury/EDSO; electronic backup required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 800 seats with full visibility; optical display systems (scoreboard, light indicators) required.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	On-site doctor and first-aid team; ambulance on standby; first-aid station inside venue; IS interpreter or Deaf-aware staff recommended. massage table
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Two rooms (waiting + testing), both secure and private, with toilets and refrigeration; IS interpreter and same-gender staff mandatory.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system with flash, light signal, or countdown board; acoustic pistol only as backup. Visible start clock for Deaf athletes.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, call room, start area, and ceremonies; 1 backup interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	According to World Athletics Indoor Timetable (heats, semifinals, finals). Morning and afternoon sessions.
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20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Standard indoor programme: 60 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 60 m hurdles, high jump, pole vault, long jump, triple jump, shot put, 4×400 m relay, combined events (heptathlon/pentathlon). Separate Men/Women categories, Junior category optional
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 , one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	no obligation
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 2 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	no opening and no closing, just a brief greeting
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or the end of the session, IS interpreter is mandatory; located near the finish line or field centre.
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/relays; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Optimal indoor temperature 18–22 °C; proper ventilation and humidity control required. An emergency and evacuation plan is mandatory.
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5.4. Badminton – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	April to October, coordinated with EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	5-7 competition day, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	70 athletes, 35 officials – 14 countries - 2022
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	According to BWF rules, ideally no more than 2–3 matches per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Hall must comply with BWF standards: 13.40 × 6.10 m court size; minimum ceiling height 9 m (preferred 12 m).
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 4 courts (large events: 6–8). One warm-up area required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Minimum 8–10 hours of court availability per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Even, non-glare lighting ≥ 750–1000 Lux
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	BWF-approved nets, posts, court markings, shuttles (correct speed), umpire chairs.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Digital scoring system with visible scoreboard for each court.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	200–500 seats; finals recommended 500+

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	On-site doctor and first-aid team; ambulance on standby; first-aid station inside venue; IS interpreter or Deaf-aware staff recommended. massage table
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Two rooms (waiting + testing), both secure and private, with toilets and refrigeration; IS interpreter and same-gender staff mandatory.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual court-call and match-start system required.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group phase followed by knock-out, or direct knock-out depending on entries.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Mixed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2-3, one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Minimum 1 BWF Referee
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	No sunlight, wind draft or visual disturbances allowed.
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5.5a. Basketball Senior – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually May to June, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	10-12 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 96 athletes, 32 officials – 8 countries – 2024 Women: 72 athletes, 24 officials – 6 Countries – 2024
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men – 12 teams, Women 12 teams – per team 12 players and 4 officials, the team can be reduced to an even number
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Qualification rounds may be required if more than 12 entries. the team can be reduced to an even number for EDC, then conducted regionally or in a pre-tournament format.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	A maximum of 42 men and 42 women per match
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No

II. Venues & Technical Implementation

8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	And must follow the FIBA Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Pro 12 Teams: 1 Training Hall / 2 game Hall:
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:30 Matches typically 10:00–21:00

11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Follow FIBA Rules: Specifically, the lighting, ranging from 1,500 to 3,000 lux must be operational at least 90 minutes before the start of the game (for warm-up, inspection, and preparation) and remain on for 30 minutes after the end. The lighting for the practice hall is >1000 lux
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Follow FIBA Rules: each 7 official basketball balls (Molten – men size 7 / women size 6) per match, benches, substitution boards, electronic scoreboard, 24/sec and systems lights for deaf players during the game and FIBA live Result by digital tab. If teams are practising. Each 10 balls are size 7 (Men) and 6 (women)
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Follow Fiba Rules: Electronic match clock with stop-time function; visual scoreboard visible to teams and spectators; manual backup required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 500 seats for group matches, more than 1,000 for the opening and closing ceremonies, semi-finals, third-place play-off and final; separate entrances for players and spectators; visual information displays.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Follow FIBA Rules: Electronic match clock with stop-time function; visual scoreboard visible to teams

			and spectators; manual backup required and have a digital game score with printer!
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters in the hall for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Round 1: group rounds Round 2: qualifying to final Final places: 12 to 5
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions not allowed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	4 Europeans deaf referees and 2 international deaf referees will be sectioned and local referees Level "A to C". or FIBA licence 1 deaf Europe Referee commissioner and the possibility to have local commissioner
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 2 EDSO Sports Director – (One EDSO sports director per sports hall)
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Short ceremony inside the main field; flag parade optional; simultaneous translation required; duration ≤ 45 minutes.
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals, IS interpreter is mandatory; podium placed on court; music only with visual elements and a medal ceremony with 3 flags of countries and victory hymn music Final must start at 16:00 and the victory ceremonies at 18:15 until 19:00

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for the top 3 teams (gold, silver, bronze) with diplomas MVP player award & best 5 players award with diplomas Best young players with a diploma Best points score player with a diploma Fair play awards with a diploma Diploma participation for all teams Diplomas for all players, diplomas for the eight best teams and all player commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	FIBA Rules for during the game: one team will have 12 seats (seats for 7 players + 4 seats for officials only if they are on the scoresheet game! ! If TD or President, they must not be on the bench
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5.5b. Basketball Youth – Summer sports

3) U20 Youth Basketball – Deviations from the Senior Basketball Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Basketball (Items 1-27) apply equally to Youth U20 Basketball competitions. The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Youth U20 Basketball.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 67 athletes, 25 officials – 6 countries – 2017 – U20 Women: 59 athletes, 23 officials – 6 Countries – 2017 – U20

4) Disciplines / Categories – Basketball Youth

Basketball Youth competitions may be organised for age categories ranging from U15 up to U23, depending on the number of registrations and overall organisational capacity of the event. The exact age groups (e.g. U15, U17, U19, U21, U23 or combined age categories) will be defined by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in coordination with EDSO after the registration deadline.

Competitions shall be organised in separate tournaments for Men and Women.
Mixed competitions are not permitted in official EDSO Youth Basketball Championships.

Each athlete may only compete in one age category during the event. The final allocation of age categories must be published in the official competition regulations before the event.

5.5c. Basketball 3x3 Senior – Summer sports

Basketball 3x3 – Deviations from the Senior Basketball Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Basketball (Items 1–27) apply equally to Basketball 3x3 competitions.

The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Basketball 3x3.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Can be played all year round, either outdoors or in the sports hall.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	4 - 6 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	not yet implemented
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men – 12 teams, Women 12 teams – per team only the four registered players (3 on court + 1 substitute) are permitted in the bench area. Coaches and additional officials must remain in the spectator zone.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	2-4 matches per day/team
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, can be combined with a hearing event if feasible

II. Venues & Technical Implementation

9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	1 Training Hall / 1-2 game Hall:
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:30 Matches typically 10:00–21:00
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Follow FIBA Rules: each 7 official basketball balls (Molten – men size 7 / women

		size 6) per match, benches, substitution boards, electronic scoreboard, 12/sec and systems lights for deaf players during the game and FIBA live Result by digital tab. If teams are practising. Every 3 balls, size 7 (Men) and 6 (Women)
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III. Competition Protocol & Execution

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for top 3 teams (gold, silver, bronze) with diplomas Diplomas participation for all teams Diplomas for all players diplomas for the eight best teams and all player commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	FIBA Rules for during the game: one team will have 1 seats on the scoresheet game! ! If TD or President or official, they must not be on the bench
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5.5d. Basketball 3x3 Youth – Summer sports

1) Youth Basketball 3x3 – Deviations from the Senior Basketball and Senior Basketball 3x3 Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Basketball 3x3 (Items 1–27) apply equally to Youth Basketball 3x3 competitions. The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Youth Basketball 3x3.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	has not yet taken place

2) Disciplines / Categories – Basketball Youth

Basketball Youth competitions may be organised for age categories ranging from U15 up to U23, depending on the number of registrations and overall organisational capacity of the event. The exact age groups (e.g. U15, U17, U19, U21, U23 or combined age categories) will be defined by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in coordination with EDSO after the registration deadline.

Competitions shall be organised in separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions are not permitted in official EDSO Youth Basketball Championships.

Each athlete may only compete in one age category during the event. The final allocation of age categories must be published in the official competition regulations prior to the event.

5.6. Beach Volleyball – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually May to September, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6- 8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men + Women + Youth Men (U19) + Youth Women (U19) 54 athletes, 27 officials – 9 countries, 2022
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Maximum of 2 teams per country and category
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	no
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	open
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	And must follow the FIVB Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 2 competition courts + 1 training court
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:30 Matches typically 10:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	The lighting for the practice hall is >1000 lux
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Follow FIVB Rules: Nets, posts, antennas, referee chairs, balls, sand quality certified, balls
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoring board + visual result display
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 500 seats

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signal required
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Round 1: group rounds Round 2: qualifying to the final , Final places: 12 to 5
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions are not allowed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Minimum 2 International Referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Weather protection, wind protection and drinking stations, may require an additional day as a reserve due to weather conditions.
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5.7. Bowling – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually, Mai to June, coordination with EDSO calendar
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	9-11 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men + Women 115 athletes, 54 officials – 18 countries, 2024
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	no
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 6 games per athlete per day for qualification. For the semifinal and final maximum of 6 games
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Certified Tenpin Bowling Centre compliant with World Bowling standards. AMF and Brunswick
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 24 certified lanes required
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:30 Match from 9:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform glare-free lighting across all lanes.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Automatic pinsetters (Brunswick or AMF), certified lanes, scoring system, equipment provided by venue.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	An electronic scoring system with live visual display required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 100 spectator seats recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals mandatory for Deaf athletes.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Defined qualification rounds and finals format Singles, Doubles, Trios, Teams, Masters
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed (if applicable)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Minimum 2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Minimum 1 International Referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place, 3rd place double medals, diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	suitable room temperature
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5.8. Cross Country – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	March/April or October/November
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	Minimum 2 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men + Women 44 athletes, 20 officials – 9 countries, 2022
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	No
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Course must comply with World Athletics Cross Country Regulations.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	One certified race course and at least one training course required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00–18:00 Minimum 4 competition hours available per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Not required (daylight races only).
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Course marking, kilometre markers, start/finish gantry, timing mats, cones and barriers provided by LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live visual result display required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Natural terrain; controlled spectator zones required near start/finish.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signal (flag/light system) mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Defined race distances and start times
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / possible Junior categories (if approved)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Minimum 1, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Certified World Athletics referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Temperature 5-15 °C
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5.9. Cross Country Skiing – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: December to March.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6 – 8 competition days, 1-2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	There is no information available for the year 2004. 8 countries
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	one discipline per day Women: 5 km sprint, 10 km Mass Start, Sprint, Team sprint Men: 10 km sprint, 15 km Mass Start, Sprint, Team sprint
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Course must comply with FIS Cross Country Competition Rules (ICR). Snow quality and grooming must meet international standards.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Official warm-up track and training loop required; course preparation must follow FIS homologation guidelines.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 16:00 or longer; Minimum 4 hours available for competition, grooming, sprint qualifications and heats.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Required only if any race is held in low-light conditions;

			minimum 100–150 lux for outdoor night usage.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Groomed courses for Classic & Free technique, marked sprint course (1.2–1.6 km), Timing transponders, Course marking poles, Athlete changing tents, Ski test area and wax cabins, Ski-lifts or shuttle for access to start area (if elevation requires)
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live intermediate times and final visual output.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Spectator zones required at the start, finish and sprint stadium.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Mountain rescue team, ski patrol, snowmobile access and first-aid stations along the course.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. interpreter is available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Defined race distances and start times
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate Men/Women/Youth category
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Every day from one day before the start until the last day of competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	FIS-certified referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	may, but not must
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or end of session: IS interpreter mandatory, located near the finish line or field centre

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/mixed; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Weather buffer day recommended, Snow guarantee required
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5.10. Curling – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: December to March.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6 -8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men + Women 55 athletes, 20 officials – 8 countries, - 6 men, 5 women, 6 mixed - 2021
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 2 matches per team per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	The ice rink must comply with World Curling Federation (WCF) rules and dimensions.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 3 competition sheets and 1 training sheet required
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform glare-free lighting; minimum 800 lux recommended.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Curling stones, hacks, scoreboards, sweeping brushes, measuring devices provided by the venue/LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with full visual match display required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual end-of-time and match start indicators mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group matches and final rounds as a knockout system are possible. It depends on registrations.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Mixed (if approved)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Minimum 2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	WCF-certified umpires
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Sheet ice quality must be inspected daily; dedicated ice technician required.
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5.11. Cycling – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Between April and September
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	5-7 competition days, 1-2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	27 athletes, 17 Men + 10 Women + 20 officials – 7 countries - 2021
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats are introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1, race per athlete/day. 1000 m sprint, Point criterium, time trials, Road race
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Courses must comply with UCI Road Cycling Regulations.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Certified road circuits and time trial courses required; team warm-up areas mandatory.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	9:00 – 16:00 or longer, Minimum 6–8 operational competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Only required for indoor velodrome or low-light finishes (minimum 500 lux).
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Road safety barriers, start ramp (TT), neutral service vehicles, convoy radios, signage and course fencing provided by LOC.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live intermediate and final visual results display.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Controlled spectator zones at start/finish required.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Ambulance on course, mobile medical units, neutral medical vehicles.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. IS interpreter available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Sprint, individual time trial, road race, points race, with time
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate Men/Women/Youth category
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	one day before each discipline and the day before last
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	UCI-certified commissaires
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	may, but not must
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or end of session: IS interpreter mandatory, located near the finish line or field centre
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Full road closure or police-secured rolling closure required; risk and safety plan mandatory.
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5.12a. Football Senior – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually May to June, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	12 – 16 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 260 athletes, 83 officials – 13 countries – 2024 Women: 80 athletes, 24 officials – 4 Countries – 2015
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men – 16 teams, Women 12 teams – per team 23 players and 8 officials, the team can be reduced to an even number
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Qualification rounds may be required if more than 16 / 12 entries. the team can be reduced to an even number for EDC, then Conducted regionally or in a pre-tournament format.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum of 48 men and 34 women per match – each match lasts 3 hours (including warm-up).
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No

II. Venues & Technical Implementation

8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	The venue must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game (latest edition), The field of play must be a wholly natural or, if competition rules permit, a wholly artificial playing
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			<p>surface except where competition rules permit an integrated combination of artificial</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Key Requirement / Topic</p> <p>Minimum Standard or</p> <p>Expected Details</p> <p>Required / Information and natural materials (hybrid system).</p> <p>Dimensions:</p> <p>The touchline must be longer than the goal line.</p> <p>Length (touchline): minimum 90 m, maximum 120 m, Length (goal line): minimum 45 m - maximum 90 m. The distance between the inside of the posts is 7.32 m (8 yds) and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2.44 m (8 ft).</p>
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Three to four competition pitches are needed (for men and women) and an additional two or three training pitches (with the same surface area and dimensions). A warm-up area should be located nearby.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	The football field will be available from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM; matches usually take place from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The times are determined according to broadcast and rest schedules.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform lighting \geq 800 Lux over the entire field; emergency lighting mandatory.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	6 official soccer balls (size 5 low rebound) per game, reserve benches, rebound boards, corner flags, nets, and communication panels for visual signals. At least 10 training balls for each team during training sessions.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic and visual output required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 500 seats for group matches, more than 1,000 for the opening and closing ceremonies, semi-finals, third-place play-off and final; separate entrances for players and spectators; visual information displays.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the football field; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visible game signals and substitution boards; referees use visual flags and acoustic signals only in combination with visual cues.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters in hall for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage followed by a round of 16 (quarterfinals, semi-finals, final). 1 day off is recommended after each knockout match.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions are not allowed.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2-3, one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	At least 6-9 neutral referees for one host team and 12-15 for two host teams; international deaf referees may be called in

			optionally after consultation with the EDSO Sports Director.
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 2-4 EDSO Sports Directors – (One EDSO sports director per sports hall plus one additional sports director, one international referee (EDRU) as observer, one EDSO Football sports court judge (may be online)
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Short ceremony inside the main football field; flag parade optional; simultaneous translation required; duration ≤ 45 minutes.
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals, IS interpreter mandatory; podium placed on court; music only with visual elements.
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for 1st-3rd place, best player, goalkeeper, top score and fair-play awards recommended, diplomas for the eight best teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Venue temperature 18–24 °C; non-slip surface
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5.12b. Football Youth – Summer sports

Youth Football – Deviations from the Senior Football Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Football (Items 1–27) apply equally to Youth Football competitions.

The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Youth Football.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually June to August, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	10 – 12 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 142 athletes, 48 officials – 8 countries – Women: no Team - 2018
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Young Men – 12 teams, Young Women 8 teams – per team 23 players and 7 officials, the team can be reduced to an even number
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Qualification rounds may be required if more than 12 / 8 entries. the team can be reduced to an even number for EDC, then conducted regionally or in a pre-tournament format.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum of 36 men and 24 women per match – each match lasts 3 hours (including warm-up).

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22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	At least 4 neutral referees for one host team and 8 for two host teams; international deaf referees may be called in optionally after consultation with the EDSO Sports Director.
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5.13a. Futsal – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually, January to April or October to December, coordinated with the EDSO calendar. It must be at least a year before the Winter Deaflympics
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	12 – 14 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	311 athletes, 150 officials – 16 men teams, 12 women teams - 18 countries - 2022
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men – 16 teams, Women 12 teams – per team 14 players and 7 officials, the team can be reduced to an even number
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Qualification rounds may be required if more than 16 / 12 entries. the team can reduce to an even number for EDC, then conducted regionally or in a pre-tournament format.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum of 48 men and 34 women per match – each match lasts 2.5 hours (including warm-up).
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Venue must comply with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (latest edition); The surface of the pitch must be flat and smooth, and be comprised of non-abrasive surfaces, preferably made of wood or artificial material, according to the competition rules.

		Pitch dimensions: The touchline must be greater longer than the length of the goal end line. All lines must be 8cm wide. For non-international matches, the dimensions are as follows: Length (touchline): Minimum 25m Maximum 42m Width (goal end line): Minimum 16m -Maximum 25m. Safety: The distance (inside measurement) between the posts is 3m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2m.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.

			separate entrances for players and spectators; visual information displays.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside hall; first-aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; IS interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visible game signals and substitution boards; referees use visual flags and acoustic signals only in combination with visual cues.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters in hall for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage followed by knockout rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals, final). 1 rest day after group phase recommended.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions not allowed.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2-3, one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	At least 6 neutral referees for one host team and 10 for two host teams; international deaf referees may be called in optionally after consultation with the EDSO Sports Director.
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 2-4 EDSO Sports Director – (One EDSO sports director per sports hall plus one additional sports director, one international referee

			as observer, one EDSO futsal sports court judge (may be online)
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Both short ceremony inside main hall; flag parade optional; IS translation required; duration ≤ 45 minutes.
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals; IS interpreter mandatory; podium placed on court; music only with visual elements.
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for top 3 teams, best player, goalkeeper, top score and fair-play awards recommended. Diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	No sunlight, Venue temperature 18–24 °C; non-slip surface
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5.13b. Futsal Youth – Winter sports

Youth Futsal – Deviations from the Senior Football Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Futsal (Items 1–27) apply equally to Youth Futsal competitions.

The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Youth Futsal.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	10 – 12 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	not yet implemented
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Young Men – 12 teams, Young Women 8 teams – per team 14 players and 7 officials, the team can be reduced to an even number
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Qualification rounds may be required if more than 12 / 8 entries. The team can be reduced to an even number for EDC, then conducted regionally or in a pre-tournament format.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum of 36 men and 24 women per match – each match lasts 3 hours (including warm-up).

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22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	At least 4 neutral referees for one host team and 8 for two host teams; international deaf referees may be called in optionally after consultation with the EDSO Sports Director.
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5.14. Golf – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Must be scheduled between May and September, depending on the climate and daylight
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	3 competition rounds (54 holes), 1 practise round, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	61 athletes, 30 officials, 10 countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	The Organising Committee shall determine the maximum number of entrants in an early stage of the planning. It is also dependant on a second golf course availability.
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Golfers in the teams have first priority, Players with highest handicap ie. Stableford (exact) should be eliminated first, Any ties for last place will be decided by ballot, Players eliminated will be placed on a waiting list in exact handicap order
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	18-hole rounds per day/person
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Rules of golf shall be based on R&A Rules of Golf
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Driving range, putting green, Short-game area, Clubhouse briefing room
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Course must be available the entire day for practice + 18-hole rounds

11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Not required
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Scoreboards, Pin sheets, course guides, Buggies for officials, Rakes, flags, tees (each category must clearly be stated) Players bring personal equipment
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Official scoring system (manual or electronic). Results must be displayed visually on the board and online.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Spectator access allowed where safe; marshals must manage crowd control.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	At least one medical station and first-aid unit on site; staff able to reach all holes via buggy.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Mandatory doping-control room in the clubhouse; IS interpreter required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual signals must accompany horn signals (flags, boards). No sound-only signals allowed
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	3 x 18-hole rounds per discipline
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Senior / Teams
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2-3, one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	At least 1 certified R&A referee
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	1 Opening ceremony and 1 closing ceremony with banquet
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Course setup must maintain fairness: tee distances, flag positions, pace-of-play management, and marshals for safety.
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5.15. Handball – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Between May to September
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6-8 competition days, 1-2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 61 athletes, 18 officials – 4 countries – 2024 Women have not yet performed
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	12 Men, 12 Women
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	If ned, play off
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1 match per team per day, Max. 26 matches in the entire EC (each women's EC/men's EC)
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Court: 40 x 20 m, Safety zone: 2 m behind goals, 4 m along sidelines, Flooring: IHF-approved indoor floor Goals: 2 x 3 m, IHF-approved Substitution area: on sideline within 4-m safety zone net behind the goals
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	2 courts for competition (for men and women), 1 court for training
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00 – 22:30, matches typically 12:00-21:45 Time slots coordinated with broadcasting and rest
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Min. 750 Lux

12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	2 official handball (IHF approved) per match (if possible new/clean), 10 training balls, benches, electronic scoreboard, time-out cards (8), team officials' bench codes (A, B, C, D, E)
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic match clock with stop-time function, visual scoreboard visible to teams and spectators, manual backup required
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	500-1000 spectators, separate entrances for players and spectators, visual information displays
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside hall, first-aid team present during all matches, doctor and ambulance on standby, IS Interpreter for emergencies
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet and seating, IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Not required
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage followed by knockout rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals, final). 1 rest day before semifinals recommended
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for men and women. No mixed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2. (one before the start of the tournament and one day before the last day of competition)
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	4-6 neutral refereeing team, if possible international. Maximum one game per day
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1-2 EDSO Sports Director

24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Both short ceremony inside main hall, flag parade optional, IS translation required, duration maximal 30min
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals, IS interpreter is mandatory, the podium placed on the court, and music only with visual elements
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals and Cup for: - Top 3 teams Awards for: - best goalkeeper - top scorer - MVP of the tournament - Top 8 players of the tournament (all 7 offensive positions and best defence) diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	- no sunshine into court - not-must-have: resin stand
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5.16. Ice Hockey – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: November to March.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6 -8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	There is no information available for the year 2024. 4 countries
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men and Women: 12 teams
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 1 match per team per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Ice rink must comply with IIHF Ice Hockey Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 1 main competition rink and 1 training rink required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 1,200 lux uniform, glare-free lighting.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	IIHF-approved goals, nets, boards, protective glass, players' benches, penalty boxes, pucks
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with full visual timekeeping, penalties, power-play indicators and match statistics required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First-aid room, ambulance on site, emergency physician, concussion protocol mandatory. sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Fully visual start/stop and penalty indicators required (light systems). Sound-only systems not permitted.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group phase + playoffs or final round.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Minimum 2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Minimum 2 IIHF-certified referees required
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for 1st-3rd place teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Full protective equipment mandatory. Ice quality inspection must be conducted daily.
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5.17. Judo – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	All year round, but the best month is November.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	70 athletes, 30 officials, 13 countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 5–6 fights per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, the best way to organise an event is to combine karate, taekwondo and wrestling, i.e. hold competitions side by side.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Competition must comply with IJF Judo Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 3 competition tatamis and 1 warm-up tatami required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 20:00, Minimum 6 competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 1,000 lux uniform, glare-free lighting.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	IJF-approved tatamis, scoreboard systems, referee flags, video replay (if available), weigh-in scales provided by LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with full visual fight time, penalties and scores required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Mandatory doping-control room in the clubhouse; IS interpreter required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signals, scoreboard lights and penalty indicators mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Elimination system
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Weight categories according to IJF.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 , one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	IJF/EJU-certified referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; 3rd place double medals, diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Daily official weigh-in required. Judogi control must follow IJF standards.
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5.18. Karate – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	All year round, but the best month is November.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	70 athletes, 30 officials, 13 countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 5–6 fights per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, the best way to organise an event is to combine judo, taekwondo and wrestling i.e. hold competitions side by side.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Competition must comply with IJF Judo Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 3 competition tatamis and 1 warm-up tatami required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 20:00, Minimum 6 competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 1,000 lux uniform, glare-free lighting.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	IJF-approved tatamis, scoreboard systems, referee flags, video replay (if available), and weigh-in scales provided by the LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with full visual fight time, penalties and scores required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Mandatory doping-control room in the clubhouse; IS interpreter required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signals, scoreboard lights and penalty indicators mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Elimination system
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Weight categories according to IJF.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 , one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	IJF/EJU-certified referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; 3rd place double medals, diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Daily official weigh-in required.
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5.19. Mountain Bike – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Between April and September
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	5-7 competition days, 1-2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	39 athletes, 30 Men + 9 Women + 30 officials – 10 countries - 2018
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1, race per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Course must comply with UCI Mountain Bike Regulations (XCO/XCM)
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Official training laps on the race course required; warm-up zone near start mandatory
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	9:00 – 16:00 or longer, Minimum 6–8 operational competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Not required (daylight races only); emergency lighting recommended at start/finish.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Course fencing, start/finish gantry, electronic timing mats, lap counters, marshal radio system, feeding zones, bike washing area and neutral technical service provided by LOC.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live intermediate and final visual results display.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Controlled spectator zones at start/finish required.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Ambulance, mobile medical units, mountain rescue teams and first-aid points along the course mandatory.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. IS interpreter available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	XCO, XCE, XCM, XCR Start to Finish time
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate Men/Women/Youth/ Mixed category
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	one day before each discipline and the day before last
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	UCI-certified commissaires
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	may, but not must
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or end of session: IS interpreter mandatory, located near the finish line or field centre
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Risk assessment, emergency access routes and weather contingency plan mandatory.
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5.20. Ninepin Bowling Classic – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	May, June and early September
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	3 - 4 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	47 athletes, 33 men, 14 women, 8 officials – 5 countries, 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	no
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	The number of disciplines is determined on a biennial basis: in 2027(2026) there will be 3 disciplines, in 2029 4 disciplines, and in 2031 again 3 disciplines ..
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Bowling centre must comply with WNBA / NBC Ninepin Bowling Classic Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	A minimum of 6 lanes must be available for the competition, with the option to use up to 8 lanes if necessary.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 21:00, depending on the entries
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform glare-free lighting across all lanes.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Automatic pinsetters, certified lanes, scoring system, and bowling balls equipment provided by the venue.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	An electronic scoring system with live visual display required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 100 spectator seats recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals mandatory for Deaf athletes.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 1 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	All registered players/pairs compete in qualifying; the top 16 for men and top 8 for women advance to the knockout finals.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Team, Tandem Mixed, Men/Women, Singles, Classic Doubles, Sprint, Combination
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	1 pre-start
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	1 international head referee and 3-4 national referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Yes – Opening – Yes – Closing
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place, diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	All competitions will be held in indoor facilities.
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5.21. Orienteering – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	June to October
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	4-5 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	48 athletes (30 men, 18 women), 30 officials – 13 countries – 2024
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	6
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Must comply with IOF Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Training venues: 1 urban (sprint) and 1 forest. Competition venues: 2 urban (sprint) and 3 forest.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00–18:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Not required (daylight races only).
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Bib numbers, pins, timing chips, finish arch, control cards and stations with electronic punches, checkpoints with white and orange flags, refreshment and water stations (for long distance), finish-line video camera, and GPS trackers.

13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with live visual result display required.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Natural terrain; controlled spectator zones required near start/finish.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	First aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Electronic timing with live display and countdown board. Visible start clock for Deaf athletes.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	1 IS interpreters for technical meeting start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Defined race distances and start times
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men's and women's individual, mixed relay, and men's and women's relay races.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 – one before the sprint competition and one before the forest competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	No obligation
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Short opening ceremony after training or before the competition, with a parade of national flags. Closing ceremony after the medal ceremony. duration ≤ 45 minutes. IS translation required.
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at finish area. IS interpreter

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/relays; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Temperature 5-30 °C
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5.22. Padel – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred March – November, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6- 8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 32 athletes, 16 officials – 4 countries - 2024 Women: Not yet carried out
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	A maximum of 12 teams per category for men and women, mixed (optional) or a maximum of 32 for doubles
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Play-off or qualifying round before that or ranking list
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 2 matches per day/athlete
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	FIP Rules of Padel mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 4 competition courts + 1 training court
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:00 Matches typically 10:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	If indoor or evening matches → minimum 500 Lux.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Nets, glass walls, referee chairs, match balls approved by FIP.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoring board + visual result display
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 300 seats ,

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone are required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals and match start confirmation are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage + knockout or full knockout system.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men, Women and Mixed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2; one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	FIP-certified referees required
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup (team) for 1st–3rd place doubles/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Court glass safety certification is mandatory
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5.23. Pétanque – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred April–October, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2-3 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	has not yet taken place
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Maximum of 12 teams/categories
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Play-off or qualifying round before that or ranking list
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 3 matches per player per day/category
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	played outdoors or indoors. Indoor competitions must be conducted on certified pétanque surfaces in accordance with FIPJP standards.
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 8–12 certified pétanque courts with identical surface quality.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–20:00 Matches typically 10:00–19:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform lighting is required for evening matches.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Boules, cochonets, measuring devices and court markings according to FIPJP standards provided by LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Central results system with full visual display mandatory.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Adequate spectator areas with safety distance required.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual match start signals mandatory on all courts.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage + knockout or round-robin
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Singles, Doubles, Triples
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	Certified international referee's mandatory
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Weather protection may require an additional day as a reserve due to weather conditions.
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5.24. Shooting – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	End of July to the Beginning of September coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	8-10 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure (Sunday)
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Air rifle and Air pistol: 43 athletes (21 men, 22 women), 18 officials – 10 countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	15 competitions
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Possible together with the European Championships for Hearing
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	ISSF Rules mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Separate certified ranges for 10 m, 25 m and 50 m required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	9:00-18:00 Minimum 8–10 operational hours per day
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform ISSF-compliant lighting on all firing points and targets.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Target systems (electronic), wind flags, tables, scoreboards provided by LOC.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoring system with full visual output mandatory.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Defined by national safety regulations; separated from firing zone.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; hospital 5 km away, sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start, stop and cease-fire signal mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies. 1 for Sports director for communication with the ISSF Judge

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Qualification + Final formats according to ISSF
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men: Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Rifle Prone, Prone 3 positions, Pistol 25m, Women: Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Rifle Prone, Prone 3 positions, Pistol 25m, Open: Standard Pistol, Centre Fire Pistol, Rapid Fire Pistol
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Mixed: Air rifle, air pistol 2; one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	1-2 with ISSF licence
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Yes – Opening, Yes – Closing duration ≤ 45 minutes.
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at finish area. IS interpreter

26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF
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IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Strict weapon safety, secured weapon storage, and a full visual range command system mandatory, Official permits required for the transport of firearms and ammunition
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5.25. Snowboard – Winter sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Typical competition period: December to March. Coordinated with the EDSO calendar
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	3 – 4 competition days, 1 - 2 training days, 2 arrivals/ departures
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	16 Men + 14 Women + 20 officials – 8 countries - 2012
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1 - 2 runs per discipline, Maximum 2 official competition starts per athlete per day
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions or the European Cup.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	FIS Snowboard Rules mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	certified training and competition slopes required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Minimum 6–8 operational hours per day, depending on weather conditions
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Floodlight required for late afternoon or evening competitions.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Slalom and GS poles (incl. spare poles), Drill + drill bits, Safety nets and protection mats, Course marking dye, Ski lift/gondola/chairlift for transport to start area
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic timing system with full visual display mandatory.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	No restrictions, but safety must be ensured.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	At least one ambulance per 10 km. Medical posts every 5 km. Doctor at start/finish. IS interpreter
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Separate quiet room with toilet, privacy screen, and refrigeration for samples. IS interpreter available.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Optical start system (light flash, flag) plus countdown board.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	At least 2 IS interpreters for technical meeting, start/finish, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Official training + qualification runs + finals according to FIS format.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate Men/Women/ Youth/Mixed category Half Pipe, Parallel Slalom, Giant Slalom, etc.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	Every day from one day before the start until the last day of competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	1 FIS-Referee + 1-3 Assistant
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	may, but not must
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after finals or end of session: IS interpreter mandatory, located near the finish line or field centre
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/mixed; diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Weather buffer day recommended
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5.26. Swimming – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred March- October, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6 - 7 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	128 athletes (71 men and 57 women), 55 officials – 20 countries - 2018
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No qualification needed unless entries exceed track or field capacity. If necessary, preliminary heats introduced.
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Between 38 and 42 competitions
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	World Aquatics (FINA) Swimming Rules mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Certified 50 m pool with minimum 8 lanes required; separate training times mandatory.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:00 Typical 9:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform competition lighting according to World Aquatics standards.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Visual start light, Starting blocks, backstroke boards, lane ropes and touchpads for timekeeping
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Fully automatic electronic timing system with visual scoreboard mandatory.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At last 300 seats , Defined by pool safety regulations and local fire protection rules
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Certified lifeguards on duty, first-aid station and emergency doctor mandatory.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone are required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals and match start confirmation are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Heats and finals according to World Aquatics format.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men, Women and Mixed, All approved freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, medley and relay events.
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	World Aquatics-certified referees mandatory
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	All start commands must be fully visual.
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5.27. Table Tennis – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred March- October, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	6- 8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	61 athletes (43 men and 19 women), 40 officials – 18 countries - 2024
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men, Women and Teams per gender: Singles max. 128 Doubles max. 64 Teams max. 24
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 2- 4 matches per day/athlete
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Official ITTF Rules are mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 12 competition courts
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:00 Matches typically 9:30–20:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	minimum 1000 Lux.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	ITTF-approved tables, nets, balls, scoreboards and borders
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Central digital results system with full visual display mandatory.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At last 300 seats,

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone are required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual match start signals and time-out indication mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage + knockout or full knockout system.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Team Events. plus Youth if possible
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	ITTF-certified referees mandatory
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup (team) for 1st–3rd place individuals/ /teams; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	no sunshine into court
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5.28. Taekwondo – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	All year round, but the best month is November.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	44 athletes, 15 officials, 5 countries - 2019
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 5–6 fights per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, the best way to organise an event is to combine judo and karate, i.e. hold competitions side by side.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	Must comply with World Taekwondo (WT) Competition Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 3 competition tatamis and 1 warm-up tatami required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 20:00, Minimum 6 competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 1,000 lux uniform, glare-free lighting.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	WT-approved tatamis, electronic body & head protectors (PSS), electronic scoring system, referee flags, instant video replay (IVR), certified weigh
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with full visual fight time, penalties and scores required.

14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Mandatory doping-control room in the clubhouse; IS an interpreter required
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signals, scoreboard lights and penalty indicators are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Elimination system
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Kyorugi (Men/Women, Weight Categories) and Poomsae (Men/Women/Team)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 , one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	WT-certified referees required
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/teams; 3rd place double medals, diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Daily official weigh-in required.
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5.29. Tennis – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred Mai – September, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	7- 8 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 49 athletes (27 men + 22 women), 40 officials – 16 countries - 2024
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 2-3 match per day/athletes
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	ITF Rules of Tennis
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 6-8 competition courts + 1 training court
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	08:00–19:00 Matches typically 9:00–18:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	If indoor or evening matches → minimum 500 Lux.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Nets, umpire chairs, ITF-approved balls, ball baskets, scoreboards. Stringing machine on site
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Digital scoring with a visual display is mandatory.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At last 300 seats,
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor

			and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone are required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals and match start confirmation are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for media or jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Knockout or group stage + knockout
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles and youth programme (if available)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	ITF-certified referees required
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place Singles/doubles/mixed; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	A weather contingency plan for outdoor courts is required.
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5.30. Triathlon – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred Mai - September, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	1 - 2 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	has not yet taken place
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	1 day with 3 disciplines
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, it is possible to generate separate results for hearing competitions or the European Cup.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	World Triathlon Rules
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Open water pool or lake, certified cycling course, certified running course
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	9:00–18:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Not required for daytime events
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Buoys, transition racks, timing mats and lap counters
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic chip timing with visual display mandatory.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Defined by safety zones, crowd barriers mandatory
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Ambulance, water rescue team, emergency doctor

			mandatory; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual match start signals mandatory
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies;

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Swim → Bike → Run (mandatory order). Race distances according to World Triathlon standards: Sprint Distance: 750 m swim – 20 km bike – 5 km run Olympic Distance: 1.5 km swim – 40 km bike – 10 km run Start format: Mass start or wave start, depending on safety regulations.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Youth / Team (optional)
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	1-2, one day before the start
2	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	World Triathlon licensed officials required
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after competition at finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals/team; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Road closures mandatory; water temperature and wind limits according to World Triathlon rules
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5.31a. Volleyball Senior – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Usually April - October, coordinated with the EDSO calendar.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	10 -12 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 84 athletes, 32 officials – 6 countries Women: 70 athletes, 20 officials – 5 Countries - 2023
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	Men – 12 teams, Women 12 teams
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	Play-off or qualifying round
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	A maximum of 42 men and 42 women per match
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	FIVB Rules mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 1 main court + 1 warm-up court
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–21:00 Matches typical 9:00–20:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 1000 Lux
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Net systems, antennas, referee chairs and FIVB-approved ball
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Digital scoreboard with full visual display mandatory
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 300 seats for group matches, more than 500 for the opening and closing ceremonies, semi-finals, third-place play-off and final;

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signals and start confirmation are mandatory
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters in the hall for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for the jury are recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage + knockout
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Separate tournaments for Men and Women. Mixed competitions are not allowed
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	FIVB-certified referees
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1-2 EDSO Sports Director – (One EDSO sports director per sports hall)
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for the top 3 teams, diplomas for the eight best teams and all player commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	no sunshine into court
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5.31b. Volleyball Youth – Summer sports

1) U21 Youth Volleyball – Deviations from the Senior Volleyball Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below, all technical, organisational and competition requirements defined for Senior Volleyball (Items 1–27) apply equally to Youth U21 Volleyball competitions. The following table lists only the specific deviations and additional provisions for Youth U21 Volleyball.

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	Men: 96 athletes, 32 officials – 5 countries – 2018 – U21 Women: 72 athletes, 24 officials – 5 Countries – 2018 – U21

2) Disciplines / Categories – Volleyball Youth

Volleyball Youth competitions may be organised for age categories ranging from U15 up to U23, depending on the number of registrations and overall organisational capacity of the event. The exact age groups (e.g. U15, U17, U19, U21, U23 or combined age categories) will be defined by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in coordination with EDSO after the registration deadline.

Competitions shall be organised in separate tournaments for Men and Women.

Mixed competitions are not permitted in official EDSO Youth Volleyball Championships.

5.32. Water polo – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	Preferred May–September (outdoor) or year-round (indoor), coordinated with EDSO calendar
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	minimum 3-6 competition days, 1 – 2 training days, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	There is no information available for the year 2006. 4 countries
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	12 teams
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	depends on the participant
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	No
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	World Aquatics (FINA) Water Polo Rules are mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 1 main pool + 1 warm-up/training pool recommended
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	Halls available 08:00–22:00 Typically, 9:00–21:00
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Uniform competition lighting according to World Aquatics standards.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	Goals, official match balls, shot clocks (30/20 sec), pool markings mandatory
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Electronic scoreboard with visual shot clock mandatory.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	At least 200 seats,
15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Certified lifeguards on duty, a first-aid station and an emergency doctor are mandatory.

16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Doping control room with waiting and test area, toilet, and seating; IS interpreter and same-gender chaperone are required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual start signals and referee flags are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for matches, technical meetings, and ceremonies; additional interpreters for jury recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Group stage + knockout system.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men, Women
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2, one day before the start and one day before the last day of competition.
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	World Aquatics-certified referees mandatory
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals and Cup for 1st-3rd place; diplomas for the eight best athletes/teams and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Lifeguards are mandatory at all times. Visual referee communication is compulsory for Deaf athletes; pool depth according to World Aquatics rules (minimum 1.8 m).
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5.33. Wrestling – Summer sports

No.	Key Requirement / Topic	Minimum Standard or Expected Details	Required / Information
I. Organisational Foundation			
1	Event Period and Year	Fixed period month and year of competition (in coordination with EDSO calendar).	All year round, but the best month is November.
2	Competition Duration	Number of competition days, incl. arrival/departure and training days.	2 competition days, 1 training day, 2 arrival/departure
3	Expected No. of Teams / Athletes	Based on the last EDC participation + year (team or athletic and official).	53 athletes, 25 officials, 12 countries - 2015
4	Maximum Entries – Team and Individual	According to EDSO General Regulations, Art. 12 (Team) / 13. (Individual)	No limit
5	Additional Qualification	Is a qualification required if entries exceed the maximum?	No
6	Maximum Games / Total Disciplines	Maximum number of games or disciplines per schedule.	Maximum 4–5 matches per athlete per day.
7	Cooperation with External Events	Integration into an external major event (Deaf results must be validated under EDSO supervision).	Yes, the best way to organise an event is to combine judo, karate and taekwondo and i.e. hold competitions side by side.
II. Venues & Technical Implementation			
8	Venue Standards / Sport Rules	Exact IF standard and compliance with EDSO Technical Regulations.	UWW Wrestling Rules are mandatory
9	Training & Competition Facilities	Number of fields/courts/tracks;	Minimum 2 competition tatamis and 1 warm-up tatami required.
10	Daily Operating Hours	Usable time window of the venue.	8:00 – 20:00, Minimum 6 competition hours per day.
11	Lighting Requirements	Specify if a floodlight is necessary (+ Lux value).	Minimum 800 lux uniform, glare-free lighting.
12	Equipment Availability	Provided by LOC or brought by teams (in accordance with IF rules).	UWW - Certified wrestling mats, scoring table, stopwatches, protective zones mandatory.
13	Results & Timing System	Electronic and visual output required.	Digital scoring system with large visual display is mandatory.
14	Spectator Capacity	Minimum venue capacity.	Minimum 300 spectators recommended.

15	Safety / Medical Services	First-aid station, doctor on-site, emergency plan.	Medical room inside the hall; first aid team present during all matches; doctor and ambulance on standby; sign language interpreter for emergencies.
16	Doping Control Facilities	Rooms + IS interpreter availability.	Mandatory doping-control room in the clubhouse; IS an interpreter required.
17	Visual Start/ Signal System	Optical signal for starting electronics	Visual referee signals, scoreboard lights and penalty indicators are mandatory.
18	International Sign Interpreters	Number of international sign interpreters	Minimum 2 IS interpreters for TM, referee briefings, and ceremonies. One reserve interpreter recommended.

III. Competition Protocol & Execution

19	Competition Schedule	Structure of rounds (qualifying → final).	Elimination system with repechage according to UWW regulations.
20	Disciplines / Categories	Men / Women / Mixed events.	Men / Women / Weight categories according to UWW
21	Technical Meetings (TM)	Minimum number and timing.	2 , one Technical Meeting one day before the competition and one day before the last day of the competition
22	International Referees and Deaf Referees	Number of International and Deaf Referees required.	UWW-certified referees mandatory
23	EDSO Representation	Expected official attendance.	1 EDSO Representative, 1 EDSO Sports Director
24	Ceremonies (Opening / Closing)	Enquiry about holding both events	Optional; must be coordinated with EDSO
25	Victory Ceremonies	Time/place / IS communication.	Immediately after the competition at the finish area. IS interpreter
26	Medals and Diplomas	Quantity and design.	Medals for 1st–3rd place individuals; 3rd place double medals, diplomas for the eight best athletes and commemorative medals for EDSO + NDSF

IV. Additional Information and Remarks

27	Remarks / Special Notes	Sport-specific / climatic/logistical conditions.	Official weigh-in procedure mandatory; medical skin checks required; strict adherence to UWW safety and fair-play rules.
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Part VI – OPERATIONAL DELIVERY

Chapter 6: Delegation Services, Logistics and Event Execution

6.1. Purpose and Overview (Operational Phase)

The operational phase of the European Deaf Championships (EDC) encompasses all processes during the actual execution of the event—from the arrival of the delegations to the closing ceremony. In this phase, the planning work of the preceding chapters is put into practice. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) holds full responsibility for a smooth, safe, and accessible execution in accordance with the EDSO Regulations and the Host Agreement.

A. Objectives of the Operational Phase

The operational implementation pursues the following main goals:

- Ensuring a professional and uninterrupted event flow.
- Guaranteeing safety, accessibility and sporting fairness.
- Implementing EDSO's communication and inclusion standards.
- Supporting participating nations, athletes, officials and guests in all logistical, sporting and administrative matters.
- Promoting a positive image of the host country and European Deaf sports.

B. Guiding Principles of Execution

The operational implementation is guided by the following core principles:

- Accessible Communication: All information must be visually and in International Sign (IS) accessible.
- Efficiency and Coordination: All LOC Teams of the LOC must communicate with each other daily.
- Transparent Procedures: Decisions, schedules and changes must be clearly documented and communicated.
- Safety and Well-being: The health and safety of all participants are the highest priority.
- Sustainability: Resources are used efficiently and unnecessary waste is avoided.

C. Key Responsible Stakeholders during Execution

Role	Primary Duty	Reporting Line
LOC Director / Event Director	Overall leadership, coordination with EDSO and authorities.	To NDSF and EDSO SC
EDSO Sports Director	Monitoring sporting procedures, rule conformity, communication with LOC.	To EDSO EC
EDSO Representative	Monitoring organisational, accessibility and ethical standards.	To EDSO EC
Head of LOC Teams	Daily coordination of respective sectors (Transport, Sport, Media, etc.).	To LOC Director
Volunteers & IS Interpreters	Support in communication, transport, venue management.	To LOC Team 8 (Volunteer Personnel)

D. Transition from Planning to Execution

The operational phase officially begins with the arrival of the first delegations in the host country.

Before the start of the competitions, the LOC must meet the following conditions:

- All transport and accommodation services are operational.
- The accreditation system is activated and functional.
- Venues have been technically approved by the EDSO Sports Director.
- Interpreters and communication systems are ready for deployment.
- Emergency and security services are activated.

E. Event Phase Timeline

Period	Focus	Responsible
Pre-Event Week	Arrival, accreditation, technical briefings, training.	LOC / EDSO SD
Event Days	Competitions, daily coordination, media work, security management.	LOC / EDSO SD / LOC Team Heads
Closing Phase	Closing ceremony, departure, follow-up, evaluation.	LOC / NDSF / EDSO EC

F. Special Requirements for Deaf Sports

- All announcements must be displayed visually and bilingually (IS + English).
- Important briefings must exclusively take place in the presence of IS Interpreters.
- Safety and evacuation measures must include visual alarm systems (light signals, display announcements).

G. Responsibilities of Volunteers and IS Interpreters

To ensure clear communication and effective coordination during the operational phase, the roles of Volunteers and Interpreters are defined according to the LOC's LOC Teams as described in Chapter 3.4.

Role / Function	Assigned LOC Team	Main Tasks and Responsibilities
IS Interpreters	LOC Team 4 – Accessibility & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure visual and linguistic accessibility for EDSO officials and delegations.• Ensure visual and linguistic accessibility for EDSO officials and delegations.• Coordinate with the Head of Communication to guarantee barrier-free information.
Volunteers – Logistics & Transport	LOC Team 5 – Logistics & Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and assist teams at the airport or train station.• Support with accreditation, baggage and transport logistics.• Coordinate and accompany daily shuttle services between hotels and venues.

Volunteers – Venues & Sport Support	LOC Team 3 – Sport & Technical Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with competition management and field setup. • Provide visual assistance for referees and communication with athletes (e.g., start signals, results).
Volunteers – Information & Reception	LOC Team 1 – Management & Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the information desk and social evening areas. • Distribute daily bulletins, IS video updates and results.
Volunteer Manager / IS Coordinator	LOC Team 8 – Volunteers & Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall coordination of all volunteers and interpreters. • Creation of daily rosters and coordination with LOC Teams. • Responsible for Deaf Awareness and Ethics Training (see 3.4 D).

Additional Notes:

All volunteers and interpreters must complete the EDSO Code of Ethics, Deaf Awareness and Safety Training before the start of the event.

Whenever possible, interpreters should be experienced in Deaf sports or native signers.

Daily coordination meetings should be held between the Volunteer Manager, IS Coordinator and the relevant LOC Team Heads to ensure smooth operations.

6.2. Delegation Services and Logistical Standards

A. Purpose and Scope

The Delegation Services and logistical procedures form the backbone of the operational execution of the European Deaf Championships (EDC). They ensure that all participants—athletes, officials, EDSO representatives and guests—receive consistent, accessible and secure support throughout the event.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) carries the primary responsibility for coordinating these services in close consultation with the host National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and the EDSO Executive Committee (EC).

Goals:

- Ensuring smooth logistical operations from arrival to departure.
- Guaranteeing complete accessibility in all services and communication channels.
- Maintaining the well-being of athletes and fair conditions for all nations.
- Providing transparent, timely and visual information to all delegations.

B. Participant Registration and Entries

1. **Formal Entries:** The LOC is responsible for conducting the Preliminary Registration and the Final Registration (Nominal Entry). The deadlines and procedures must comply with the schedule approved by EDSO. Only entries submitted through the respective National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) are valid.

2. **Audiogram Control:** The LOC, in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, ensures that the verification of athletes' audiograms is conducted. Qualified hearing specialists or certified medical facilities (e.g., hospital or mobile testing centre) must be available for this purpose. All audiological data must be handled confidentially and in accordance with data protection regulations (GDPR).
3. **Entry Fees:** Entry fees and other payments to EDSO are made exclusively through the respective NDSFs. The issuance of accreditation is contingent upon receipt of payment.
4. **Information Material:** Upon arrival, each delegation receives a Delegation Information Package, which includes, among other things:
 - Overview map of the venues,
 - Schedules and transport timetables,
 - Emergency contacts,
 - Competition and communication guidelines.
 - All materials must be bilingual (English and International Sign Language – IS) and visually accessible.

C. Transport and Mobility

The LOC is responsible for the entire transport of the delegations during the event.

1. **Arrival & Departure:** The LOC organises transport between the official airport or train station and the official accommodations. A welcome desk staffed by LOC personnel and volunteers with visible signage (IS + English) must be established for this purpose.
2. **Daily Transport:** A regular shuttle service must be established between the accommodations and the competition venues during the event. Travel time should ideally not exceed 30 minutes per trip. The timetable must be published visually (posters in hotels, digital displays).
 - **Contingency Note:** Should a venue change be required due to force majeure or competition disruption, travel times to alternative, suitable venues may be longer. The LOC must clarify maximum potential travel times and the necessary contingency procedures during the Technical Meeting (TM).
3. **Accessibility:** All vehicles (buses, vans) must be accessible and wheelchair friendly. At least one vehicle per route must feature visual signals (light display or screen). Drivers and Volunteers must receive training in Deaf Awareness and basic IS communication.

D. Accommodation and Boarding

1. **Accommodation Categories:** The LOC provides accommodation in at least three price categories (e.g., hotel, hostel, Athletes' Village). All accommodations must meet EDSO requirements for accessibility and safety—including visual alarm systems, captioning options and accessible sanitary facilities.
2. **Room Assignment:** Delegations are housed together whenever possible. Officials and referees should be accommodated in quiet areas close to the venue. EDSO representatives and Sports Directors receive single rooms according to the Host Agreement.
3. **Boarding:** The LOC provides three meals per day during the event (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Menus must consider allergies, diets and cultural/religious dietary customs. Dining

areas must be visually signposted and easily accessible to Deaf participants. All catering operations are subject to applicable hygiene and food safety regulations.

E. Support and Communication

1. **Communication Hub:** The LOC establishes a central information and competition office that is open throughout the event. This office serves as a daily meeting point ("Social Evening") and a point of contact for all organisational questions. At least one Deaf staff member or IS Interpreter must be present per shift.
2. **Interpreting Services:** The LOC is obliged to provide Sign Language Interpreters for all official sessions, meetings with EDSO Officials, as well as medical or disciplinary situations.
3. **Daily Bulletins:** The LOC creates daily updated information sheets (Daily Bulletins) containing schedules, results, changes and notices. This information must be presented visually and made accessible via screens, postings, or IS video updates.
4. **Social and Cultural Activities:** The LOC may offer voluntary evening events or cultural programmes to promote exchange among delegations. The same safety and accessibility standards apply here as for competition operations.

F. Medical Care and Audiogram Service

- Qualified medical teams (doctors, paramedics, first-aid personnel) must be present at all competition venues.
- At least one ambulance must be on standby during the competitions.
- All medical points must be clearly signposted and visually identifiable.
- The conduct of audiogram and doping controls must comply with the Anti-Doping and Medical Guidelines of EDSO and ICSD.
- Interpreters must be present during all audiological and medical procedures to prevent misunderstandings.

G. Quality Assurance and Feedback

1. **Daily Coordination:** The LOC conducts a short daily briefing every morning with all LOC Team Heads to review transport, communication, results and safety aspects.
2. **Feedback Mechanisms:** Each delegation has the opportunity to submit concerns or suggestions for improvement via an online or paper form. All feedback must be documented and processed within 24 hours.

6.3. Risk Management and Contingency Planning

A. Purpose and Objectives

Risk management is a central component of the successful execution of the European Deaf Championships (EDC).

The objective is to identify potential risks early, minimise their impact and, through clear emergency measures, ensure the safety of all participants, officials and spectators.

Effective risk management is based on prevention, preparation and communication. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) carries the primary responsibility for the creation, implementation and ongoing updating of the Risk Management and Emergency Plan, in close coordination with the EDSO and the competent authorities.

B. Structure of the Risk Management System

The LOC's risk management system must include the following core components:

1. Risk Assessment:

- Identification of potential risks across all LOC Teams (Sport, Logistics, Finance, Communication, Security, Medical).
- Evaluation by likelihood of occurrence and potential impact (low–medium–high).
- Prioritisation of risks in a Risk Matrix (Low–Medium–High).

2. Risk Register:

- Each LOC Team maintains its own Risk Register.
- The LOC consolidates these into a central overview and updates it regularly.
- The Register includes: Risk Type, Responsible Party, Preventive Measures, Response Plan, Status.

3. Early Warning System:

- Establishment of a communication channel for the rapid reporting of incidents or deviations.
- Responsible Functional Heads are obliged to report safety-relevant events to the LOC Director immediately.
- Reporting: The Risk Register is an integral part of every Progress Report to the EDSO (see Chapter 3.3 G). Critical risks must be reported to the EDSO Sports Director immediately in writing.

C. Main Risk Categories

For standardisation, risks must be assigned to at least the following critical categories:

Category	Description / Examples
1. Safety & Emergencies	Accidents, fires, natural events, technical failures, terrorist or bomb threats.
2. Medical & Health	Injuries, infectious diseases, pandemics, doping offences.
3. Financial	Budget overruns, sponsor withdrawal, payment problems.
4. Logistical & Infrastructure	Transport failures, power outages, defects in sports venues or IT systems.
5. Communication & Technology	IT failure, data loss, errors in results display, misunderstandings due to insufficient accessibility.
6. Reputational & Compliance Risks	Breaches of EDSO rules, unethical conduct, negative media coverage.

D. Emergency Planning (Emergency Response Plan)

The LOC must develop an Emergency and Crisis Plan (Emergency Response Plan) that covers all critical scenarios.

This plan must be coordinated with safety and health authorities and reviewed and practiced regularly.

The Emergency Plan must include at least:

- Crisis Staff: Formation of a Crisis Management Team (CMT) with clearly defined roles (Head, Communication, Security, Medical, Logistics). The LOC Director acts as the head of the Crisis Staff.
- Evacuation Procedures: Creation of evacuation plans for all sports venues, accommodations and event locations. Plans must be visually displayed (maps, pictograms) and accessible. Evacuation drills must be conducted before the start of the competition.
- Communication in an Emergency: Emergency information must be conveyed visually and in International Sign (IS) (e.g., flashing lights, displays, loudspeakers with subtitling, mobile IS videos). At least one interpreter must be included in the Crisis Team. An emergency contact number (with SMS/WhatsApp accessibility) must be active 24/7.
- Medical Emergencies: Cooperation with local hospitals and rescue services. Constant availability of a Chief Medical Officer (CMO). Establishment of a First Aid Point at all competition venues.
- Psychological Support: Psychological support (including Sign Language competence) should be offered after severe incidents.

E. Authority and Protocol for Competition Cancellation

Decision Authority:

The decision to cancel, postpone, or interrupt any competition due to extreme conditions (such as severe weather, field damage, or safety concerns) rests solely with the EDSO Sports Director, in consultation with the LOC Director and the Head of Safety & Security (LOC Team 7).

Procedure under Severe Weather Conditions:

Assessment: In the case of critical weather or environmental conditions, the EDSO SD will decide based on a risk assessment conducted by LOC Team 7 and the Technical Regulations of the sport.

Communication Chain:

- Primary (Immediate Notification): Visual channels (venue screens, IS video announcement, official messaging platform) will be used for immediate communication.
- Secondary (Documentation): A written confirmation will be sent by email to all Heads of Delegation as the official record of the decision.

Contingency Planning:

The LOC and EDSO SD must jointly prepare and document contingency plans, including:

- Buffer Periods: A pre-scheduled reserve day or time slot for postponed finals or qualification rounds.
- Alternative Venues: Identification of potential backup venues or indoor facilities in case of unavoidable cancellations.

Resumption of Competition:

Resumption after interruption shall occur only upon written approval by the EDSO Sports Director, once the Head of Safety & Security has confirmed safety and the conditions of the competition area have been assessed to ensure they are suitable for play, including considerations such as wet or damaged fields due to rain or other adverse weather conditions.

F. Roles and Responsibilities

Function	Primary Duties
LOC Director / Event Director	Overall responsibility for risk management, decision-making in a crisis.
Head of Safety & Security (LOC Team 7)	Creation and implementation of the security concept, evacuation planning.
Chief Medical Officer (CMO)	Medical emergency coordination, communication with hospitals.
Head of Communication (LOC Team 4)	Visual and verbal crisis communication, informing the media.
EDSO Representative / Sports Director	Monitoring compliance with EDSO safety guidelines.

G. Cooperation with Authorities and EDSO

The LOC cooperates with local and national authorities (police, fire services, health departments). Emergency contacts for these bodies must be listed in the Safety Plan. All safety and crisis protocols must be reviewed and approved by the EDSO Sports Director before the event begins. The EDSO Executive Committee (EC) must be informed immediately in case of a serious incident.

H. Documentation and Follow-up

Every safety-relevant incident must be documented in an Incident Logbook (date, location, type, parties involved, measures taken). Following the event, the LOC creates a Safety and Risk Report, which is part of the official Final Report (see Chapter 6.9). All experiences and suggestions for improvement are incorporated into future EDSO manuals and checklists.

I. Summary

The Risk Management and Contingency Planning concept forms the safety foundation of every EDSO European Championship. It ensures:

- Early risk detection and continuous monitoring.
- Clear responsibilities and decision pathways in a crisis.
- Accessible and inclusive safety communication.
- Unified action between the LOC, EDSO and authorities.

6.4. Safety, Medical and First Aid Services

A. Purpose and Objective

Safety and health are the highest priorities during the European Deaf Championships (EDC). The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is obliged to plan and implement comprehensive safety and medical measures and to monitor them in coordination with the EDSO and local authorities.

This chapter sets the minimum standards for:

- Protection of athletes, officials, volunteers, spectators and media representatives.
- Medical care and first aid services.
- Emergency preparedness and crisis response.
- Accessible communication in medical and safety contexts.

B. Safety Concept

The LOC must develop an integrated safety concept that is coordinated with local authorities and approved by the EDSO Sports Director.

1. Structure and Responsibilities:

- The Head of Security (LOC Team 7) is primarily responsible for all safety measures.
- They work closely with the police, fire services, medical facilities and private security companies.
- A permanent Security Control Centre must be staffed during the entire event.

2. Access Control:

- Only accredited persons may enter the venues (see Chapter 4.4B – Accreditation System).
- The colour coding of accreditations must be strictly adhered to.
- Security personnel and Volunteers must be trained to control access in an accessible and respectful manner.

3. Monitoring and Prevention:

- All venues, accommodations and transport routes must be regularly checked for safety deficiencies.
- Emergency exits, escape routes and fire protection equipment must be visually signposted and freely accessible.
- Surveillance cameras may only be used if they comply with data protection regulations.

4. Crisis and Evacuation Measures:

- An evacuation plan (visual and IS-compatible) must be posted at all venues.
- Evacuation drills must be conducted jointly with security and medical services.
- Security personnel must use light signals, visual displays, or digital boards to inform Deaf individuals visually in an emergency.

C. Medical Care and First Aid Services

1. Medical Management:

- The LOC must appoint a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) responsible for the overall medical organisation, compliance with ICSD/WADA rules and coordination of all first aid personnel.
- The CMO works closely with local health authorities and the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

2. On-Site First Aid Services:

- Every competition venue must have at least one First Aid Point, equipped with medical gear, a Defibrillator (AED), dressings and cooling packs.
- Stations must be clearly visually signposted and staffed by trained medical personnel.
- An ambulance (with accessible access) must be on standby at or in the immediate vicinity of the venue during all competition times.

3. Cooperation with Hospitals:

- The LOC concludes a written agreement with an official reference hospital nearby.
- This hospital must have a 24-hour emergency service and be informed about IS-compatible interpreter services or visual communication aids.

4. Communication Standards in Medical Context:

- At least one IS Interpreter must be present during all medical examinations, audiogram controls, doping tests, or emergencies.
- Medical personnel should receive prior training in Deaf Awareness and basic Sign Language gestures.
- Crucial information (diagnoses, treatment instructions, medication plans) must be communicated visually or in writing.

D. Anti-Doping and Medical Control

- All doping controls must be conducted in accordance with EDSO and ICSD Anti-Doping Rules (see Chapter 4.5).
- The LOC provides suitable premises for doping controls, ensuring privacy, accessibility and visual communication.
- Access to control rooms is strictly regulated (only the athlete, interpreter, Doping Control Officer and doctor).
- In cases of Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), the documentation must be ensured to be forwarded via EDSO to the ICSD.

E. Hygiene and Prevention

- The LOC is obliged to implement hygiene concepts to prevent infectious diseases.
- Disinfectant dispensers must be available in all accommodations and competition venues.
- Medical personnel must have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Food hygiene in canteens and catering areas is regularly checked.

F. Insurance and Liability

- Proof of Insurance: The LOC must submit proof of adequate Organiser Liability Insurance, covering personal injury and property damage.
- Accident Insurance: Accident insurance for athletes, officials and Volunteers is strongly recommended.
- Insurance coverage is part of the Host Agreement and must be presented at the first inspection.
- Participants must be informed about the scope of the insurance coverage.

G. Documentation and Follow-up

- All medical and safety-relevant incidents must be documented (date, location, type of incident, measures taken).
- A final Security and Medical Report is submitted to the EDSO within 30 days of the end of the event.
- This report contributes to the overall evaluation of the LOC by the EDSO Executive Committee.

6.5. Communication, Media and Accessibility

A. Core Principles of Event Communication

Communication is a central success factor for every EDSO European Championship (EDC).

It ensures the full and equal participation of all Deaf participants. The primary responsibility lies with LOC Team 4 (Communication & Media) and the Inclusion/Accessibility Coordinator.

Core Principles:

- Bilingualism: All official information must be provided in written English and in International Sign (IS) or an equivalent visual format.
- Visual Priority: Communication must primarily be via visual media (displays, text, videos, IS clips). Acoustic announcements may only be supportive and never standalone.
- Transparent Approval (Media Work): All press releases, social media posts, photos and video publications must be approved in advance by the EDSO Communications Office.
- Accessible Presentation: All official announcements, schedules and bulletins must be published in easy-to-understand language, with symbols and in IS video format.

B. Interpreting Services and Inclusion

The LOC is responsible for the organisation, payment and coordination of all interpreting services (IS and national Sign Language).

Area	Requirement	Responsible (LOC Team)
Official Meetings	IS Interpreters are mandatory for Team Leaders Meetings (TLM), Technical Meetings and all sessions with EDSO EC/SD.	LOC Team 4 (Accessibility & Communication)
Critical Services	IS Interpreters must be on call for medical examinations and anti-doping controls.	LOC Team 7 (Safety & Medical)
Emergencies / Crisis Comms	At least one interpreter or visually trained staff member must be included in the Crisis Team to convey emergency information accessibly.	LOC Team 7 / CMT (Crisis Management Team)
Media & Press Conferences	IS Interpreters are mandatory for all official press conferences, interviews and live streams.	LOC Team 4 (Communication & Media)

Qualifications: Interpreters must be trained in International Sign, terminologically competent and accredited by the LOC. The Interpreter Coordinator is part of LOC Team 4 and creates deployment plans, protocols and documentation.

C. Media and Results Service

1. **Media Centre:** The LOC establishes an accessible Media Centre according to 4.3 (C). It serves as the central workplace for accredited journalists, camera crews and the EDSO Communications Office.
 - Requirements: Stable IT infrastructure (Wi-Fi, power, printers), interpreting and translation facilities, visual signage and IS-friendly lighting.
2. **Live Broadcast / Streaming:** All live streams must include captioning and/or IS in-screen display. Camera angles should keep interpreters visible; voice-only streams are prohibited. Broadcasts must be approved in advance by the EDSO Communications Office.
3. **Results and Information Distribution:** Results, schedules and announcements are consistently published via the following channels:
 - Visual Scoreboards at all competition venues.
 - Daily Bulletins (printed + IS video summary).
 - Official website and event app with accessible access.

D. Accessible Infrastructure and Technology

- **Visual Signage:** All venues must be equipped with clear symbols and bilingual signs (English + IS pictograms). Evacuation routes and medical stations must be clearly marked.
- **Technical Equipment:** Monitors and screens for text display and live subtitling. Lighting must be directed to ensure interpreters and Sign Language are clearly visible. Audiovisual systems must comply with GDPR.
- **Visual Alert Systems:** Emergency and warning signals must be visually and tactually perceivable. Light signals, vibrating devices, or displays supplement acoustic alarms.

E. Public Relations and Branding

- **Unified Design:** All communication and media material (banners, social media, website) must follow the EDSO Brand Guidelines. The EDSO logo may only be used with written permission.
- **Representation of Deaf Sports:** Content should emphasise fairness, equality and inclusion. Athletes are to be presented as role models for European Deaf Sports.
- **Media Archiving:** The LOC digitally archives all official photos, videos and IS clips and provides them to EDSO after the event. Publication only with the express consent of the individuals concerned (GDPR).

F. Ethics and Data Protection in Communication

All communication content must be neutral, respectful and apolitical. Personal or medical data may only be published with express consent. The LOC adheres to the EDSO Code of Ethics and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Violations must be reported immediately to the EDSO Ethics Commission.

6.6. Sustainability and Environmental Management

A. Purpose and Core Principles

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is committed to organising the European Deaf Championships (EDC) according to the principles of ecological, social and inclusive sustainability.

The aim is to minimise the environmental footprint of the event while creating a positive and lasting impact for the Deaf community and local society.

B. Environmental Management and Ecological Standards

1. Waste Management

- A comprehensive waste separation system must be implemented at all venues and accommodations.
- The use of single-use plastic or disposable tableware is prohibited. Reusable cups, bottles and dishes must be prioritised.
- Recycling stations must be clearly marked, visually accessible and easy to understand.

2. Energy and Water Efficiency

- Use of LED lighting, motion sensors and energy-efficient appliances is required wherever possible.
- Water consumption must be reduced through efficient fixtures and mindful usage.
- Renewable energy sources (solar, wind, or biogas) should be used when available.

3. **Transport**

- The transport plan (see Chapter 6.2) must prioritise shared shuttle services and public transport.
- Low-emission or electric vehicles are strongly recommended for LOC operations.
- All transport schedules must be displayed visually, using International Sign (IS) and clear pictograms.

C. Sustainable Procurement and Catering

1. **Local and Fair Procurement**

- Preference should be given to local suppliers and regional products to reduce transport distances and support the local economy.
- All merchandise, uniforms and printed materials should, where possible, carry recognised sustainability certifications (e.g., Fair Trade, Organic, OEKO-TEX).

2. **Environmentally Friendly Catering**

- Menus should include seasonal, regional, vegetarian and vegan options.
- The LOC must implement a Food Waste Management Plan and, if possible, donate surplus food to social organisations.
- Water dispensers should replace bottled water to reduce plastic waste.

D. Social Responsibility and Legacy

1. **Community Involvement**

- The LOC should work closely with local Deaf associations, schools and organisations.
- Deaf and hearing volunteers and staff should be jointly involved in planning and delivery, with Deaf Awareness Training provided to all.

2. **Deaf Leadership and Empowerment**

- Deaf individuals must be integrated into key management or decision-making roles (e.g., Accessibility Coordinator).
- The event should promote cooperation and understanding between Deaf and hearing team members.

3. **Sustainable Legacy**

- Sports equipment, materials, or furniture acquired for the event should be donated to local Deaf sports clubs after the championships.
- Infrastructure improvements (e.g., signage, accessibility systems) should remain for future use.
- The event should raise public awareness about Deaf culture and inclusion.

E. Communication, Monitoring and Documentation (Simplified Approach)

1. **Simple and Visual Communication**

- The LOC must share its sustainability actions in clear language, with images and short IS videos.
- A “Green Corner” on the event website or at venues can display photos, videos and practical examples.

2. **Responsibility**

- A Sustainability Coordinator (for example, from LOC Team 5 – Logistics) is responsible for monitoring and recording progress.

- A simple checklist may be used to track key actions (e.g., recycling, eco transport, local suppliers).
3. **Short Summary Instead of Long Reports**
- Instead of a long-written report, a short summary (1–2 pages) or visual collage with photos is sufficient.
 - Contents should briefly show:
 - What was done (e.g., recycling, energy saving, local sourcing).
 - What worked well.
 - What could be improved.
 - This summary is submitted together with the Final Report (see Chapter 6.9) to the EDSO.

4. **Recognition**

The EDSO may recognise events demonstrating outstanding commitment to sustainability with the title “EDSO Green Event.”

6.7. Opening, Closing and Victory Ceremonies (Ceremonies & Protocol)

A. Purpose and Principles

The ceremonies are the calling card of the European Deaf Championships (EDC). They are intended to unite the values of Deaf Sports, the host country's culture and the standards of the EDSO. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for the planning, protocol and execution of all official ceremonies in coordination with the EDSO.

B. General Ceremony Protocol

1. **Visual Priority and Inclusion:** The entire ceremony concept must be visually centred and fully accessible to Deaf individuals. Acoustic elements (e.g., music or national anthems) may be used supplementarily—especially to include participants with hearing aids (e.g., Cochlear Implants) or hearing guests. Primary communication must always be via visual means: Sign Language (IS), light, video and text displays.
2. **Accessibility:** Stage access, podiums and spectator areas must be fully accessible. IS Interpreters must be visibly positioned on the stage or in the camera frame.
3. **Protocol Management:** The LOC appoints a Ceremonies and Protocol Manager who oversees the execution of all programmes and works closely with the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) and the EDSO Sports Director. All procedures must be approved by EDSO in advance.

C. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

1. **Flexibility of Execution:** The EDSO recognises that the scope and design of the ceremonies depend on the size and nature of the event. For smaller individual competitions (e.g., Marathon, Alpine Skiing, Cross Country) or collaborations with events organised by hearing sports federations, a complete Opening or Closing Ceremony is not mandatory. The EDSO encourages the LOC to focus resources on the sporting and accessible core elements. The LOC must consult jointly with the EDSO Executive Committee and the Sports Director, at least six months before the event, to decide on the execution or an alternative, simplified form.

2. **Opening Ceremony Sequence (Standard Model):**
 - Entrance of the Delegations (alphabetical by country name).
 - Hoisting of the host country's National Flag and the EDSO Flag.
 - Oath of the Athletes and Referees (in International Sign).
 - Official Opening Declaration by the LOC President or an EDSO representative (spoken and interpreted into IS, ideally delivered by a Deaf Official).
 - Cultural programme focusing on visual performances (Sign Language artistry, dance, light shows).
 - Duration recommendation: max. 90 minutes.

3. **Closing Ceremony (Standard Model):**
 - Expressions of gratitude to the LOC, Volunteers, Partners and Teams.
 - Handover of the EDSO Flag to the next host nation.
 - Symbolic closing of the Games (e.g., light signal, video sequence).
 - Brief cultural or emotional highlight to conclude.

D. Victory Ceremonies

1. **Location and Timing:** Victory ceremonies should take place promptly after the competition, ideally directly at the venue or at an official "Victory Plaza." In case of bad weather or technical limitations, the ceremony may be held at another central location.
2. **Protocol: The ceremony follows the EDSO standard:**
 - Athletes ascend the podium after the announcement in International Sign.
 - National Anthems: The national anthems of the gold medal winners are played acoustically and visibly celebrated by hoisting the flags of the respective countries in the order of Gold, Silver, Bronze.
 - Medals are presented by EDSO representatives, the LOC President, or official guests of honour.
3. **Communication Standards:** All announcements (names, nations, results) must appear visually on screens and be interpreted simultaneously in International Sign by an IS Interpreter accompanying the ceremony.

E. Compliance and Equipment

1. **Materials and Equipment:** The LOC is responsible for:
 - Provision of the EDSO Flag and the National Flags of all participating countries.
 - Design and production of the Medals (min. 60 mm diameter).
 - Creation of Diplomas (incl. signature field for EDSO EC).
 - Review and approval of the winner's podium by the EDSO Sports Director.
2. **Documentation:** All ceremonies must be photographically and video graphically documented. The material is submitted to the Secretariat as part of the EDSO archive.

6.8. Daily Operations and Event Coordination

Daily operations secure the operational stability of the European Deaf Championships (EDC) and ensure compliance with the schedule and protocols.

A. Daily Management Structure (Daily Management)

1. **Daily Management Briefing (DMB):** The LOC Director convenes the DMB daily at a fixed time, attended by all Heads of LOC Teams.
 - **Content:** Review of the previous day's schedule, assignment of resources for the current day, risk forecasting (weather, transport, personnel), and review of accreditation control.
 - **Accessibility:** The DMB must be conducted entirely in International Sign (IS) or in the presence of IS Interpreters.
2. **EDSO Daily Meeting (EDM):** Immediately following the DMB, the LOC Director meets with the EDSO Sports Director and, if necessary, the EDSO Representative.
 - **Purpose:** Alignment of the DMB outcome with the EDSO, approval of schedule changes, decisions on disputed sporting issues (e.g., protest results), and clarification of protocol matters.
 - **Minutes:** The EDM is summarised briefly.

B. Sporting Procedures and Technical Meetings

1. **Technical Meetings (TM):** Technical Meetings with the delegation leaders are the central venue for sport-specific instructions and the draw.
 - **Regular Schedule:** At least two (2) Technical Meetings must be held:
 - one 1–2 days before the start of the competition and
 - one 1–2 days before the Final competitions (or at another critical time).
 - Further meetings can be called as needed by the EDSO SD.
 - **Protests:** Protests must be submitted in accordance with EDSO/ICSD rules and using the official EDSO Protest Form. A protest fee must be paid. The Jury of Appeal decides on the protest.
 - **Accessibility:** All TLMs must be simultaneously interpreted by at least two IS Interpreters. Written minutes are produced and distributed digitally.
2. **Results Reporting:** Results must be recorded immediately after the completion of the competitions by the LOC Sport Team and forwarded to the EDSO Sports Director for verification.

C. Information Flow and Emergency Communication

1. **Daily Bulletins:** The Daily Bulletins (Morning/Evening) are the primary information channel for the delegations. They contain the exact schedule (including changes), results overviews, transport plans, and weather forecasts.
 - **Delivery:** Visual posting at venues and accommodations, and digitally via the event app or website.
2. **Official Email Distribution:** All official announcements and the Daily Bulletins must also be sent daily via email to the official NDSF contacts to ensure archiving and reliable delivery.
3. **Urgent Instant Messaging:** For urgent, safety-relevant, or time-critical announcements (e.g., transport delays, venue changes, emergencies), the LOC must establish a fast, visual communication channel (e.g., a group messaging platform like WhatsApp or Telegram). This channel serves to supplement official bulletins.

4. **Information Centre:** The central information centre serves as a 24/7 point of contact for delegations regarding logistics, accommodation, or the daily schedule.

6.9. Evaluation and Post-Event Measures (Evaluation and Post-Event Measures)

A. Purpose and Significance

The evaluation and follow-up process for the European Deaf Championships (EDC) signifies the formal conclusion of the operational phase. The objective is to objectively assess the event, document successes and challenges, and secure insights for future hosts. This phase is characterised by transparency, learning, and sustainability.

B. Internal Evaluation (LOC Level)

1. **LOC Closing Meeting:** The LOC conducts an internal closing meeting with all LOC Team Heads within 14 days of the end of the event.
 - **Topics:** Evaluation of organisation and logistics, review of communication, safety, and sustainability measures, and collection of open issues and suggestions for improvement.
2. **Volunteer and Interpreter Feedback:** A short written or visual feedback (IS video possible) is collected to analyse barriers, procedures, and communication channels.
3. **Personnel Recognition:** The LOC should issue formal Certificates of Participation or Certificates to all Volunteers, Interpreters and temporary staff. This serves to honour their commitment and to promote future volunteering in Deaf Sports.
4. **Documentation:** All findings are summarised in a compact internal report (max. 3 pages) and incorporated into the official Final Report (6.9 D).

C. External Evaluation (EDSO & NDSF)

1. **EDSO Evaluation Meeting:** Following the event, an official EDSO Review Meeting takes place with the LOC, NDSF, and EDSO Sports Director.
 - **Content:** Verification of compliance with EDSO Regulations and the Host Agreement, qualitative assessment of venues, organisation, and accessibility, and recommendations for future events.
2. **EDSO Evaluation Form:** The EDSO EC prepares a written assessment (Evaluation Form) based on the meeting, which is archived with the EDSO.
3. **Participant Feedback:** The LOC should send an online feedback form or a simple IS video form to all NDSFs. Feedback may be submitted anonymously and serves to improve future events.

D. Final Report (Final Report)

The LOC is obligated to submit an official Final Report to the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) no later than 90 days after the end of the event.

Minimum Content:

- Overview (Location, Date, Disciplines, Participant Numbers).
- LOC Structure and Management.
- Sporting Execution (Results, Fair Play Assessment, Disciplines).
- Finance (Revenues, Expenditures, Fees, Audit).
- Communication & Accessibility (IS Services, information systems).
- Sustainability & Social Legacy (6.6).
- Recommendations and Lessons Learned.

Format:

- English language, digital (PDF/Word).
- Submission to the EDSO Executive Committee (EC) and EDSO Sports Director.
- A copy remains with the NDSF.

E. Handover to the Next Host (Handover Process)

To ensure continuity within the EDSO system:

1. **Experience Exchange:** An online meeting between the outgoing LOC, the EDSO EC, and the incoming Host LOC.
2. **Document Handover:** Transfer of technical plans, checklists, reports, accreditation templates, photos, and videos.
3. **Symbolic Handover:** Transfer of the EDSO Flag and the official digital archive copies.

F. Archiving and Transparency

- All relevant documents (contracts, reports, results, finance records, communication logs) must be retained for at least 5 years.
- A digital copy of the Final Report is secured in the EDSO archive.

6.10. Summary of Part VI – Operational Delivery

Part VI of the EDSO Host Handbook describes the complete operational implementation of the European Deaf Championships (EDC)—from the arrival of the delegations to the final evaluation.

It defines the requirements for planning, logistics, communication and daily coordination during the event.

Key Focus Areas of this Section:

Efficient and Accessible Procedures:

- All organisational processes—transport, accommodation, competition management, interpreting services—must be designed to enable Deaf athletes full and unrestricted participation.

Daily Management and Coordination:

- Transparent and secure event execution is ensured through fixed daily structures (Daily Briefings, Technical Meetings, Bulletins).

Safety and Medical Care:

- Emergency and evacuation plans, visual alarm systems and trained personnel form the core of the safety strategy.

Sustainability and Environmental Awareness:

- Resource-efficient logistics, waste separation and regional procurement are mandatory components of the LOC concept.

Ceremonies and Protocol:

- Opening, Closing and Victory Ceremonies must be visually centred and culturally respectful.

Evaluation and Knowledge Preservation:

- After the conclusion of the event, the LOC prepares a detailed Final Report in cooperation with the EDSO and the host federation (NDSF) to secure experiences and recommendations.

Conclusion:

Part VI forms the operational heart of the EDSO European Championships. It defines how planning is translated into practice—with clear structures, daily coordination, inclusion and sustainability as the cornerstones for successful delivery.

Part VII – ADMINISTRATION, FINAL REPORTING AND LEGACY

Chapter 7: Event Closure, Evaluation and Legacy

7.1. Final Report and Responsibilities

The Final Report is the key document after the event.

It must be prepared by the LOC and submitted to EDSO within 90 days after the closing ceremony.

Recommended Content:

- Short summary of the competition (results, highlights, special issues)
- Evaluation of organisation – transport, accommodation, accessibility, communication
- Technical sport reports (validated by the EDSO Sports Director)
- Financial Overview (see Chapter 7.1)
- Sustainability / Legacy (see 7.3)
- “Lessons Learned” – recommendations for future hosts

Format:

English language, digital (PDF), including short tables, photos, or appendices.

7.2. Evaluation and Feedback

Evaluation ensures improvement for future events.

The LOC is not required to produce an extensive analysis but should collect simple feedback.

Suggested Methods:

- Short online or paper surveys for athletes, officials, and volunteers
- Brief reports from EDSO Representatives (Sports Director, EC)
- Summary of key positive points and areas for improvement

EDSO may compile this information into a Post-Event Evaluation Report for internal use.

7.3. Sustainability and Legacy

The LOC should provide a short description of environmental and social initiatives.

A simple bullet-point summary is sufficient.

Suggested Topics:

- Waste separation, energy saving, and eco-friendly transport
- Cooperation with local Deaf clubs or schools
- Donation or reuse of materials and sports equipment
- Public activities promoting Deaf Awareness

Knowledge Transfer:

The LOC shares its main experiences, checklists, and recommendations with EDSO, so that they can be included in future updates of the Host Manual.

7.4. Documentation and Archiving

The LOC must keep all relevant documents for at least five years, including:

- Final Report
- Financial Overview
- Competition results, schedules, and minutes
- Photos and videos
- List of volunteers and partners

A digital copy must be submitted to the EDSO Secretariat for inclusion in the EDSO Knowledge Archive for future reference

7.5. Appreciation and Recognition

The LOC recognises the efforts of all contributors – volunteers, sponsors, partners, and authorities.

EDSO may issue official “Certificates of Appreciation” for key individuals.

Forms of Recognition:

- Acknowledgement section in the Final Report
- Publication on the official event website or social media
- Optional closing gathering for volunteers and helpers

7.6. Summary of Part VII

Part VII ensures a clear and transparent closure of every EDSO event.

It requires short, focused documentation, not lengthy reports.

The guiding principles are: Responsibility – Experience – Knowledge Sharing – Recognition.

Part VIII – QUALIFICATION EVENTS (SIMPLIFIED HOST REQUIREMENTS)

Chapter 8: Qualification Events and ICSD Assignments

8.1. Purpose and Definition

Qualification Events (e.g., Futsal Qualification, Football Play-Off, Badminton Pre-Round) are short-format competitions or single matches organised under the supervision of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) to determine qualification for a European Championship or the Deaflympics.

They may be organised in two principal forms:

- As a mini-tournament (3–8 teams, duration 3–4 days), or
- As a single-match format:
- Home-and-away system, or
- A deciding match at a neutral venue.

These events are not full EDSO European Championships and therefore follow a simplified organisational framework.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) operates under the responsibility of the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and the supervision of the EDSO Sports Director.

8.2. Core Principles

Fair play, safety, and equality are the primary objectives. Accessible communication in International Sign (IS) is mandatory. Organisational requirements shall remain at a minimum practical level. The format may be flexibly adjusted to the sport, number of participants, and available facilities. The goal is to enable more countries and clubs to host realistic qualification events.

8.3. Minimum Organisational Requirements

Area	Minimum Requirement
Duration	Tournaments max. 3–4 days • Single match 1 day (+ optional arrival/departure day).
Participants	Flexible from 2 to 8 teams; if more than 4 teams, a group stage (2 groups of 3–4 teams) is recommended.
Venues	One or two main sports facilities may be used if the schedule and logistics allow.
Technical Meeting (TM)	Mandatory before the start of play, led by the EDSO SD or delegate to confirm rules, schedule, and disciplinary procedures.
Accommodation / Transport	Simple, clean accommodation (max. 30 min from venue); shuttle service between airport/train station, hotel and venue.
Medical Service	On-site first aid station + one doctor or paramedic.

Accessibility / Interpreters	All information in IS; 1–2 IS interpreters for meetings and emergencies.
Security	Basic security and emergency plan coordinated with local police and authorities.
Insurance	Proof of event liability insurance.
EDSO Representation	Presence of the EDSO Sports Director or appointed representative throughout the event.
Financing and Costs	The Organiser covers costs for venues, referees (including neutral referees from abroad with travel and fees) and organisation. EDSO representative costs according to policy. At neutral venues, teams may share costs.
Financial Responsibility	Remains entirely with the Host; no full financial audit report to EDSO is required. Disputes are resolved by the competent EDSO body (Sport Court or EDSO Executive Committee).
Reporting Obligation	Short Report (2–3 pages) within 30 days after the event.

8.4. Quick Overview – Minimum Requirements

Area	Minimum Requirement	Focus
Duration	Tournament max. 3–4 days; single match 1 day (+ arrival/departure).	Maximum flexibility.
Sports Venues	Rule-compliant according to IF standards; simple, highly visible scoreboards suffice.	Quality over luxury.
Technical Meeting (TM)	Mandatory before start; led by EDSO SD or representative.	Sporting integrity.
Accommodation / Transport	Accommodation max. 30 minutes from site; shuttle service mandatory.	Necessary logistics.
Medical / Safety	First aid station; medically qualified personnel; emergency plan.	Protection of participants.
Accessibility / IS	IS interpreters mandatory for meetings and protest procedures.	Communication equality.
Insurance	Proof of event liability insurance.	Protection of the Organiser.
EDSO Presence	EDSO SD or representative present.	Supervision & Credibility.
Financing / Costs	Organiser covers costs; cost-sharing possible at neutral venues.	Financial clarity.
Livestream / Media	Livestream mandatory if technically feasible; exceptions only with EDSO approval.	Transparency & visibility.

8.5. Simplified Procedures and Exemptions

Area	Simplified Rule
Opening / Closing Ceremony	No obligation; a brief welcome or handshake suffices.
Awards	No official award ceremony required; individual honours (e.g., “Best Player”) are permitted.
Home- / Away Matches	Home team organises safety, IS communication, and medical care; return match must follow equal standards.
Neutral Venue	Only with a written agreement from both teams and EDSO confirmation.

Livestream / Broadcast	Mandatory if technically feasible; exception only with prior EDSO approval.
Media / Promotion	Local press or online information is sufficient.
Sustainability / Culture	Not obligatory but encouraged.
EDSO Fees / Deposit	According to the EDSO Regulations – Fee Section.
Technical Regulations	EDSO / ICSD rules apply, no additional reports needed.
Inspections	One EDSO inspection before the event is sufficient.

8.6. Event Implementation

- Tournament Format: Technical Meeting prior to the first match (led by the EDSO SD). Schedule based on group and/or knock-out system. IS interpreters, first aid, and transport must be provided.
- Single Match (Home / Away or Neutral Venue): Conducted according to international rules under EDSO supervision. Home team ensures safety, IS communication, and medical support. Written agreement required on venue, date, referees, and cost-sharing. At neutral venues: organisation coordinated by EDSO with the respective NDSF.

8.7. Qualification Events in Individual Sports

In individual sports (such as Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, etc.), qualification may also be required, particularly when entry numbers are high or quota limits apply.

Area	Requirements
Event Format	Short event (1–2 days), supervised by the Technical Delegate (TD) or EDSO Sports Director.
Participants	Only athletes nominated by their NDSF are eligible; format follows IF rules and EDSO Technical Regulations.
Organisation	The Host provides a regulation-compliant facility, medical coverage, and IS interpreting; no obligation for ceremonies.
Costs	Host covers local costs; NDSF covers its own travel; EDSO representative costs according to policy.
Livestream	Recommended for finals; video recording sufficient if internet is poor.
Reporting	Short report within 30 days including start lists, results, and evaluation.
Disputes	Decision by the Technical Committee or EDSO Sports Director; potentially EDSO Executive Committee as the final instance.

8.8. Events Organised on Behalf of the ICSD

In some cases, the ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf) formally entrusts the EDSO to organise or supervise a qualification event in Europe for the Deaflympics or World Championships. These events are not part of the official European Deaf Championships but may serve as qualification opportunities for international competitions.

Area	EDSO Responsibility
Responsibility and Status	Conducted on behalf of the ICSD. EDSO acts as a coordinating and supervisory body. These events do not have automatic EDSO Championship status.

Cost and Financing	The ICSD is primarily responsible for covering all costs related to such events, including expenses for EDSO Representatives, Observers, and the Sports Director or Coordinator (travel, accommodation, meals, and allowances), as well as organisational expenses such as venue rental, referees, and logistics, unless otherwise specifically agreed in writing.
	A written agreement must be signed before approval clearly defining the financial responsibilities between the ICSD and the EDSO. EDSO assumes no financial liability unless explicitly agreed upon in writing.
Authority and Communication	Coordination takes place between the ICSD, the EDSO Executive Committee, and the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF). Joint written approval from ICSD and EDSO is required. The presence of the EDSO Sports Director or a designated Technical Delegate is mandatory.
Reporting	Short Report to EDSO and ICSD after the event with results and recommendations.
Liability and Disputes	Any disputes or disciplinary matters are jointly reviewed by ICSD and EDSO. The competent body (ICSD Sports Court or EDSO Executive Committee, in consultation with ICSD) acts as the final instance.

8.9. Overall Summary of Part VIII

Qualification events form the flexible entry level of the EDSO competition structure. They enable countries and clubs to host smaller, cost-efficient events that still meet the central standards of fairness, safety, accessibility, and transparency.

Key Takeaways:

- Simplicity with Quality: Lean organisation with sporting integrity.
- Flexibility: Adaptable formats for team and individual sports.
- Minimum Standards: Technical Meeting, IS communication, medical care, EDSO supervision.
- Responsibility: Organiser covers costs; EDSO supervises but does not fund.
- Livestream: Mandatory when technically possible, for visibility and traceability.
- Cooperation with ICSD: Joint responsibility and decision-making for assignments.
- Inclusion: Equal opportunities and barrier-free communication as a core principle.

Conclusion:

Qualification events ensure that participation in European Deaf Sports remains broad, fair, and accessible – and they create a bridge between national competition and international top performance.

This section outlines the procedures, responsibilities, and reporting requirements for qualification tournaments organised under the authority of EDSO in cooperation with the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

For detailed general principles that apply to all qualification tournaments,
see also Part IX, Section 9.1 – Qualification Events under EDSO Authority.

Part IX – SPECIAL EVENT CATEGORIES under EDSO AUTHORITY

9.1. Qualification Events under EDSO Authority

Qualification tournaments organised under EDSO authority must follow the same organisational, technical, and accessibility standards as regular European Deaf Championships, unless explicitly exempted in writing by EDSO. Such qualification events are fully subject to EDSO inspection, reporting requirements, and the financial obligations outlined in this Host Handbook

9.2. Youth Championships under EDSO Authority

Youth or Junior Championships held under EDSO authority follow the same organisational principles as standard European Deaf Championships but may apply simplified procedures due to lower participation numbers and reduced logistical requirements.

Hosts may use simplified bid documents with proportionally reduced financial and organisational obligations.

Nevertheless, Youth Championships must always ensure:

- fairness and integrity of competition,
- full accessibility for Deaf athletes,
- and compliance with the applicable EDSO Technical Regulations.

9.3. European Deaf Championships integrated into the European Deaf Games (EDG)

European Deaf Championships held as part of the European Deaf Games (EDG) must follow all EDSO standards as well as the specific EDG Host Manual.

The EDG Manual defines additional multi-sport responsibilities, operational structures, and requirements that go beyond a single-sport European Championship.

9.4. EDSO Partner-Organised Championships

The European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) may assign the operational organisation of a European Deaf Championship to an EDSO-recognised partner organisation (e.g. European Deaf sport-specific confederations or technical sport bodies), acting as a co-organiser under EDSO authority.

Such delegation may be applied in sports where dedicated European Deaf sport structures exist or where technical expertise is managed through a specialised organisation.

However, EDSO always remains the official rights holder and main sanctioning authority of the event.

The following principles are mandatory:

- EDSO retains full governance, sanctioning and disciplinary authority.
- The Host Federation (NDSF) and LOC remain contractually bound to EDSO.
- All EDSO General Regulations, Technical Regulations and this Host Manual remain fully applicable.
- Any co-organisation must be approved in writing by the EDSO Executive Committee.

This model allows flexible cooperation while fully safeguarding the official status, legal responsibility and quality standards of the European Deaf Championships.

Disciplinary Authority of the Co-Organising Body

In the case of an EDSO-authorised co-organisation, the respective partner organisation may establish and operate its own sport disciplinary body or jury for the technical and disciplinary matters of that specific European Championship.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- warnings and reprimands,
- competition-related sanctions,
- financial penalties (fines),
- suspensions within that specific sports event.

Final Authority of EDSO

Regardless of any disciplinary measures imposed by the co-organising body, the EDSO Executive Board always retains the final and overriding authority.

The EDSO Executive Board reserves the right to:

- review, amend or overturn decisions,
- impose additional sanctions,
- or take further disciplinary action

if the case affects the integrity, reputation or regulatory framework of the European Deaf Championships.

Part X – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND ANNEXES

10.1. Purpose and Scope

This Part provides a comprehensive overview of all supporting EDSO documents, regulations, templates and checklists required for the planning, organisation and delivery of the European Deaf Championships (EDC).

These documents ensure:

- legal compliance,
- operational consistency,
- transparent governance,
- financial integrity,
- and sport-specific accuracy.

All hosts must always refer to the latest versions of these documents.

In case of any conflict or inconsistency, the EDSO Constitution and the EDSO General Regulations shall prevail, followed by the applicable Technical Regulations for each sport.

A central access point for the most recent versions (official website or secured download location) will be provided by the EDSO Secretariat.

Access: <https://www.edso.eu>

10.2. Core EDSO Governance Documents

(Separate official PDFs – not included within this Host Manual)

These documents represent the legal and regulatory foundation of all EDSO Championships. They are issued as standalone PDF documents and updated periodically.

1. EDSO Constitution

Defines EDSO's legal structure, responsibilities, membership rights and governance.

Always binding.

Access: <https://www.edso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/EDSO-Constitution-confirmed-October-2022.pdf>

2. EDSO General Regulations

Regulate all operational and organisational matters, including:

- bidding and hosting procedures
- organising committees
- financial instructions
- communication and reporting obligations
- dispute resolution mechanisms

Frequently referenced throughout this Host Manual (e.g., Article 2, 3, 7, 16).

Access: <https://www.edso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/EDSO-General-Regulations-2018-v3.0.pdf>

3. EDSO Code of Ethics

Binding for all LOC members, volunteers, team officials and staff.

Covers ethical conduct, neutrality, integrity, anti-corruption rules and safeguarding principles.

Must be signed by all LOC senior members.

Access: In progress or enquire with EDSO General Secretary

4. EDSO Fees and Financial Instructions

Provide the official list of participation fees, deposits, penalties and financial procedures.

Essential for budget planning (see Part 3.5).

Access: <https://www.edso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/EDSO-Schedule-Fees-v3.2..pdf>

5. Anti-Doping Rules

Must comply with ICSD and WADA standards.

Specify testing procedures, rights and responsibilities, sanctions and appeals.

Binding for all athletes and support personnel.

Access: <https://www.edso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/AntiDopingRules.pdf>

6. ICSD Audiogram Regulations (Mandatory for athlete eligibility)

It defines the hearing eligibility criteria (55 dB PTA), the mandatory test procedures (AC, BC, tympanometry and reflexometry), the audiogram submission deadlines, the retesting procedures and the rules for approved audiologists and their confidentiality obligations.

Required for all athletes participating in European Deaf Championships.

Access: <https://www.deaflympics.com/icsd/audiogram-regulations>

10.3. Bidding and Hosting Documents (Included as Annexes)

The following documents are integrated directly into this Host Manual as Annexes, as they are essential for the bidding process and closely connected with the organisational requirements.

1. EDSO European Deaf Championships – Bidding Guidelines & Application Form

This document includes:

- official requirements for candidate host cities,
- obligations of the Host NDSF,
- minimum standards for infrastructure and organisation,
- required guarantees and supporting documents,
- and the official application form.

It is fully included as an Annex in Part XI – Annexes, ensuring that all bidding and hosting materials are directly accessible alongside this Host Manual.

A link is also available: In progress or enquire with EDSO General Secretary

10.4. Operational Checklists and Templates (Annexes)

(Included in Part XI – Annexes)

These documents form part of this Host Manual and are included as Annexes (Part XI). They must be used by the LOC for planning, delivery and reporting.

1. General EDC Host Checklist

High-level planning guide covering all phases:
bidding → preparation → delivery → post-event reporting.

2. Sport-Specific Checklists (per discipline)

All important requirements can be found in Part X for each sport. Specific or detailed requirements will be provided by the Sports Director before and during the inspection trip preparation.

Includes requirements for:

- venues and facilities
- sports equipment
- timing/scoring systems
- referees and technical officials
- sport-specific logistics

Please contact NDSF or LOC at the respective Sports Director or EDSO Sports Coordinator. Otherwise, contact the EDSO General Secretary.

10.5. Access and Updates

All supporting documents may be updated by the EDSO Executive Committee, the EDSO Secretariat, the EDSO Sports Coordinators or the EDSO Sports Directors.

Hosts are responsible for always using:

- the latest official versions,
- the current Technical Regulations,
- and the most recent templates and forms.

A permanent online access point for all documents will be provided:

Access: <https://www.edso.eu/edso/informations/downloadsnews/>

Documents that are not publicly accessible may be obtained directly from the EDSO Secretariat.

10.6. Sport-Specific Technical Regulations (Separate Documents)

The Technical Regulations for each sport are not part of this Host Manual. They are issued separately by the respective EDSO Sports Directors and specify:

- competition rules,
- venue and equipment requirements,
- officiating standards,
- competition formats and schedules,
- sport-specific safety requirements.

These documents are mandatory and take precedence over general organisational information in the event of any conflict.

Hosts must ensure that:

- 1) The LOC Sports Team fully understands the Technical Regulations,
- 2) the latest versions are always used,
- 3) Updates from the Sports Directors are implemented immediately.

Part XI – ANNEXES

11.1. 4-YEAR CYCLE WITH EDSO AND ICSD EVENTS



Note: An advancement or postponement within the four-year cycle may be granted only in duly justified exceptional cases and is subject to prior consultation and approval by EDSO and ICSO. The decision shall be based on objective, organisational, or exceptional circumstances.

Update and notification to ICSD on:
18.12.2025

11.2. HISTORY OF EUROPEAN DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS BY SPORT

This annex provides a comprehensive historical overview of the European Deaf Championships for each sport. It lists all previous editions, the years in which they took place and the host locations.

The purpose of this section is to provide applicants and future Local Organising Committees (LOCs) with a clear understanding of the Championships' traditions, growth and organisational background.

It also facilitates knowledge sharing, enabling new hosts to contact previous organisers for insights into their experience.

11.1.1 Alpine Skiing – Winter sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1977	Grainau / GER	
2nd	1981	Ponte di Legno / ITA	
3rd	1985	Meiringen / SUI	
4th	1988	Schladming / AUT	
5th	1992	Serre Chevalier / FRA	
6th	1996	Sundsvall / SWE	
7th	2000	Courmayeur / ITA	
8th	2004	Füssen / GER	
9th	2008	Seefeld / AUT	
10th	2012	Davos / SUI	
11th	2028	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.2 Athletics – Summer sports

a) Marathon

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2015	Lublin / POL	
2nd	2019	Essen / GER	
3rd	2023	Odense / DEN	
4th	2027	Ljubljana / SLO	
5th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

b) Indoor Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2000	Spala / POL	
2nd	2004	Sofia / BUL	
3rd	2008	Genova / ITA	
4th	2012	Tallinn / EST	
5th	2016	Torun / POL	
6th	2018	Gomel / BLR	
7th	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

c) **Outdoor** **Senior**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1980	Salerno / ITA	
2nd	1987	Munich / GER	
3rd	1991	Vladimir / RUS	
4th	1995	Lausanne / SUI	
5th	1999	Piraeus / GRE	
6th	2003	Tallinn / EST	
7th	2007	Sofia / BUL	
8th	2011	Kayseri / TUR	
9th	2015	Bydgoszcz / POL	
10th	2019	Bochum-Wattenscheid / GER	
11th	2023	Szczecin / POL	
12th	2026	Open	

Next scheduled

d) **Outdoor** **Junior U18 and U20**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2012	Bydgoszcz / POL	
2nd	2014	Trabzon / TUR	
3rd	2016	Karlsruhe / GER	
4th	2018	Sofia / BUL	
5th	2023	Szczecin / POL	
6th	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.3 Badminton – Summer sports

a) **Senior**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1990	Manchester / GBR	
2nd	1994	Copenhagen / DEN	
3rd	1998	Haarlem / NED	
4th	2002	Basel / SUI	
5th	2006	Pressbaum / AUT	
6th	2010	Sofia / BUL	
7th	2014	Geneva / SUI	
8th	2018	Trencin / SLO	
9th	2022	Palanga / LTU	
10th	2026	Open	

Next scheduled

b) **Youth**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2018	Trencin / SLO	
2nd	2022	Palanga / LTU	
3rd	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.4 Basketball – Summer sports

a) 3 x 3 Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

b) Men´s Team Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1975	Turku / FIN	
2nd	1980	Warszawa / POL	
3rd	1984	Stockholm / SWE	
4th	1988	Villeurbanne / FRA	
5th	1992	Tel Aviv / ISR	
6th	1996	Krakov / POL	
7th	2000	Patras / GRE	
8th	2004	Ljubljana / SLO	
9th	2008	Bamberg / GER	
10th	2012	Konya / TUR	
11th	2016	Thessaloniki / GRE	
12th	2021	Pescera / ITA	
13th	2024	Malaga / ESP	
14th	2028	Zlatibor / SRB	
15th	2032	Open	
Next scheduled			

c) Women´s Team Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1988	Villeurbanne / FRA	
2nd	1996	Krakov / POL	
3rd	2000	Patras / GRE	
4th	2004	Ljubljana / SLO	
5th	2008	Bamberg / GER	
6th	2012	Konya / TUR	
7th	2016	Thessaloniki / GRE	
8th	2021	Pescera / ITA	
9th	2024	Malaga / ESP	
10th	2028	Zlatibor / SRB	
11th	2032	Open	
Next scheduled			

d) U20 Men´s Team Youth

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2006	Stockholm / SWE	
2nd	2009	Lublin / POL	
3rd	2017	Lublin / POL	
4th	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

e) **U20 Women´s Team Youth**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2006	Stockholm / SWE	
2nd	2009	Lublin / POL	
3rd	2017	Lublin / POL	
4th	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.5 Beach Volleyball – Summer sports

a) **Senior**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2005	Alanya / TUR	
2nd	2007	Alykes of Drosia / GRE	
3rd	2014	Alanya / TUR	
4th	2018	Kiev / UKR	
5th	2022	Baden / AUT	
6th	2028	Open	
Next scheduled			

b) **Youth**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2022	Baden / AUT	
2nd	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.6 Bowling – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1982	Copenhagen / DEN	
2nd	1984	Amsterdam / NED	
3rd	1986	Nice / FRA	
4th	1990	Malmö / SWE	
5th	1994	Brussels / BEL	
6th	1998	Oslo / NOR	
7th	2002	Helsinki / FIN	
8th	2006	Muntelier / SUI	
9th	2010	Athens / GRE	
10th	2014	Vienna / AUT	
11th	2018	Munich / GER	
12th	2024	Brussels / BEL	
13th	2026	San Lazzaro Di Savena / ITA	
14th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.7 Cross Country – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1971	Waregem / BEL	
2nd	1983	Cognac / FRA	
3rd	1987	Columbier / SUI	
4th	1991	Stavanger / NOR	
5th	1994	Ceboksary / RUS	
6th	1998	Pigi / GRE	
7th	2002	Wuppertal / GER	
8th	2006	Oeiras / POR	
9th	2010	Baile Felix / ROM	
10th	2014	Bydgoszcz (POL)	
11th	2018	Bydgoszcz (POL)	
12th	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.8 Cross Country Skiing – Winter sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1977	Grainau / GER	
2nd	1981	Ponte di Legno / ITA	
3rd	1985	Meiringen / SUI	
4th	1988	Schladming / AUT	
5th	1992	Serre Chevalier / FRA	
6th	1996	Sundsvall / SWE	
7th	2000	Courmayeur / ITA	
8th	2004	Füssen / GER	
9th	2028	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.9 Curling – Winter sports

a) Team

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2014	Sochi / RUS	
2nd	2018	Schaffhausen / SUI	
3rd	2021	Lodz / POL	
4th	2026	Open	

Next scheduled

b) Mixed - Team

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2021	Lodz / POL	
2nd	2026	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.10 Cycling – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1988	Volketswil / SUI	
2nd	1992	Manresa / ESP	
3rd	1996	Pavia / ITA	
4th	2000	Kladno (CZE	
5th	2004	Landshut / GER	Cancelled
6th	2008	Verona / ITA	
7th	2012	Tolyatti / RUS	
8th	2016	Brugge / BEL	
9th	2021	Antalya / TUR	
10th	2026	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.11 Football – Summer sports

a) Men´s Team Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1987	Viareggio / ITA	
2nd	1991	Gent / BEL	
3rd	1995	Berlin / GER	
4th	1999	Oslo / NOR	
5th	2003	Torremolinos / ESP	
6th	2007	Lisbon / POR	
7th	2011	Odense / DEN	
8th	2015	Hanover / GER	
9th	2019	Heraklion / GRE	
10th	2024	Antalya / TUR	
11th	2028	Region Emilia Romagna / ITA	
12th	2032	Open	
Next scheduled			

b) Women´s Team Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2011	Albena / BUL	
2nd	2015	Hanover / GER	
3rd	2019	Heraklion / GRE	Cancelled
4th	2028	Region Emilia Romagna / ITA	
11th	2032	Open	
Next scheduled			

c) U21 Men´s Team Youth

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2016	Wroclaw / POL	
2nd	2018	Stockholm / SWE	
3rd	2020	Baunatal / GER	Cancelled
4th	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.12 Futsal – Winter sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2002	Sofia / BUL	
2nd	2006	Moscow / RUS	
3rd	2010	Winterthur / SUI	
4th	2014	Sofia / BUL	
5th	2018	Tampere / FIN	
6th	2022	Montesilvano / ITA	
7th	2026	Poreč / CRO	
8th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.13 Golf – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2023	Aland / FIN	
2nd	2027	Manchester / GBR	
3rd	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.14 Handball – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1967	Jönköping / SWE	
2nd	1980	Zurich / SUI	
3rd	1983	Oslo / NOR	
4th	1987	Copenhagen / DEN	
5th	1991	Lübeck / GER	
6th	1995	Reykjavik / ISL	
7th	2000	Oradea / ROM	
8th	2005	Istanbul / TUR	
9th	2008	Belgrade / SRB	
10th	2012	Lignano Sabbiadoro / ITA	
11th	2016	Berlin / BER	
12th	2021	Zagreb / CRO	
13th	2024	Frankenthal / GER	
14th	2028	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.15 Ice Hockey – Winter sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2000	Courmayeur / ITA	
2nd	2004	Füssen / GER	
3rd	2020	Brno / CZE	Cancelled
4th	2026	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.16 Judo – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2015	Yerevan / ARM	
2nd	2019	Brasschat / BEL	
3rd	2023	Sofia / BUL	
4th	2026	Baku / AZE	
5th	2030	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.17 Karate – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2015	Yerevan / ARM	
2nd	2019	Antalya / TUR	
3rd	2026	XXX / GRE	
4th	2030	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.18 Mountain Bike – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2008	Verona / ITA	
2nd	2012	Tolyatti / RUS	
3rd	2014	Kirchberg / AUT	
4th	2018	Anhee / BEL	
5th	2026	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.19 Ninepin Bowling – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2014	Celje / SLO	
2nd	2018	Ritzing / AUT	
3rd	2023	Straubing / GER	
4th	2026	Maribor / SLO	
5th	2029	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.20 Orienteering – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1988	Jönköping / SWE	
2nd	1992	Ramensko / RUS	
3rd	1996	St. Gallen / SUI	
4th	2000	Szentendre / HUN	
5th	2004	Cesic / LAT	
6th	2008	Vöfu / EST	
7th	2012	Eger / HUN	
8th	2016	Olomouc / CZE	
9th	2021	Vilnius / LTU	

10th	2024	Riga / LAT
11th	2026	Serres / GRE
12th	2030	Open
Next scheduled		

11.1.21 Padel – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2024	Malaga / ESP	
2nd	2026	Diegem / BEL	
3rd	2029	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.22 Pétanque – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.23 Shooting – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1967	Pilsen / CZE	
2nd	1972	Helsinki / FIN	
3rd	1976	Munich / GER	
4th	1980	Zurich / SUI	
5th	1983	Oslo / NOR	
6th	1987	Vejle / DEN	
7th	1991	Sofia / BUL	
8th	1995	Bolzano / ITA	
9th	1999	Gothenburg / SWE	
10th	2003	Serenitz / FRA	
11th	2007	Geneve / SUI	
12th	2011	Munich / GER	
13th	2015	Pilzen / CZE	
14th	2019	Moscow Region / RUS	
15th	2023	Poing / GER	
16th	2026	Sovi Sad / SRB	
17th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.24 Snowboard – Winter sports

a) Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2000	Courmayeur / ITA	
2nd	2004	Füssen / GER	
3rd	2012	Kuusamo / FIN	
4th	2028	Open	
Next scheduled			

b)**Youth**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2012	Davos / SUI	
2 nd	2028	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.25 Swimming – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1967	Stockholm / SWE	
2nd	1975	Kaposvar / HUN	
3rd	1983	Antibes / FRA	
4th	1986	London / GBR	
5th	1990	Lund / SWE	
6th	1994	Budapest / HUN	
7th	1998	Vilnius / LTU	
8th	2002	Amsterdam / NED	
9th	2006	Thessaloniki / GRE	
10th	2010	Dortmund / GER	
11th	2014	Saransk / RUS	
12th	2018	Lublin / POL	
13th	2026	Freiburg / GER	
14th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.26 Table Tennis – Summer sports**a)****Senior**

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1968	Brussels / BEL	
2nd	1971	Brussels / BEL	
3rd	1975	Bucharest / ROM	
4th	1979	Brussels / BEL	
5th	1983	Copenhagen / DEN	
6th	1987	Budapest / HUN	
7th	1991	Sofia / BUL	
8th	1995	Ramat Gan / ISR	
9th	1999	Izmir / TUR	
10th	2003	Budapest / HUN	
11th	2007	Malmo / SWE	
12th	2011	Czestochowa / POL	
13th	2015	Baden / AUT	
14th	2019	Albena / BUL	
15th	2024	Loutraki / GRE	
16th	2026	Open	
Next scheduled			

b) U18		Youth	
Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2015	Baden / AUT	
2nd	2019	Albena / BUL	
3rd	2024	Loutraki / GRE	
4th	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

c) U15		Youth	
Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2019	Albena / BUL	
2nd	2024	Loutraki / GRE	
3rd	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.27 Taekwondo – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2015	Yerevan / ARM	
2nd	2019	Antalya / TUR	
3rd	2026	Thessaloniki / GRE	
4th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.28 Tennis – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1967	Brussels / BEL	
2nd	1971	Munich / GER	
3rd	1975	Paris / FRA	
4th	1979	Copenhagen / DEN	
5th	1983	Luzern / SUI	
6th	1988	Merano / ITA	
7th	1992	Karlsruhe / GER	
8th	1996	Sheffield / GBR	
9th	2000	Kottiingbrunn / AUT	
10th	2004	Pau / FRA	
11th	2008	Bucuresti / ROM	
12th	2012	Koblenz / GER	
13th	2016	Portoroz / SLO	
14th	2021	Heraklion / GER	
15th	2024	Villach / AUT	
16th	2026	Zlatibor/ SRB	
17th	2030	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.29 Triathlon – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

11.1.30 Volleyball – Summer sports

a) U21 Youth

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2016	Lodz / POL	
2nd	2018	Palermo / ITA	
3rd	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

b) Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1982	Vejle / DEN	
2nd	1984	Sofia / BUL	
3rd	1990	Gdansk / POL	
4th	1994	Bolzano / ITA	
5th	1999	Moscow / RUS	
6th	2003	Munich / GER	
7th	2007	Kortrijk / BEL	
8th	2011	Antalya / TUR	
9th	2023	Karabuk / TUR	
10th	2028	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.31 Water Polo – Summer sports

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1974	Copenhagen / DEN	
2nd	1983	Antibes / FRA	
3rd	1990	Lund / SWE	
4th	1994	Budapest / HUN	
5th	1998	Genova / ITA	
6th	2002	Sheffield (GBR)	
7th	2006	Vác / HUN	
8th	2010	Dublin / IRL	Cancelled
9th	2027	Open	

Next scheduled

11.1.32 Wrestling – Summer sports

a) Senior

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	1994	Ceboksary / RUS	
2nd	2000	Stara Zagira / BUL	
3rd	2003	Istanbul / TUR	
4th	2007	Bila Cerkva / UKR	

5th	2011	Yerevan / ARM
6th	2015	Tbilisi / GEO
7th	2026	Open
Next scheduled		

b) Youth

Edition	Year	Host City / Country	Notes
1st	2011	Yerevan / ARM	
2nd	2015	Tbilisi / GEO	
3rd	2027	Open	
Next scheduled			

EUROPEAN DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

BID APPLICATION FORM



1. Applicant Information

1.1 National Deaf Sports Federation: _____

1.2 Country: _____

2. General Information on the Bid

2.1 Proposed Year of the Championship: _____

2.2 Proposed Dates (start-end): _____

2.3 Host City / Host Region: _____

3. Event Category

Men

Women

Youth

U

4. Sports Programme

4.1 Sports _____

We have attached:

- A certificate of support from the city and the National Sports Federation was presented.
- Annex A (also includes photos and descriptions of sports facilities and hotel)

We, as a European Deaf Sport Organisation Member, agree to abide by the "General Regulations for European Deaf Championships" in force.

Date: _____ President (Signature) Secretary-General (Signature)

Form send to EDSO

E-mail: secretary@edso.eu

XX.XX.20XX at the latest

ANNEX A

5. VENUES

- 5.1 Proposed Competition Venue(s)
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

5.2 Training Facilities YES NO

6. ACCOMMODATION

- 6.1 Hotel name: _____
- Prices include breakfast _____ €
Prices include half board _____ €
Prices include full board _____ €
Distance from hotel to sports venue _____ km
- 6.2 Hotel name: _____
- Prices include breakfast _____ €
Prices include half board _____ €
Prices include full board _____ €
Distance from hotel to sports venue _____ km
- 6.3 Hotel name: _____
- Prices include breakfast _____ €
Prices include half board _____ €
Prices include full board _____ €
Distance from hotel to sports venue _____ km

7. AIRPORT

1. Airport City: _____ Distance from hotel to airport _____ km
2. Airport City: _____ Distance from hotel to airport _____ km

8. OC FEES

Planned OC fees for transport, venue, training, etc. per person _____ €

11.4. EDSO Certificate for EDC - Organiser – Template



Brussels, XX XXXXXXXX 20XX

HOST CITY AWARD

XXXXX XXXXXXXX

President of European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO)

C E R T I F Y

that EDSO Executive Committee had awards the host City

City (Country)

and

the organization

(NDSF)

for

European Deaf (Sports) Championships

XX-XX XXX 20XX

EDSO issues this certificate on XX XXXXXXXX 20XX as confirmation for **(NDSF)** to use for appropriate purposes in pursuance of conducting the above Championship according to EDSO General Regulation, EDSO Technical Regulation.

XXXXX XXXXXXXX

EDSO President

(Stamp)

XXXXX XXXXXXXX

EDSO Secretary General



EUROPEAN DEAF (SPORTS) CHAMPIONSHIPS
HOST AGREEMENT

(Date)

City (Country)

1. Contracting Parties

This Host Agreement is concluded between:

1. European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO)

– hereinafter referred to as “EDSO” –
acting as the event owner, organiser and highest sporting authority,

and

2. [Name of the National Deaf Sports Federation] (NDSF)

– hereinafter referred to as “NDSF” –
acting as an EDSO Member Federation and the official host.

The NDSF may appoint a Local Organising Committee (LOC) or a comparable organisational structure to carry out the operational delivery of the Event.

The LOC shall act solely on behalf of and under the full responsibility of the NDSF and shall not be an independent contracting party to this Agreement.

2. Subject of the Agreement

2.1

The subject of this Agreement is the organisation and delivery of the EDSO European Deaf Championships [Sport] [Year] in [City, Country] (hereinafter referred to as the “Event”).

2.2

The Event is officially recognised as an EDSO European Deaf Championship conducted under the authority of EDSO.

2.3

The Event shall be organised in accordance with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the applicable EDSO Technical Regulations,
- the EDSO Host Handbook,
- and all resolutions of the EDSO Executive Committee (EDSO EC).

3. Status of the Event

3.1

EDSO remains the sole owner of the Event, including sporting authority, title, designation, interpretation of rules and final decision-making power.

3.2

The NDSF acts as the official host. Any LOC appointed by the NDSF acts as the operational delivery body on behalf of the NDSF.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Responsibilities of EDSO

EDSO shall be responsible for:

- official recognition of the European Championship,
- approval of the sporting framework,
- appointment or confirmation of Sports Directors, Technical Delegates and officials where required,
- sporting supervision and control,
- acting as the final sporting and disciplinary authority.

EDSO shall not assume any operational or financial responsibility for the Event.

4.2 Responsibilities of the NDSF and LOC

The NDSF, together with any appointed LOC, shall be responsible for:

- the full organisation and delivery of the Event,
- establishment and supervision of the LOC,
- operational planning, implementation and reporting,
- compliance with all sporting, organisational and accessibility standards,
- cooperation with public authorities, partners and service providers.

The overall responsibility remains with the NDSF at all times.

5. Financial Responsibility and Cost Coverage

5.1

The NDSF bears full financial responsibility for the Event.

5.2

The NDSF may delegate operational and financial tasks to the LOC.

Such delegation does not release the NDSF from its overall responsibility.

5.3

Financial responsibility includes, but is not limited to:

- sports venues, technical equipment and infrastructure,
- personnel, volunteers and service providers,
- accommodation, catering and transportation,
- medical services, safety, anti-doping and audiogram testing,
- ceremonies, medals and diplomas,
- insurance and risk management.

5.4

The NDSF, either directly or jointly with the LOC, shall cover all costs related to EDSO representatives, including inspection visits, presence during the Event, travel, accommodation, meals and agreed allowances.

5.5

EDSO shall not assume any financial liability related to the Event.

5.6 Fees Payable to EDSO and Organisational Fees

All participation fees, penalties and administrative fees payable to EDSO shall be charged in accordance with the EDSO General Regulations and the official EDSO Fee Schedule and shall be paid directly to EDSO.

Any additional organisational or local participation fees shall be charged by the NDSF and/or LOC and shall be used exclusively for organisational purposes of the Event.
Such organisational fees shall not exceed EUR 100.00 per person.

If an organisational fee exceeding EUR 100.00 per person is required, a substantiated written justification must be submitted and prior approval by the EDSO Executive Committee is mandatory.

5.7 Support in Exceptional Situations

In exceptional situations that may significantly affect the organisation or financial stability of the Event (e.g. late team withdrawals or unforeseen operational challenges), the NDSF may inform EDSO accordingly.

Upon request and at its sole discretion, EDSO may provide limited organisational, logistical or material support, subject to availability and prior approval by the EDSO Executive Committee. Such support shall be voluntary, non-binding and shall not constitute any financial entitlement.

6. Public Funding and Financing

6.1

Applications for public funding lie solely with the NDSF and/or LOC.

6.2

EDSO confirms the official status of the Event but assumes no liability for funding approvals, conditions, audits or repayment claims.

7. Venues and Standards

7.1

All competition venues must comply with the regulations of the relevant international sport federations (e.g. World Athletics, FIFA, FIBA, FIVB) and the applicable EDSO Technical Regulations.

7.2

Any deviation requires prior written approval by EDSO.

7.3 Hotel Accommodation Requirements

The NDSF and/or LOC shall provide a minimum of three (3) hotel accommodation options in different price categories. If fewer than three hotel options are available, a written justification must be submitted and approval obtained from EDSO prior to publication.

8. Inspections and Supervision

8.1

The NDSF and/or LOC shall conduct all inspections required by EDSO.

8.2

EDSO may require corrective measures.

8.3

All inspection-related costs shall be borne by the NDSF and/or LOC.

9. Liability and Insurance

9.1

The NDSF and/or LOC shall ensure adequate insurance coverage.

9.2

EDSO shall not be liable for damages, injuries or losses related to the Event.

10. Sports Jurisdiction and Sanctions

10.1

Sporting disputes shall be handled in accordance with EDSO regulations.

10.2

If organised with an EDSO-authorised partner organisation, that organisation may apply its own sports jurisdiction and sanctions.

10.3

The final authority remains with the EDSO Executive Committee.

11. Termination of the Agreement

11.1

EDSO may terminate this Agreement in cases of serious deficiencies, regulatory violations, insolvency of the NDSF and/or LOC, or risks to safety or integrity.

11.2

Termination may result in withdrawal of hosting rights.

11.3 Host Withdrawal and Withdrawal Fee

If the NDSF and/or LOC withdraws after signature, a withdrawal fee shall be payable to EDSO in accordance with the EDSO Fee Schedule applicable at the date of signature.

12. Communication and Designation

12.1

The designation “EDSO European Deaf Championships” and EDSO logos may only be used for the Event.

12.2

Official communication shall be coordinated with EDSO.

13. Final Provisions

13.1

This Agreement is governed by EDSO statutes and regulations.

13.2

The English version of this Agreement shall be the binding and authoritative version.

13.3

Amendments must be made in writing.

13.4

This Agreement enters into force upon signature.

14. Signatures

**For the European Deaf Sports Organisation
(EDSO)**

**For the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(NDSF)**

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Place / Date:

Place / Date:

Signature:

Signature:

Stamp:

Stamp:



11.6. EDSO Basic Host Checklist

SECTION 1 – BEFORE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE HOST

TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	NOTES	STATUS
Host Agreement signed	NDSF + EDSO EC	Before announcement	Legally binding	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOC appointed	NDSF	Immediately	Full list with roles + contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dates and host city confirmed	NDSF + EDSO	Before publication	Avoid clashes	<input type="checkbox"/>
List of sport venues identified	LOC	Before confirmation	Photos + details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initial budget drafted	NDSF + LOC	Before confirmation	Must follow EDSO rules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key EDSO officials appointed	EDSO	At confirmation	EDSO Representative + EDSO Sports director	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 2 – EVENT PHASES

2.1. MORE THAN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENT

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Formation of Organising Committee	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Booking of venues or sports facilities and hotels	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Negotiations with the State and/or the Community about support for the event	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Invitations to participate in the EDC	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Formation of Technical Committee	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with National Sports Federation about support for the event	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of event posters	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invitation to competitions with time limits for entries sent out by the EDSO		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline, format and structure of the Championships been approved		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 12–6 MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENT (Basic preparations)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Contracts signed with all competition venues	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Venues meet minimum technical requirements	X		<input type="checkbox"/>

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Training venues available	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sufficient hotel capacity for all delegations	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Catering concept prepared	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Airport transportation organised	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport between hotel and venues planned	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Website or event information page available	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
International Sign available	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
First-aid concept prepared	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with emergency services established	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Doping control room planned	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing test planned	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
All recommendations documented and planning adjusted	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
All essential information accessible (Bulletin)	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRST EDSO inspection carried out approx. 12 months before the event	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation of technical regulations		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3. 6–3 MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENT (Detailed planning and confirmations)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Referees / Technical Officials confirmed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports equipment ordered or available	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Visa assistance activated	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Accreditation system prepared	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel bookings prepared	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations from EDSO implemented	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Progress reports must be submitted to the EDSO representative and the TD six (6) months, three (3) months, and one (1) month before the EDC.	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Preliminary Entry Form published	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECOND EDSO inspection (if required)	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team sport draw (if applicable) planned → Either on-site OR online/remote in agreement with EDSO	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed competition schedule prepared	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4. 3–0 MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENT (Final preparation)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Final venue walkthrough completed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage and visual information installed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoreboard and results system tested	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Media information prepared	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
IS interpreters confirmed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer registration completed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteers are trained for their assigned tasks	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Competition and training plan final check	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Check all sports equipment and flag for example, balls, vests, EDSO and Country flag etc.	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation for rooms and materials as well as the International Sign for Technical Meeting	X		<input type="checkbox"/>

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Progress reports must be submitted to the EDSO representative and the TD six (6) months, three (3) months, and one (1) month before the EDC.	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Competition and training plan final check	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.5. DURING THE EVENT (Daily responsibilities)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Daily results are published quickly	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media and website updated	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport runs reliably	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitions start on time	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Medal ceremonies performed correctly	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Info desk always staffed	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid staff on site	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation of sign language interpreters	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily official results and statistics for LOC and participating countries		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.6. AFTER THE EVENT (Mandatory closing tasks)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
Final Event Report submitted to EDSO (within 90 days)	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Financial Report submitted to EDSO	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Thank-you communication to volunteers and partners	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Results Report to LOC and Participating Countries		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDC Report to EDSO EC and LOC		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3 – GOVERNANCE & RESPONSIBILITIES OVERVIEW

3.1. Technical regulation and Protests

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Representative	STATUS
Comparison with the local conditions	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting up of a time schedule and inspection of the sports hall or stadium	X	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Survey and dispatch		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking and approval		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Write to the International Sport Federation (UEFA, FIBA and others) and ask for support		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
International Sport Federation Regulation in the English language		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Protests		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Official protest form and fees payment				<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2. Technical meeting

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Premises for approx. 50 persons	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision drinks	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Black board, pencil paper and others	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Draw of the start numbers and others	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of the participation fee for OC	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of the participation fee for EDSO		X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protocol from the technical meeting	X	X		<input type="checkbox"/>

3.3. Competition office

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
A computer with a programme, printers for diplomas and results	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopiers	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
All flags of the participating countries	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Room for the EDSO officials	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Coffee machine, refrigerator and drinks as well as utilities	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
2 big and 2 small flags of the EDSO	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.4. Daily bulletins (for all participants, among others)

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
List of all athletes and officials	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Starting lists after the draw or competition and game schedule	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopiers	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Other information	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcome address from the EDSO President	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport photos of the EDSO officials and the sports director for the program	X			<input type="checkbox"/>

3.5. Advertising and decoration

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Posters in English and the national language	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover sheets for bulletins and results	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Medals Gold Silver Bronze	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Diplomas: 1st - 8th place	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Total results: 2 copies for the team and 4 copies for EDSO EC	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Information homepage and per email EDSO countries	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Email + Disk/USB to EDSO webmaster	X	X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily of results on the EDSO website	X	X		<input type="checkbox"/>

3.6. Ceremony

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Awarding of medals only by EDSO Officials			X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Announcement of results by the EDSO SD		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Handing over of diplomas by the EDSO SD		X		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cups, honorary awards etc. by the OC (President, donors etc.)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceremonies according to the regulation for opening and closing ceremonies	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.7. Accreditation

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Photo of all athletes and officials	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Differently coloured identity cards with photos	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Athletes (blue)				
b) Officials (green)				
c) EDSO (red)				
d) Organising committee (orange)				
e) Honorary quests with honorary cards (white)				
f) 3-4 delegates from National Federation next EDC (red)				

3.8. Doping control and Hearing tests

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Doping control	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Name list of the doctors, OC assistants and EDSO Official				
Premises and drinks	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing test	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Information of the hearing specialist				
Transport	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Control of hearing aids and audiograms			X	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.9. Organisation

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Daily transport of all EDSO Officials (representatives, Sports director and other functions)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpreter for the EDSO Officials	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation of the participating countries and referees to the competition venue	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Press / Media	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteers	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid service on all days	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Information to hospitals and the provision of an interpreter	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Information and invitations to all foreign embassies, consulates of the participating countries	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Official reception by the official authorities (Major, Sports President and others)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Farewell party - banquet	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily meeting points – Social evenings	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Other organisations for help by the organisation	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposition and reservation of accommodation for all team	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrival and departure	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
List the time of the teams				
Transportation for arrival				
Transportation or departure				
Training schedule	X			<input type="checkbox"/>

3.10. After the event

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Final balance of the European Deaf Championships (only for EDSO)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Survey of the expenses for the European Championships (only for EDSO)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Written report after the end of the European Championships	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 4 – COST

4.1. EDSO Officials

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Expenses for Travel/Flight	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Accommodation	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Meal full board or 10,00 € per breakfast, €25,00 € per lunch, 25,00 € per dinner (total 60,00 € per day)	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Expense allowance 40,00 € per day	X			<input type="checkbox"/>

4.2. International referee

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Expenses for Travel/Flight	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Accommodation	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Meal	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Expense allowance Same fee as a national referee or higher – prior agreement required.	X			<input type="checkbox"/>

4.3. Others

TASK	NDSF / LOC	EDSO Sports director	EDSO Represen- tative	STATUS
Trophies, medals, diplomas and honorary prizes	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Doping control and hearing tests	X			<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpreters	X			<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional costs are usually covered by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) or the participating country. In the event of unexpected or unclear costs, the LOC must consult EDSO in advance to clarify who will bear the costs.

SECTION 5 – OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS

5.1 Team Sports

TASK	Target Date	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
			Sports director	
Form 1 (preliminary entry)	24 months before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form 2 for qualification (final entry)	21 months before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the maximum number of teams for EDC admission is exceeded, then qualification is required.				
Form 2 for final EDC (final entry)	12 months before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the maximum number of teams for EDC admission is not exceeded, then no qualification is required.				
Form 3 (preliminary athlete registration)	1 month before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form 4 (final athlete registration)	2 weeks before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2. Individual Sports

TASK	Target Date	NDSF / LOC	EDSO	STATUS
			Sports director	
Form 1 (preliminary entry)	12 months before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form 2 (final entry)	6 months before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form 3 (final athlete registration)	1 month before		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 6 – COMMITTEE

6.1. Organising Committee

Role	Name
1	
2	
3	
4	
5 EDSO Official	
6 EDSO Official	

6.2. Technical Committee

	Role	Name
1	EDSO Sports director	
2	EDSO Official	
3	EDSO Official	
4		
5		
6		

6.3. Protest / Jury Committee

	Role	Name
1	EDSO Sports director	
2	EDSO Official	
3		
4		
5		
6		

DEAF-FRIENDLY QUICK SUMMARY (FOR ATHLETES & TEAMS)

(For the European Deaf Championships organised by EDSO)

1. What are the Championships?

- Official European Deaf Championships
- Organised by EDSO
- Held every 2 / 4 years (Summer + Winter)
- Official communication: **International Sign (IS)** + English
- All information must be **visual and easy to understand**

2. Who can participate?

- Hearing loss **55 dB or more** (better ear)
- Valid ICSD Athletes Registration (from ICSD)
- **No hearing aids / CI** during competition
- Registration only through your **National Deaf Sports Federation**

3. Who is responsible?

- **EDSO**
→ Rules, approval, inspections
- **EDSO Sports Director (EDSO SD)**
→ Ensure rules and fair competition
- **National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF)**
→ Registers athletes and manages your delegation
- **Local Organising Committee (LOC)**
→ Organises the event on site
- **Volunteers**
→ Support teams, logistics, check-in, info points

4. Important Areas at the Event

- Competition area (Field of Play)
- Warm-up zone
- Mixed Zone (interviews)
- Media area
- Anti-Doping control
- Audiogram room
- Medical / First Aid
- Accreditation centre
- Transport area
- Athlete hotel/village

5. Deaf-Friendly Communication

- All announcements must be **visual**
- All meetings with **International Sign (IS)**
- IS video updates recommended
- Clear signs, maps, arrows everywhere
- No audio-only announcements
- Emergency messages always **visual + International Sign (IS)**

6. Main Rules for Hosts

Hosts (LOC) must:

- Follow all rules from:
 - EDSO
 - ICSD
- Guarantee safety and accessibility
- Provide medical and anti-doping services
- Ensure clear signage and good lighting
- Provide accurate, updated daily schedules
- Respect athlete welfare and fair play

7. Steps for Teams

1. Arrival & accreditation
2. Receive welcome info + schedule
3. Audiogram check (if required)
4. Technical Meeting
5. Training sessions
6. Competition
7. Medal ceremony
8. Departure

8. Feedback & Final Report

- Teams give feedback after the event
- LOC prepares a Final Report
- Report is sent to EDSO
- Used to improve future Championships

9. Respect & Fair Play

- Respect all athletes, officials and volunteers
- No discrimination
- Fair play in all competitions
- Positive Deaf community spirit
- Support each other and enjoy the event

