



emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

Many disabled children dream of doing sports and enjoy being able to move freely. Sport is a joy, a passion as well as relaxation. It strengthens bonds with our friends, allows us to forget everyday worries, it is an important part of our lives.

Therefore, we want to give children and youth with a disability the same opportunity as everybody else. With this they can truly understand that true effort and determination makes sense and will be supported. Thanks to the European Games they will get the opportunity to play sports with their able-bodied athletes and together remove unnecessary prejudice and bashfulness.

The European Games will allow the participants to show their best and to either regain or boost their confidence. Happiness and tears of joy will be the imaginary medal for everybody.

EMIL OPEN 2023 DESCRIPTION

Organiser: Emilova sportovní, z.s., Malinovského náměstí 603/4, 602 00 Brno, IČ 067 07 785.
The association was established by the Emil Foundation (Nadační fond Emil).

Project Name: 12th European Youth Games for the Disabled Emil Open

Date: 21st – 25th June 2023

Venue: Brno, Czech Republic

Project partners: Sport Technical Guarantor: Masaryk University, Faculty of Sport Studies

With support from: South Moravian Region
Brno city

Contact: Pavel Zbožínek, Organising Committee President, zbozinek@emilopen.cz
Vojtěch Kocůrek, Organising Committee Vice President, kocurek@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz





emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

What is Emil Open?

The Emil Open/European Youth Games for the Disabled is an international and a social gathering of young people with disabilities. The expected number of international participants, the international concept and the sport and accompanying programme make it a unique event of a European format.

Target group: Youth with a physical, intellectual, hearing, visual or combined impairment **from 10 to 26 years old.**

Sports and sporting venues

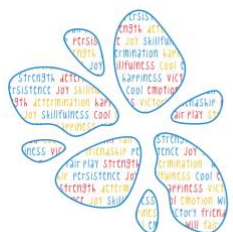
SPORT	CATEGORY	VENUE
ATHLETICS	Open, Mixed	Athletics stadium Sport centre VUT Brno, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion
SWIMMING	Open	Swimming pool Sport & Recreational Centre Kraví hora, Údolní 76, Brno, www.kravihora-brno.cz
		Swimming pool Aquapark Kohoutovice, Chalabalova 946/2a, Brno- Kohoutovice, https://aquapark.starez.cz
TABLE TENNIS	Open, Mixed	Sports hall Faculty of Sports Studies MU, Kamenice 5, 625 00 Brno-Bohunice http://www.fsps.muni.cz/pronajmy/?page=facility
BOCCIA (physical impairment)	Open (groups BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4)	
BOCCE	Open, Mixed	Outdoor grassy area Sport centre VUT Brno, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion
ARCHERY	Open	Upper playground – artificial grass Sport centre VUT Brno, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion
CYCLING	Open	Upper playground - track Sport centre VUT Brno, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion

Please note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to possible changes in the Sports List.

Category Description:

Open is for all individuals from the target group (sport beginners or advanced athletes) regardless of whether they are registered in a sport club or not. They must, however, have some training experience in any kind of sport competitions. The competitions are held under modified International Rules and Regulations to fit such an event level. The exact Rules and Regulations will be announced along with the Sport Specific Schedule on 10th April 2023. This category allows youth with a disability that are sport beginners or do sport recreationally to meet with their potential role models in the “big sporting world”.





emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

Mixed includes specific events for collectives of both disabled and able-bodied athletes. This category represents the inclusive mission of the project. Staff are recommended and welcomed to participate in these events.

Preliminary Entry Procedure & Dates

1st March 2023	Preliminary Entries Open – Entry by Number	Preliminary Number of Participants – please provide us with an estimated number of athletes and staff per sport including their disability
31st March 2023	Preliminary Entries Close	
10th April 2023	Sport Specific Schedule Announced	Besides other things, the organiser will announce maximum number of athletes for each sport and will inform the participants on their application status .
10th April 2023	Final Entries Open – Entry by Name	Firm Entries – personal details; sport, category, event; accommodation and transport details etc.
10th May 2023	Final Entries Close	

Please note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to possible changes in the Entry Procedure & Dates.

www.emilopen.cz/entries

Registration of teams: Participants are accepted to **the full capacity of the sport** – the organizer reserves the right to reduce the number of registered athletes according to the limits of individual sports.

Limits of athletes

Sport	Sport director	Maximum number of athletes
Athletics	Petr Kotyza	200
Swimming	Jan Sommer	140
Table Tennis	Pavel Vacenovský	40
Boccia	Radek Procházka	48
Bocce	Alena Skotáková	70
Archery	Šárka Musilová	30
Cycling	Undetermined	Undetermined

Please note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to possible changes





emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

Preliminary Games Schedule

Tuesday	20 th June 2023	All day	Arrivals of foreign teams
Wednesday	21 st June 2023	Morning	Arrivals of foreign and Czech teams
		Afternoon	Opening Ceremony
Thursday	22 nd June 2023	Till 3pm	Competitions
		Afternoon	Accompanying programme
Friday	23 rd June 2023	Till 3pm	Competitions
		Afternoon	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	24 th June 2023	Morning	Accompanying programme
		Afternoon	Accompanying programme, Departures
Sunday	25 th June 2023	Morning	Departures

Please note: The Organising Committee reserves the right to possible changes in the Games Schedule.

Financing

It is a non-profit event with the goal of not burdening the participants with any fee. **The organizer pays for accommodation, food and transport at the venue for the athletes and any necessary accompaniment.** Moreover, free transport within the Czech Republic is being negotiated with the Czech Railways.

For athletes with mental and hearing impairments, we will strictly require the following limits for the accompaniment for which we will pay accommodation and meals:

- 1-4 athletes - 1 accompanying person,
- 5-9 athletes - 3 accompanying persons,
- 10-16 athletes - 4 accompanying persons,
- 17-20 athletes - 5 accompanying persons.

Other members of the entourage will be overcharged for accommodation and meals.

For athletes with physical and visual impairments, the escort will remain at a 1:1 ratio if assistance is required.

The registered organisation/person agrees that in the event of the participant's withdrawal after 21 May 2023, the cancellation fee for accommodation and meals resulting from the contractual relationship between the organiser and the accommodation facilities will be recharged. Cancellation after 21 May is only possible by the organiser, in which case no cancellation fee will be charged.

Note: The above-mentioned free services are provided to **foreign** participants from **20th June 2023 if necessary** (first meal is dinner) to **25th June 2023** (If they participate in Saturday's accompanying programme and cannot leave afterwards. Last meal is breakfast or snack). All the participants are responsible for covering the accommodation and full board costs outside these dates (reservations with the organiser).





emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

What can you expect?

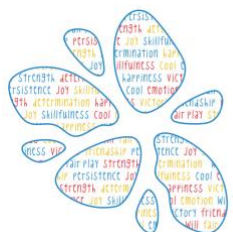
For the participants and the public there will be a high number of promotional events where prominent people from sport and culture will be present. Such events will promote not only the Games but also sports for the disabled.

- ✓ **The opening ceremony** will be a small one-day festival of disability sports - opening ceremony with a parade of flag bearers, introductions of individual teams, demonstrations of individual sports, presentations of local sports clubs and non-profit organizations.
- ✓ **At individual venues, the public will be offered to try the disabled sport.** The goal is to provide sport fans and families with an attractive sport programme and the atmosphere of full stands.
- ✓ **Enjoy Brno!** and therefore a wide range of accompanying programme will be prepared for the participants to entertain, educate and above all discover the beauty of the city of Brno.
- ✓ **Competing with masters** – athletes entered in Open/Mixed categories will have the opportunity to compete with champions, medallists, or representatives of top disabled-sport competitions. Participants will be inspired to follow the path of the masters and will be able to draw on their experience and recommendations for engaging in the sport.
- ✓ **Closing Ceremony** – A festive and prestigious event with awards to the best athletes accompanied by a rich programme.

Emil Open Mission!

- ✓ **Opportunity to challenge yourself in various sport events and to experience a sport event of a higher format.** For many participants, it will be their very first contact with their foreign mates and their first time competing in an international event. Thanks to the intensive sport experience, the Games will contribute on a European scale not only to sport but also personal development of the individual athlete. Besides sport competitions, the Games mainly represent an opportunity to have friendly gatherings of young people with disabilities from different European countries.
- ✓ **To enable amateur disabled athletes to compete** and get inspiration from other experienced athletes from eleven other European countries. By competing with one another the registered athletes become models for other athletes with disabilities. They also have a chance to be appreciated publicly for their performances.
- ✓ **Maximum support for the social inclusion of children and young with disabilities,** through sport events designed for mixed groups of both disabled and able-bodied participants. Another important part is the involvement of volunteers from mainstream schools.
- ✓ **To give the public an insight about disabled sports with the aim of eliminating prejudice and barriers.** There are over a million people with disabilities in the Czech Republic. This issue is not often positively perceived by public, although sport and complex rehabilitation significantly improve the mental and physical condition of a disabled individual in most cases of post-injury traumas.





emil OPEN

12th European Youth Games
for the Disabled

21st – 25th June 2023 | Brno | Czech Republic

info@emilopen.cz

www.emilopen.cz

Organiser

Emilova sportovní, z.s. is an organisation established by the Emil Foundation (Nadační fond Emil) to support the development of physical and social activities of the public and people with disabilities, organizing sport events and opening sport clubs.

The Emil Foundation is a non-profit organisation that assists physically disabled children and young adults in their sporting involvement primarily through direct financial aid. To date, over 8000 athletes and teams have benefited from the work of the Emil Foundation.

The Emil Foundation is experienced in financial and project management of significant international projects that have always been successfully completed with a balanced budget.

Experience with organising international sport events

2022 - European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 800, number of countries: 15

2021 - European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 611, number of countries: 12

2020 - European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 297, number of countries: 3 (953 athletes, the most ever, from 16 countries registered for the Games. The numbers had to be limited because of forced cuts.)

2019 – European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 824, number of countries: 17

2018 – European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 403, number of countries: 16 (917 athletes from 18 countries registered for the Games. The numbers had to be limited because of forced cuts.)

2017 – European Youth Games for the Disabled “Emil Open”

Number of participants: 710, number of countries: 16

2016 – IWAS U23 World Games Prague 2016

Number of participants: 398, number of countries: 30

2013 – International Youth Games for the Disabled

Number of participants: 350, number of countries: 11

2012 – European Paralympic Youth Games

Number of participants: 400, number of countries: 14

2011 – European Youth Games

Number of participants: 425, number of countries: 13

2010 – Youth Games for the Disabled

Number of participants: 532, number of countries: 10

2009 – Youth Games for the Disabled

A pilot project of the Emil Foundation. Over 280 athletes.

