

Minigolf World Championships August 19th-23rd, 2025 in Neheim-Hüsten

19.–23. August 2025  Neheim

MINIGOLF World Championships



PROMOTER



Approved by WMF Technical Committee in February 2025

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INVITATION
MINIGOLF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL CLASS
AUGUST 19th-23rd, 2025

- PROMOTER:** World Minigolf Sport Federation
- ORGANIZER:** Deutscher Minigolf Sport Verband e.V.
<https://www.wc-2025-neheim.de>
- LOCATION OF COURSES:** Zu den Drei Bänken 5, 59757 Arnsberg
course A: concrete
course B: miniaturegolf
- CATEGORIES:** General class women's individual strokeplay and matchplay (max. 4 players / nation)
General class men's individual strokeplay and matchplay (max. 7 players / nation)
Women's national teams strokeplay (3 players + 1 substitute, 1 team / nation)
Men's national teams strokeplay (6 players + 1 substitute, 1 team / nation)
Mixed pairs mixed strokeplay (1 female + 1 male player from same country, max. 4 pairs / nation)
- PARTICIPATION:** All active members of the WMF, as long as they came up to all their obligations towards the WMF and its Continental Federations. WMF Executive Committee can on application approve the participation of players from nations, which are not yet active members of WMF or other wild card players.
- REGISTRATION:** Until May 31st, 2025 compulsory with enclosed form only to
WMF Vice President Sport
Pasi Aho
e-mail: vice-president-sport@minigolfsport.com
If participants from your country need visa for travelling to the championships, please send information including all necessary data VERY EARLY to the organizer!! The contact address can be found under VISA CONTACT in this invitation.
- PRACTICING FEE:** Pre official training August 11th-14th: EUR 6,00 / day / player (payable to organizer)
Before August 11th regular training fees of the course owner
- PARTICIPATION FEE:** EUR 100,00 for players, coaches and officials
No extra fee for teams or mixed pairs
Fees have to be paid until May 31st, 2025 to the account of WMF. Please note that all banking fees (also those charged by the recipient's bank) must be paid by the sender and the full amount must arrive to the WMF account. When transferring from a bank outside the eurozone, please choose a charging option ensuring that all bank charges are paid by the sender ("OUR" charging option in most payment systems). Payments are possible only in EUR currency.

Please pay right in time and only to:
Bank: Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
IBAN: SE80 5000 0000 0593 0828 6683
SWIFT: ESSESESS

For further questions please contact WMF Vice President Sport.
For delayed registrations or payments, the participation fee is 125 % of the fee above.
Participation fees are non-refundable after the registrations have been finally confirmed by WMF. The only exception to this is a possible cancellation of the championship by WMF for extremely severe reasons (force majeure).
- ACCOMMODATION AND VISA CONTACT:** For accommodation enquiries and visa assistance, please contact:
Deutscher Minigolf Sport Verband e.V.
Email: info@minigolfsport.de

Partner hotels are also listed on the championship website <https://www.wc-2025-neheim.de>

The worldwide international sport rules of WMF including supplementary rules and worldwide international sport regulations are applied for the Minigolf World Championships. Sport shoes and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf are required during official practice time and tournament. Only sports hats are allowed.

Each participant – or for minors (participants younger than 18 years) their legal guardian – must have signed two forms for acceptance of WADA-code 2021, media coverage and WMF anti-doping regulations.

1. Athlete Consent form
2. Declaration of full media acceptance

Both forms are downloadable here: <https://gov.minigolfsport.com/events/consent-forms-international-championships>.
Please fill in the forms electronically (or by hand), print and sign them and then send the scans to vice-president-sport@minigolfsport.com.

You will get confirmation that the files are well received. In case of weak scan quality, you will be informed to bring the originals to the championships.



Pasi Aho
WMF Vice President Sport

SCHEDULE

Groups for nations training:

The final composition of the groups will be published according to the final entries after May 31st, 2025 by e-mail and on WMF media channels.

The accreditation of all participants has to be filed immediately after arrival in Neheim, latest Friday, August 15th, 2025, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2025

15:00	Last possibility for written complaints regarding courses
16:00	Inspection of the courses by WMF and Organizer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2025

08:00 – 13:00	Nations training group A
13:00 – 18:00	Nations training group B
after 18:00	Courses open for both groups
18:00	Deadline for accreditation of all players, officials and coaches

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2025

08:00 – 13:00	Nations training group B
13:00 – 18:00	Nations training group A
after 18:00	Courses open for both groups
09:00	WMF Delegates' Conference 2025

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2025

Players, who lose practice time as delegates at the WMF Delegates' Conference 2025, get as compensation more practice time during Sunday from 08:00 to 17:00.

08:00 – 12:30	Nations training group A
12:30 – 17:00	Nations training group B
after 17:00	No training allowed until the end of opening ceremony
11:00	Media conference
12:00	Deadline for payment of the practicing fees
12:00	WC 2025 Technical meeting
17:00	Deadline for nomination of players and team order
18:30	Opening ceremony

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2025

08:00 – 13:00	Nations training group B
13:00 – 18:00	Nations training group A
after 18:00	Courses open for both groups
15:00	Referee meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2025
FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

08:00	Start for men	miniaturegolf	concrete	miniaturegolf
08:00	Start for women	concrete	miniaturegolf	concrete

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2025
SECOND DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF TEAM STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the first day for individual players and team results after the first day for team players. The team players are divided into two tournament groups. Group 1 consists of teams from place 7 downwards and this group starts before group 2. Group 2 consists of teams in places 1 to 6 and starts after group 1.

08:00	Start for men	concrete	miniaturegolf	concrete
08:00	Start for women	miniaturegolf	concrete	miniaturegolf

End of team competition.

Necessary team sudden death: Immediately after the end of team competition at the course played last by the category

After the competition: Medal ceremony for team championships at the courses

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st, 2025
THIRD DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the second day. If the time calculations show need for it, the intermediate round will be played with shotgun start.

Intermediate round of the individual strokeplay championships for all participants:

08:00	Start for men	miniaturegolf	concrete
08:00	Start for women	concrete	miniaturegolf

Necessary individual sudden death for qualifying to the individual matchplay finals (best 32 men / 16 women):
Immediately after the end of intermediate round on course A

Final round of the individual strokeplay championships:

14:00	Start for men + women	miniaturegolf	concrete
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Necessary sudden death: Immediately after the end of competition on course A

After the competition: Medal ceremony for individual strokeplay championships at the courses

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2025
FOURTH DAY OF COMPETITION - MIXED PAIRS' STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying rounds of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

08:00	concrete	miniaturegolf
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Necessary sudden death for qualifying to the mixed pairs' final:
Immediately after the end of competition at the course played last

Final rounds of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

14:00	miniaturegolf	concrete
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Mixed pairs are regrouped in accordance with the results of the qualification rounds. The qualification round scores are carried on to the final.

Necessary sudden death: Immediately after the end of the mixed pairs' final on course A

After the competition: Medal ceremony for mixed pairs' championships at the courses

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2025

FIFTH DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

08:00	Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 32 men
09:30	Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 16 women
Necessary sudden death:	Immediately after the end of each match, continuing at the next of the 18 lanes chosen for the individual matchplay finals
After the competition:	Medal ceremony for individual matchplay championships at the courses
19:00	Closing ceremony

Mode of team championships

Admittance:	All registered teams participate in the team championships in their respective categories. Maximum one women's team and one men's team per nation are allowed. Teams must consist of players who are registered for individual strokeplay championships.
Mode and ranking:	<p>The scores of all finished rounds in the category are added up for the ranking of team championships.</p> <p>If the six rounds of the team competition have not been finished by the end of day 2, the team competition will be continued on the day 3 and the intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships will possibly be cancelled.</p> <p>Deadline for the end of team competition is 2.00 pm on day 3. All fully completed team rounds are counted for the respective category.</p>

Mode of individual strokeplay championships

Admittance:	All registered players participate in the individual strokeplay championship in their respective categories. Maximum four women and seven men per nation are allowed.
Cut for the final round:	<p>The best 9 players of category women after the preliminary rounds (and players with equal scores)</p> <p>The best 15 players of the category men after the preliminary rounds (and players with equal scores)</p>
Mode and ranking:	<p>All finished rounds of the team competition and the intermediate round are the preliminary rounds of the individual strokeplay championships. If the team competitions have not been finished in scheduled time, the intermediate round will possibly be cancelled or cut.</p> <p>The scores of the preliminary rounds and the final round are added up for the ranking of the individual strokeplay championships. If the intermediate round has not been finished in scheduled time, the final round can be cut to be played on fewer than 36 lanes.</p>

Mode of the mixed pairs' championship

Admittance:	All registered mixed pairs participate in the mixed pairs' championship. A mixed pair consists of one female and one male player from the same nation. Maximum four pairs per nation are allowed. Pairs must consist of players who are registered for individual strokeplay championships.
Mode and ranking:	<p>The playing mode of mixed pairs' championship is as follows:</p> <p>The player in turn to play alternates after every stroke on a lane, until the lane has been completed or six strokes have been used.</p> <p>The players in a pair must use the same ball on a lane from the first stroke until completion of the lane.</p> <p>The male player is to play the first stroke on lanes with odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) in round 1. The female player is to play the first stroke on lanes with even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) in round 1.</p> <p>The female player is to play the first stroke on lanes with odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) in round 2. The male player is to play the first stroke on lanes with even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) in round 2.</p> <p>The procedure will be same for qualifying and final rounds.</p> <p>The scores of the two qualifying rounds are added up for the qualification ranking of the mixed pairs' championship.</p>

The best 16 pairs will qualify for the mixed pairs' finals. In case of even scores, a sudden death playoff will be played at the end of the qualifying rounds for qualifying to the mixed pairs' final. It will take place on the last played course.

In case of necessary sudden death, it will be played as follows: A coin toss or other way of draw will decide the playing order of the pairs. Male players start on odd lanes, female players start on even lanes. The playing order of the teams alternates each lane according to the WMF worldwide international sport rules regarding sudden death playoffs.

The scores from the qualifying rounds are carried on to the two final rounds of mixed pairs' competition. The pairs are regrouped according to the ranking of the qualification rounds.

In case of sudden death it will be played immediately at the end of the mixed pairs' finals on the last played course. The sudden-death format will be the same than for qualifying to the final (see above).

Mode of individual matchplay championships

Admittance:

All registered players participate in the individual matchplay championship qualification in their respective categories. Maximum four women and seven men per nation are allowed. First 16 women and 32 men according to the results of the qualification rounds (team competition rounds + intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships) are qualified for the matchplay finals. For equal scores at the cut there will be a sudden-death beginning at lane 1 of course A.

In case of equal scores among the qualified players, the ranking order of the players and thus the places in the matchplay bracket are defined by the WMF sport rules (chapter 2.3.9.4) for scoring and play-offs. If there still is a tie between two or more players after counting all the differences, a coin toss or other way of draw has to be made for deciding these ranks. The mentioned WMF sport rules apply even to the players qualified by sudden-death – their ranking order is decided by those rules, not by the results of the sudden-death.

The results of the final round of individual strokeplay competition do not affect the rankings for the matchplay finals. The bracket for matchplay championships is defined according to the results after the intermediate round.

Brackets for the individual matchplay finals of women and men are presented on the following pages.

If any qualified player doesn't appear to the start for any reason whatsoever, there is no replacement by the next player of the ranking list after qualification rounds. His/her place in the bracket remains empty and other players keep their original places.

Lanes to be played:

9 lanes concrete / course A

9 lanes miniature / course B

The lanes will be chosen by the tournament jury. The decision regarding the lanes which are played will be published at the coach meeting.

Mode and ranking:

All rounds are played as matchplay.

Matches until semi-finals are played with shotgun start.

For starting lanes, see matchplay grids.

Semi-finals, finals and matches for rank 3 are started at lane 1 of course B (in order: women, men), one match after the other. For the finals, the matches for bronze medals start first, followed by the matches for gold.

The higher-ranked player after the qualification rounds in the pairing always plays first on the starting lane of the match. After that, the leading player in the match always starts the next lane. If there is currently no leader in the match the playing order remains unchanged until there is a leader and thus possibly a new starting player. This also applies for the first lane of the sudden-death playoffs in the matchplay. The following lanes are played according to the general sudden-death rule (the starting player changes at every lane).

Number of won lanes decides about the winner (matchplay mode), who proceeds to the next round. In case of equal number of won lanes after full 18 lanes (or fewer if the

number of played lanes has been cut due to weather), the match is continued at the next of the chosen lanes until one of the players wins one lane. A match has to be stopped earlier than after 18 lanes, as soon as one player has already won the match mathematically.

Play at a lane has to be stopped as soon as there is a winner for the lane.

Losers below rank 4 are ranked as follows: all four losers of the quarterfinals are ranked 5th in the result list and presented as „quarter-finalists“ at the closing ceremony, losers of the other matchplay rounds are ranked equally as 9th, resp. 17th.

Bad weather conditions:

In case of bad weather conditions during the individual matchplay finals, rounds are cancelled in a way that a chance for a real final always remains. First option is to cut the first round for men and to start with 16 players. Second option is to change the number of lanes for each round if necessary. The minimum number of lanes played per round is 12. It is possible to play same lanes more than once during a round, if this helps to complete the competition (for example 2 x 6 lanes). It is also possible that these lanes are on one course only (for example, 2 x 6 lanes miniature covered by tents), but if possible, the option of playing both courses must be preferred.

The decisions for any changes are done by the jury of the championships.

Terminal abandonment during individual matchplay finals:

In case of terminal abandonment during any round before finals (until all matches of the round in one category have been completed): The matchplay championship of such category is completely cancelled and there is no ranking at all.

In case of terminal abandonment during final match and/or match for rank 3: Both finalists will receive a gold medal and/or both players in the match for rank 3 will receive a bronze medal.

Penalty system:

Penalties for players

The standard system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapters 2.3.18 is used in the team competition and the individual strokeplay competition as well as in the mixed pairs' competition. All penalties from the preliminary rounds of the individual strokeplay competition are carried forward to the individual strokeplay final round. Penalties from strokeplay competition are not carried forward to the mixed pairs' competition. In the mixed pairs competition all penalties are recorded for the pair, regardless of which player committed the violation.

The following penalty system is applied for the individual matchplay finals:

No penalties from the qualification rounds or mixed pairs' competition are carried forward to the matchplay finals.

First step is a written pre-warning with no consequences.

For all following violations, the player in question loses the next undecided lane (meaning the next lane, which has no winner yet). Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations.

Penalties for coaches

For coaches, the standard penalty system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.19 is used throughout the entire tournament.

Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations

Coaches:

Maximum of two coaches per nation are allowed on each course during all competitions, regardless of the number of participating players of the nation.

Grid for individual matchplay finals – women

match 1	1	
	16	
starting lane		A2

match 2	8	
	9	
starting lane		A3

match 3	5	
	12	
starting lane		A4

match 4	4	
	13	
starting lane		A5

match 5	3	
	14	
starting lane		A6

match 6	6	
	11	
starting lane		A7

match 7	7	
	10	
starting lane		A8

match 8	2	
	15	
starting lane		A9

match 9	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	A1

match 10	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	A3

match 11	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	A5

match 12	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	A7

semifinal 1	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B1

final	winner semifinal 1
	winner semifinal 2
starting lane	B1

semifinal 2	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B1

match rank 3	loser semifinal 1
	loser semifinal 2
starting lane	B1

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at concrete

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Grid for individual matchplay finals – men

Semi-finals, final match and match for rank 3 analogous to the chart of individual matchplay finals – men (start at B1).

match 1	1	
	32	
starting lane		A2

match 2	16	
	17	
starting lane		A3

match 3	9	
	24	
starting lane		A4

match 4	8	
	25	
starting lane		A5

match 5	5	
	28	
starting lane		A6

match 6	12	
	21	
starting lane		A7

match 7	13	
	20	
starting lane		A8

match 8	4	
	29	
starting lane		A9

match 9	3	
	30	
starting lane		B1

match 10	14	
	19	
starting lane		B2

match 11	11	
	22	
starting lane		B3

match 12	6	
	27	
starting lane		B4

match 13	7	
	26	
starting lane		B5

match 14	10	
	23	
starting lane		B6

match 15	15	
	18	
starting lane		B7

match 16	2	
	31	
starting lane		B8

match 17	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	B1

match 18	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	B2

match 19	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	B3

match 20	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	B4

match 21	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B5

match 22	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B6

match 23	winner match 13
	winner match 14
starting lane	B7

match 24	winner match 15
	winner match 16
starting lane	B8

match 25	winner match 17
	winner match 18
starting lane	B1

match 26	winner match 19
	winner match 20
starting lane	B3

match 27	winner match 21
	winner match 22
starting lane	B5

match 28	winner match 23
	winner match 24
starting lane	B7

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at concrete

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Registration for the World Championships 2025 in Neheim-Hüsten / Germany

REGISTRATION DATE: 31st May, 2025

NATIONAL FEDERATION

For participation at the World Championships from 19th to 23rd August, 2025 we register:

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national team women

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national team men

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mixed pairs

Total number of registered players:

women

men

We will arrive on (date)

And additionally will follow

coaches, officials and accompanying guests

Chef de mission:

Email:

We shall NOT participate in the World Championships 2025

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place

date

signature

Please fill in and send to:

WMF Vice President Sport

Pasi Aho

email: vice-president-sport@minigolfsport.com

Accreditation for the World Championships 2025

DEADLINE: Friday 15th August 2025, 18:00 latest

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Entries by name of players, officials and coaches • Please use print letters <i>Announcement of team order (pg. 15) must be handed over until Sunday 17th August 2025, 17:00</i>

NAME, FIRST NAME

Birthdate

Category

WOMEN PLAYERS

MEN PLAYERS

OFFICIALS

COACHES

Registration of team order for the World Championships 2025

DEADLINE: Sunday 17th August, 2025, 17:00 latest

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Players for team competitions have to be listed in the playing order • Please use print letters

NAME, FIRST NAME

Category

Exceptions*

NATIONAL TEAM WOMEN

1.		
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Entitled to make the substitution:		

NATIONAL TEAM MEN

1.		
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Entitled to make the substitution:		

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WOMEN

1.		
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INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS MEN

1.		
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***Exceptions:** **A** - medical attestation for no sport shoes, **B** - medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations of WMF

Registration of mixed pairs for the World Championships 2025

ENTRY DATE: Wednesday August 20th 2025, 18:00 latest

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Players for mixed pairs are announced in order female - male • Please use print letters

NAME, FIRST NAME

Exceptions*

MIXED PAIR 1

1.	
2.	

MIXED PAIR 2

1.	
2.	

MIXED PAIR 3

1.	
2.	

MIXED PAIR 4

1.	
2.	

***Exceptions:** **A** - medical attestation for no sport shoes, **B** - medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations