



World Para
Ice Hockey

Invitation

Ostrava 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships

19-26 June 2021

1 Introduction

Para Hockey Ostrava z.s., NPC Czech Republic and World Para Ice Hockey are pleased to invite you to the 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships. The tournament will be held from 19-26 June 2021 at the OSTRAVAR ARENA, Czech Republic.

2 Organisation and Administration

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3 Dates of Competition

14 June	Arrival
15 June	Training and equipment check
16 June	Training, classification, and equipment check
17 June	Training, classification, and equipment check
18 June	Training, team pictures, classification, and directorate meeting
19 June	Opening ceremony
19-26 June	Competitions
27 June	Departure

4 Venue

The tournament will be held at the following venue:

OSTRAVAR ARENA
Ruská 3077/135, 700 30 Ostrava-jih-Zábřeh
Czech Republic

Information about ice arena:

- Rink size: 58m x 28m
- Capacity: 9 568
- Construction date: 6 December 2013

Website: <https://www.arena-vitkovice.cz/en/ostravar-arena/en>

5 Event Schedule

Teams	
Group A	Group B
1. USA	5. NOR
2. CAN	6. ITA
3. KOR	7. RPC
4. CZE	8. SVK

Tentative Competition Schedule:

14 June	Arrival
15 June	Training and equipment check
16 June	Training and equipment check
17 June	Training, team pictures and classification
18 June	Training, classification, and directorate meeting
19 June	Opening Ceremony and Game Day
20 June	Game day
21 June	Rest Day
22 June	Game Day
23 June	Game day
24 June	Rest Day
25 June	Game Day
26 June	Game day and Closing Ceremony
27 June	Departures

Match ups will be determined later. Changes can be made by WPIH as needed.

6 Rules and Regulations

The competition will be conducted under World Para Ice Hockey Regulations 2020-2021, World Para Ice Hockey Rulebook 2018-2022 and World Para Ice Hockey Classification Rules and Regulations ver. 2017. If you require further information, please visit <https://www.paralympic.org/ice-hockey/rules>.

7 Maximum Entry per NPC

NPCs are allowed to enter a maximum of **seventeen (17) athletes** (15 players and 2 goalkeepers) unless their squad of players (including goalkeepers) includes at least one female, in which case the team may consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) athletes.

Each NPC is entitled to register up to **six (6) team officials**.

An NPC may request to bring additional team officials but this will be subject to prior approval of the IPC. The NPC will be required to pay a correspondingly higher entry fee reflecting the cost of additional team officials.

8 International classification

Those athletes who have never been classified („New“) or have a designated sport class status of „R“ (Review) will be required to go through International Classification prior to the start of the Ostrava 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships.

A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by World Para Ice Hockey. All athletes informed that they require classification must arrive at a time prior to their allocated appointment time. NPCs are advised to contact info@WorldParaIceHockey.org to arrange for the classification schedules.

Athletes due for classification must ensure a copy of the [IPC Medical Diagnostics Form](#) is completed and uploaded by the NPC to SDMS at least six (6) weeks before the event.

9 Anti-Doping

The IPC is the responsible authority for the anti-doping programme at the Ostrava 2021 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships and the [IPC Anti-Doping Code](#) (effective 1 July 2020) applies to this event. Doping control samples may be collected both in-competition and out-of-competition. The samples will be urine and/or blood and can be collected anytime, anywhere.

All athletes that require the use of a prohibited substance for a medically justified reason must ensure that they have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) prior to the event. Athletes should bring a copy of their TUE approval form to the event. In the case of an emergency TUE application during the event period, athletes must apply to the IPC Medical Committee. All anti-doping and TUE questions can be sent to antidoping@paralympic.org.

For further information regarding the rules, please click on: <http://www.paralympic.org/the-ipc/anti-doping/documents>.

10 Entries and Registration

All athletes entered in the event must be licensed for the 2020-2021 winter season by the time of the final entries deadline. Athletes' entries not meeting this criterion will be rejected by World Para Ice Hockey.

All athletes must be entered by their respective NPCs or organisations authorised by the NPC and accepted by World Para Ice Hockey.

All NPCs must declare their entries within the given deadlines. No late entries are to be accepted.

Replacement entries may be accepted only due to injury or medical reason. The NPC must submit support documents to World Para Ice Hockey office for approval. The LOC must also approve if such late changes can be accommodated.

Registration deadlines

The Registration process and timeline shall be as follows:

1	Opening of SDMS online registration system for Entry (by Number).	14 March 2021
2	Deadline for SDMS online Entry (by Number) (NPCs are invoiced based on the number provided in this entry).	14 April 2021
3	Opening of SDMS online registration system for Entry (by Name)	19 April 2021
4	Close of SDMS online Final Entry (by Name) system and deadline for payment of the entry fee and provision of: NOTE: No reimbursement for any team members withdrawn will be accepted after this date.	19 May 2021
5	Opening of IPC Accreditation system	19 April 2021
6	Deadlines for entries into IPC Accreditation system : 1. Team arrival and departure information (Transport) 2. Team accommodation information Team entries including photos	19 May 2021

SDMS Online Entry Process

The SDMS online entry system can be accessed via the following:

www.paralympic.org/sdms

The log-in details are the same username and password used for **SDMS account**.

If you do not have access to the SDMS/Entries system, please **contact your NPC**. The NPC will be able to make the online entry on your behalf.

Detailed instructions for the online entry process can be found [here](#).

IPC Accreditation System

The IPC Accreditation System will open in April and can be accessed via your SDMS account. Here you will be required to enter the team's transportation details, accommodation information, photos, team staff information. This substitutes the filling of forms that we did in

the past. The information will be directly available to the LOC. Athlete information such as athlete photos will be automatically generated from the SDMS.

The website to the accreditation system is: www.paralympic.org/accreditation

A separate email with instructions will be sent out at later stage.

11 Entry Fee

The entry fee is charged at **750 EUR per participant** (incl. athletes and team officials).

NOTE: accommodation for the approved Team Contingent is not included. Additional rooms must be booked and paid separately (see section 15).

Payment

The Entry Fee of 750 EUR per participant must be paid by transfer to the IPC. Upon submission of the online Entry by Number, NPCs will be issued with a Participation Fee Invoice. This invoice should be paid direct to IPC (bank details below) by **no later than 14 May 2021**. Please ensure that the correct invoice number is referenced in the payment.

Account Name:	IPC, Adenauerallee 212-214, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Bank:	Deutsche Bank AG, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Bank code:	380 700 59
Branch No.:	414
SWIFT Address:	DEUT DE DK 380
IBAN:	DE75380700590029012200

12 Transportation

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide a transportation service from Airport Ostrava (CZ), Prague (CZ, Katowice (PL), Krakow (PL) and Vienna (AUS) to the Quality Hotel Ostrava City (on official arrival/departure days or other days as agreed), and from the hotel to the arena for the duration of the Championships (14 June-27 June 2021).

The LOC Transportation Manager will help NPC's with flight organization in relation to transport to the Venue.

NPCs must submit their transportation information via the IPC Accreditation System.

13 Meals

The Host Organizing Committee is responsible for covering the expense of 3 meals + snack for a maximum of 24 people per team, per day. The meals are included in the rate for accommodation per person per day. Any additional persons and any changes made to the pre-set menu that exceed the negotiated rate are the responsibility of the team and will be charged directly to the respective team. The same applies to "Extras" at the hotel during the tournament – e.g. for the meals bottled water is available free of charge. All other drinks must be paid for.

All meals will be served at the Accommodation. Snacks will be available at the Venue in your locker rooms. Please inform the LOC of any vegetarian/vegan need, halal, kosher or intolerance/allergies.

14 Extra Days

In case of early arrival or late departure, extra need for transportation and/or ice renting, all costs are to be covered 100% by the NPC/team itself. Please contact the LOC with a copy to info@WorldParaIceHockey.org for more information about extra days.

15 Accommodation

The official competition hotel will be the:

QUALITY HOTEL OSTRAVA CITY	Single room: 125 EUR per person/day, Double room: 105 EUR per person/day,	https://www.qualityhotelostravacity.com/en/
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The LOC offers to participants the option to stay in either double or single room accommodations. As part of the Covid Management plan, teams are strongly encouraged to select the single room option for their team contingent as the goal is to assure the safety of all during the tournament and to mitigate the risks of Covid-19 outbreaks.

Please note that single room for participants is a recommendation at the time. The LOC and WPIH will continue to follow the directive of the Czech Government and the City of Ostrava and will inform the teams if the recommendation becomes mandatory. Teams should know that there is a possibility that single room accommodation becomes compulsory.

Booking

Bookings for the accommodation have to be made through the LOC. Submit the accommodation information via IPC Accreditation System.

Deadline for reservation:	30 March 2021
Deadline for final payment:	30 April 2021

Cancellations/Refunds Policy

- Cancellation after 30 April is 50% of accommodation fee.
- Cancellation after 31 May 100% of accommodation fee.

Bank Information

The Accommodation Fees should be transferred to the following bank account according to the terms of payment:

IBAN number	CZ1255000000002019251810
SWIFT / BIC	RZBCCZPP
Account Number	2019251810
Name of Bank	Reiffeisen Bank a.s.
Organization	PARA HOCKEY OSTRAVA z.s.
Under indication of	<your country > WCHA2021 (example SLOVAKIA WCHA2021)

Location

The distance from the hotel to the Arena is maximum 8 km, a journey time of approximately 10 – 15 minutes, depending on the traffic.

16 Host City

Ostrava is the third largest city in the Czech Republic and has over 300,000 inhabitants. At the same time, it is also the capital of the Moravian-Silesian Region. Originally the steel heart of the republic, it has become the centre of sport and culture in recent years. In 2014, Ostrava was the European City of Sport and one of the world's most prestigious contests have been held there repeatedly. The athletic competition, the Golden Spike, has been among fan favourites since 1961. High quality sporting facilities include the multifunctional City Stadium in Ostrava and the Ostravar Arena for over twelve thousand spectators.

Ostrava also has a rich cultural background. The Moravian-Silesian National Theatre or the internationally acclaimed Janacek Philharmonic Orchestra in Ostrava are located directly in the city. Thousands of people have also enjoyed the area of Dolni Vitkovice with the Big and Small World of Technology or the Bolt Tower. One of the most famous festivals is without a doubt Colours from Ostrava. The Landek Park Authentic Mining Museum, Trojhali Karolina or the Stodolni Street which is full of restaurants, bars and clubs are also worth visiting. Youth and intellect are mainly supplied by universities and thousands of students. Among the best known are Banska University- Technical University of Ostrava and the University of Ostrava.

Ostrava is also a great starting point for tourists who love hills and romantic views. The Beskids are about 30 kilometres away. To the northwest of Ostrava are the no less beautiful Jeseniky Mountains. High quality accessibility to the city is provided not only by the railway (connection from Prague, further to Slovakia, Poland), but also to the D1 backbone motorway or the nearby airport of Leos Janacek in Mosnov.

Ostrava has successfully hosted the 2019 World Para Ice Hockey Championships A-Pool.

17 Immigration and Customs

All visitors must have a valid passport to enter the Czech Republic. Passports must be valid at least three (3) months after the expected departure date from the Czech Republic. For example, if the departure date is 27 June 2021, the passport must be valid until 27 September 2021. Individuals will be asked to have all documents in hand and ready for presentation at the primary inspection point prior to arriving at the Immigration & Customs booth.

18 Visitor Visa

If required, please forward a complete invitation list of each person travelling with your group to the Czech Republic via e-mail to LOC responsible person no later than 19th May.

The list must include the following:

- Legal Given Name as it appears in the passports
- Passport issuing country
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date
- Date of birth
- Passport issuing date

Participants from Russian Federation are requiring Visitor Visas (VTR) to enter the Czech Republic.

19 Covid Risk Assessment and Restrictions

The initial Covid Management Plan for Teams was shared with teams during the A-Pool World Championships Nations Meeting. The presentation introduced the basic safety protocol for the Ostrava 2021 Para Ice Hockey Championships. A More detailed Covid-19 Management Plan will be sent separately and will be updated as required to ensure it reflects the latest developments.

Every NPC will be required to appoint a dedicated COVID-19 Team Officer. This person will be the key contact for all matters related to COVID-19 with the LOC / IPC before and during the Championships. The COVID-19 Team Officer will be responsible for ensuring all team participants understand and follow the Championships Covid-19 Management Plan. The Covid-19 Team Officer should be confirmed no later than April 16, 2021 by directly emailing the Tournament Infection Control Officer at safety@parahockey.cz.

Please, take into consideration that the action of your team before they travel and throughout the length of your stay in the Czech Republic, will be crucial to set the standard for other participants; and for the safe and successful course of the Ostrava 2021 Para Ice Hockey Championships.

20 Insurance

Each National Federation and/or National Paralympic Committee must ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for accidents, health, travel, property and liability.

Each team will need to provide evidence of insurance cover at the first Directorate Meeting at the latest. Please send a copy to info@WorldParalceHockey.org.

21 Medical Information

Treatment

No medical insurance for accidents will be provided to any of the participants. All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage) and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event.

Medical services

The LOC will do its best to guarantee the safety of all participants and will provide emergency ambulance, 5 minutes away, and first aid services for the teams during the entire duration of the tournament. Medical personnel will be present at all events at the tournament venue.

22 Accreditation

All accreditation details for athletes and team officials are dealt with in the IPC Accreditation online entry system. All accreditation cards will be handed out upon arrival to the Team Manager.

23 Contact details

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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