

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 determinations 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 2018 DESCRIPTION

Organiser:	Emilova sportovní, z.s., Malinovského náměstí 603/4, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic, IN 067 07 785. The association was established by the Emil Foundation (Nadační fond Emil).
Project Name:	7 th European Youth Games for the Disabled
Date:	6 th – 10 th June 2018
Venue:	Brno, Czech Republic
Project partners:	Sport Technical Guarantor: Masaryk University, Faculty of Sport Studies
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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 or visual impairment **from 10 to 26 years old**

Sports and sporting venues

SPORT	CATEGORY	SPORTING VENUE
ATHLETICS	Open, Mixed	Sport Centre VUT, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion
SWIMMING	Open, Mixed	Sport & Recreational Centre Kraví hora, Údolní 76, Brno, www.kravihora-brno.cz
TABLE TENNIS	Open, Mixed, Masters	Sports hall of the Faculty of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, Palackého třída 1946/1, Brno
GOLF	Open (golf academy)	Sport Centre VUT, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion
	Masters, Mixed	Golf resort Kaskáda, Na Golfu 1772, Kuřim, www.golfbrno.cz
BOCCIA (physical impairment)	Open (groups BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4)	Sports hall Kociánka Sports Club, Kociánka 2/14, Brno
BOCCE	Open, Mixed	Outdoor grassy area Sport Centre VUT, Technická 3013/14, Brno, www.cesa.vutbr.cz/sportoviste/11-sappv-atleticky-stadion

Sport Demonstrations: **Wheelchair Basketball, Rugby and Floorball; Coordination-aesthetic sports** (e.g. modern gymnastics, dance, aerobic, majorette etc.), **Para Vaulting, Throw Over and more**, in which participants can participate and also compete in their free time.

Categories 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 16th March 2018. 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”.

Masters for athletes with a sport classification (e.g.: S 10, TT 7, active HCP up to 54) or a card (green card in golf) in the given sport.

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.

Entry Procedure & Dates

1st February 2018	First 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.
8th March 2018	First Entries Close	
16th March 2018	Sport Specific Schedule Announced	
20th March 2018	Final Entries Open – Entry by Name	Firm Entries – personal details; sport, category, event; accommodation and transport details etc.
30th April 2018	Final Entries Close	

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

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Games Schedule

Wednesday	6 th June 2018	morning	Arrivals
		afternoon	Opening Ceremony
Thursday	7 th June 2018	till 3pm	Competitions
		afternoon	Accompanying programme
Friday	8 th June 2018	till 3pm	Competitions
		evening	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	9 th June 2018	morning	Accompanying programme
		afternoon	Departures
Sunday	10 th June 2018	morning	Departures

Financing

It is a non-profit event with the goal of not burdening the participants with any fee. The organiser pays for the participants' accommodation, full board and local transport. Moreover, free transport within the Czech Republic has been being negotiated with the Czech Railways.

Note: The above-mentioned free services are provided to **Czech** participants from **6th June 2018** (first meal is dinner) to **10th June 2018** (last meal is breakfast). **Foreign** participants will be allowed to arrive on **5th June 2018** (first meal is dinner). All the participants are responsible for covering the accommodation and full board costs outside these dates (reservations with the organiser).

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.

- ✓ **Opening Ceremony** – a little one-day disabled sport festival in the Brno centre as– the teams parade, Games declared open, sport demonstrations, local disabled sport clubs and other non-profit organisations demonstrations.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.



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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.
- ✓ **Evening Gathering for the Games Partners** – a social meeting of teams' representatives and the Games Partners. The gathering is to show appreciation to all who have contributed to the organisation of the 7th edition of the Games.
- ✓ **Welcome by the municipality** – the prestigious event will be supported by the welcome of individual teams given by the municipality.

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.

Auspices of the Emil Open 2017

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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.

Experience with organising international sport events:

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.

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

We look forward to seeing you in June! 😊