

EPC 2025 Overview

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General Overview and Introduction

The European Pinball Championship (EPC 2025) will take place from 28th May till 1st June 2025 in the lovely city of Vöcklabruck Upper Austria.

With Thursday being a national holiday in a lot of European countries, this date has especially been chosen to create a very large European tournament which suits the character of an IFA Major Event perfectly.

Over the 4 ½ days, 5 high ranked IFA registered tournaments will take place, which gives the participants a chance to win a very large amount of WPPR (World Pinball Player Ranking) points.

The tournament series will start on Wednesday afternoon / evening with a Warm-Up event.

EPC Main and Classics qualification will take place on Thursday and Friday followed by the finals on Saturday and Sunday. The Championship series will be completed with a Women's Championship (qualifying for IFA WPPR points) and a Team Country Tournament (non-IFA event). Finally, for the first time in the EPC history, a dedicated Jersey Jack Pinball IFA Certified+ Hybrid Best Game Tournament will be played on all 10 JJP titles for 300% TGP.

To accommodate 320 planned tournament participants and visitors, the local organizers have rented the REVA Ice Hall, which is normally used in Winter for ice hockey, ice skating, ice disco and curling. 1800 sqm offers enough space to position 140+ pinball machines selected for tournament and leisure play to ensure an enjoyable gathering of the pinball community.

You can play and test several of the new and used games from all manufacturers like Stern Pinball, Jersey Jack Pinball, Spooky Pinball, Barrels of Fun, Chicago Gaming Company, American Pinball, Pinball Brothers, Dutch Pinball, Multimorphic and also smaller Exotic Manufacturers like, Turner Pinball, Homepin and Pinball Adventures at the Pinball Exhibition.

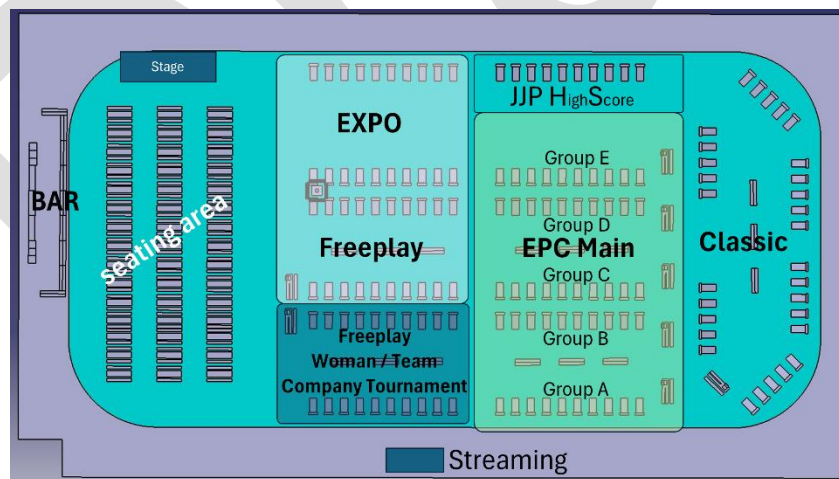


Figure 1: Overview plan of location for EPC25

This long weekend full of Pinball will not only be a place to play Tournaments. The target is to make it also a place to have Fun and meet the pinball Community. Therefore we are in alignment with some SPECIAL GUESTS out of the Industry which will participate to have also some seminars and signature sessions etc.

→ Further information on this at www.epc2025.at



1. EPC Warm Up

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2025 from 15:00 (registration starts at 14:00)

Participants ca. 160 (will be upgraded to 240 pending demand).

Tournament Format

Qualification: - 7 Rounds Group Matchplay
- Best 10% (16/24) advance to Finals. One full game tiebreaker will be played for advancement and potential byes.

Finals: - Single Elimination best of 3
- If 24 advance - best 8 get 1 bye

TGP: 96% with 160 players / 100% with 160+ players



2. EPC Main

Date: Thursday 29th May – Sunday 1st June 2025.

Qualification: from 10:00, registration starts at 09:00

- General:
- Tournament format is planned for 320 Players. If the demand is very high, then the format can be upgraded to 384 Players – qualifying rules pending amendment.
 - The European Pinball Championship Tournament is the only European Major Event and is eligible for a TGP Booster of 200%.
 - Qualification takes place over Thursday and Friday and Finals are played on Saturday and Sunday. Please inform us at registration which day of qualification you prefer, we try to consider it best possible.
 - 96 players out of all groups qualify for the final stages, 32 receive a bye (at 320).

Tournament Format

- Qualification:
- Participants get divided into four 6 hours long timeslots A/B/C/D.
 - Timeslots A/B play on Thursday and timeslots C/D on Friday.
 - EPC Classic Qualification shall be played on the same day but at the other time slot (e.g. Main in morning, then Classic in afternoon/evening)
 - Each timeslot consists of 5 groups á 16 participants (6 á 384)
 - Each group is allocated a dedicated bank of machines and plays a Round Robin format 15 games in total
 - Top 4 in the group qualify for the finals stages. Top 1 receives a bye. The second qualifier of each group will play 1 high score game on a designated machine to receive one of 12 remaining byes. The 5th places in each group will play 1 high score game on a designated machine to receive one of 16 remaining spots in the Finals
 - In case of equal amount of wins, a tiebreaker for the advancement to the finals and the byes in the group (for 1st & 2nd) will be played directly after the group has completed all their matches. Tournament Director defines machines for tiebreaker from the groups' machine bank
 - If Position 3 and 4 have the same number of points in a group then the result of the direct play defines the position (not relevant for bye or Finals).
 - A Dedicated Tie Breaker machine is available for the 5th Positioned in the group to see who will participate potentially in the Finals

- Finals:
- Single Elimination Best of 7
 - For seeding of Finals the following will be considered between the groups in the priority as mentioned
 1. Rank within the qualifying group
 2. Number of points in the qualification
 3. Seeding from IFPA
 - Selection of machines in the final rounds 1-3 is based on available games on the "Game Board"
 - Players must return the chosen machine tag immediately after concluding the match and choose a new game from the available ones. This practice is aimed at eliminating waiting times on Saturday.
 - On Sunday, waiting is allowed, and board is there to show which games are in the Finals
 - Each machine can be chosen once per round in a player pairing



TGP: 200% ☐ 400% with Booster for the Major

3. EPC Classic

Date: Thursday 29th May – Saturday 31st May 2025.

Qualification: from 10:00, registration starts at 09:00

General: - Tournament Format is planned for 320 Players. If the demand is very high, then the format can be upgraded to 384 Players like the Main tournament.
- Qualification takes place over Thursday and Friday and Finals are played on Saturday. Your qualification day will be the same as your Main qualification day.

Tournament Format

Qualification: - Participants get divided into four 6 hours long timeslots A/B/C/D.
- Timeslots A/B are on Thursday and timeslots C/D on Friday.
- EPC Main Qualification shall be played on the same day but at the other time slot (e.g. Main in morning, then Classic in afternoon /evening)
- Each timeslot plays Group Matchplay with 8 rounds and the best 12 Players advance
- Top 4 qualifiers of the group receive a bye.
- In case of equal number of wins, a tiebreaker for the advancement to the finals and the byes in the group will be played on a machine defined by the Tournament Director.

Finals: - TOP 48 Players ☐ Single Elimination best of 5
- For seeding of Finals the following will be considered between the groups in the priority as mentioned
1. Position in the group
2. Number of points in the group
3. Ties from Matchplay
4. Seeding from IFPA
- Selection of machines in the finals is based on available games on the “Game Board”
- Players must return the chosen machine tag immediately after concluding the match and choose a new game from the available ones. ☐ This practice is aimed at eliminating waiting times on Saturday.
- Each machine can be chosen once per round in a player pairing

TGP: 152%



4. EPC Women's Championship

Date: Friday 30th May 2025

Start: ca. 20:00, registration anytime until 19:30

General:

- Qualification and finals formats will be set based on the number of registrations and will be adjusted to reach 100% TGP
- Registration will be available for just the Women's event – you don't have to play the Main / Classics to be able to register
- Players registered in the Main / Classic event will be placed into the qualification slots A/B/C to allow early start
- Prior to the start of the tournament, a guided wine tasting will be held to highlight Austrian wines

Tournament Format

Qualification:

- e.g. Round Robin (1 or 2 groups), Max Matchplay, Fair Strikes - TBD
- Tournament Director will adjust the format depending on the number of participants to reach 100% TGP in the time available.

Finals:

- e.g. Group Elimination on 3 machines, Amazing Race - TBD

TGP: 100%



5. EPC Team (Non IFPA)

Date: Saturday 31st May 2025.

Start: ca. 17:00 (after 1st EPC Classic Finals Round)

General:

- Team Tournament is planned for 16 Country teams where each team has 4 participants
- This tournament is not registered at the IFPA
- No player taking part at the 2nd round of EPC Classic Finals can play in the Team's tournament
- 16 Country Spots shall be pre-registered by the respective Country Directors. Details will be forwarded by the Austrian CD in the CD Forum
- In case of less than 16 registrations, then further teams will be allowed. With priority on IFPA, Organizer and Sponsor Teams in that order. For the remaining spots, random team compositions will be allowed.

Tournament Format

Finals:

- Single Elimination format best of 7
- Seeding is done based on the team members overall IFPA rankings
- 1st Round: 1 x 4 Ball game where each participant of the team plays only 1 ball
- 2nd Round: 2 x Split Flip games where each team defines 2 players per machine and each player controls one side of the pinball machine. Games will be played simultaneously.
- 3rd Round: 4 individual Head-to-Head games on 4 machines. Each team can allocate each team member to the 4 games ahead of the match. Games will be played simultaneously.
- Each win from round 1 to 3 per pairing counts as 1 point. The team with more points advances to the next pairing in the tournament bracket
- the 4 Ball game is planned to be a Classic machine
- The Split and Single games will be done on 4 defined machines. Each Group can choose 1 Split Flip game and pairings of their members

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Top 16			Top 8			Top 4			Top 2		
4 Ball Game	Split	Single	4 Ball Game	Split	Single	4 Ball Game	Split	Single	4 Ball Game	Split	Single
		Single			Single			Single			Single
	Split	Single		Split	Single		Split	Single		Split	Single
		Single			Single			Single			Single

- Each win equals 1 point for the team. The team with the most points advance to the next round

6. Jersey Jack Highscore Tournament

Date: 29th May till 1st June 2025

General:

- From each developed Jersey Jack Pinball Game one version will be present and available for the tournament.
- Main Prize will be a NIB (New in Box) Jersey Jack Pinball machine
→ Taxes might apply for the Winner (details are here in clarification)
- Tournament is targeted with a max amount of players of 320. If the demand would be much higher, then the Tournament director will decide onsite if the limitation will be kept at 320 or the Finals Format will be adopted due to the 10% Finals Participants requirement form the IFA. If changes will be made, then this decision will be announced latest on Saturday noon.

Tournament Format

Qualification:

- 30+ hours of Hybrid Best Game qualifying, as indicated in the schedule
- The bank consists of 10 machines, one version of each Jersey Jack Pinball title.
- 10 entries are included with registration, additional entries can be bought in increments of 5, up to a maximum of 40 entries per player
- A player's top 10 entries will count, with a maximum of 2 per machine

Finals:

- 32 players advance to the finals
- In case 240 or fewer players participate in the tournament, only 24 players advance, with the top 8 receiving a bye
- PAPA style group elimination, 3 games per round
- Before each game, the top seed of each group will choose a machine out of the "Game Board".
- Players must return the chosen machine tag immediately after concluding the match and the best seeded player chooses again a new game from the available ones..
- Each machine can be chosen once per round in a player pairing

TGP: 200% ☐ 300% with booster for Certified plus



7. Lego Tournament (Non IFA)

Date: Friday 30th May 2025. Tournament Start 10:00 am

General: A playable Pinball machine build out of Lego Bricks will be available for this tournament



Tournament Format

Qualification: - Highscore based on a 90 seconds playtime per player or 3 balls
- Children up to 14 Year can skip for the 1st attempt the line and jump in a youth queue. This youth queue has Priority 1 against the normal line

Finale: - 4 Players match → Lego Prices will be available

Youth Finale: - 4 Players match → Lego Prices will be available



8. Company Tournament

Date: Sunday 1st June 2025. Registration starts 8:30 am

General: tbd

Tournament Format

Qualification: tbd

Finals: tbd

TGP: tbd

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9. Location

The location where the event is held is the so-called REVA Halle which is owned by several local urban communities and located in Vöcklabruck.

Address: Robert Kunz-Straße 2b, 4840 Vöcklabruck, Austria

The Whole Pinball area is placed on the "Ice Hockey" Field as you see in figure 1.



Figure 2: Overview plan of location for EPC25

Accessibility

by Car:

- very good accessible via A1 main highway in Austria between Salzburg (coming from Munich) to Vienna. From middle or northern Germany you would come via Regensburg (GER), Passau (GER), and then Wels / Linz

- onsite parking is possible

by Public Transport / Air:

- Recommended large International Airports are Vienna (AUT) and Munich (GER)

By car around 2-2 ½ hours drive

By Train between 2 ½ and 3 ½ hours

- 2 Smaller international Airports would be around 45min away by car: Linz (AUT), Salzburg (AUT)

More information can be found at: <https://www.epc2025.at/ueber/location/>



10. Food and Drinks

The local pinball association will build up a bar in the facility where different food and drinks are available like:

- Different sorts of Pizza & Baguette incl. different vegetable version
- Different bread filled with sausages etc.
- Non Alcoholic drinks
- Alcoholic Drinks

In addition we have planned to have between 1 and 2 food trucks available as well.

On the opposite side of the parking place also a Large Supermarket is available which also has a restaurant inside and meat, cheese area etc.

A Chinese and a Italian restaurant are also in 5 min walking distance

Note: Food and drinks which will be brought from outside needs to be consumed on the outside. we prepare therefore a dedicated area with seating opportunity

11. Accommodation

The Salzkammergut Area where Vöcklabruck is located on the border is a very touristic area and several options for sleeping are available.

A Detailed overview with 15+ options within 15 min reachability and all contact details are listed on the following website

<https://www.epc2025.at/hotel/>

A Lot of accommodation options do have more opportunities to sleep then it is listed on booking.com or other platforms. Therefore we recommend contacting them via phone or email.

Vöcklabruck itself has several options where the location can be reached by food, but for locations like Regau, Timelkam etc. it would be helpful to have a car or take the Taxi

12. Fees

Based on the overall costs of the location and bringing all the games etc. we need to charge a bit more than it was in the 2 previous events in Germany and Poland, but you will therefore also get a large Exhibition and Free Play area as well as 4 ½ days event.

Details are published on www.epc2025.at

13. General

Here more information will be added in a newer version



14. Organizer / Supporter

The EPC 2025 organization team does not only consist of a few people, but the Austrian pinball community with its many friends across Europe is doing its best to organize a mega event for you.

Main Organizer of the Event is the local Pinball Association "Vöcklabrucker FlipperSportVerein – FlippArena" in combination with "RS-Pinball GmbH"

Machines support as well as Technical and organizational support is provided very strong from

Here a short overview and thank you to all the Supporters

- Jersey Jack Pinball → Pinball Manufacturer located in Chicago. Latest titles are e.g. Guns N Roses, Toy Story 4, Godfather, Elton John and Avatar <https://www.jerseyjackpinball.com/>
- Spooky Pinball → Pinball Manufacturer located in Benton / Wisconsin. Latest titles are e.g. Halloween, Ultraman, Scooby Doo, Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Looney Tunes and Evil Dead <https://www.spookypinball.com/>
- Flippnic → Pinball Association located in Graz Styria which will host this year in Badendorf the IFPA World Championship <https://www.flippnic.at/de/>
- Union-Flippersportverein Austria → Austrian Pinball Association <https://www.flipper-sv.at/>
- Flipperverein Kugelklopfa → Pinball Association located in St. Georgen/Gusen around 1h away from us <https://www.kugelklopfa.at/>
- JDL Pinball → Europeans Best Tournament Pinball streamer and Jim and Dina are also CD for Germany. They Help a lot in overall organization too https://www.twitch.tv/jdl_pinball
- Electric Friends e.V. → a German Pinball Association will be present with Margit and Kim who are well know from Fulda and there support which will helps us also overall very strong <https://www.electric-friends.de>
- One 4 All → Fritz Kronlacher Event technics helps us a lot with electrics, the stage and sound
- Flippergarage Landshut → Pinball Association located around 2h away from us in Landshut / Bavaria / Germany <https://www.flippergarage.de/>
- Gabor Varga / Flipperdokter → Pinball repair service <https://www.flipperdokter.com>
- German Pinball Association → Several friends will help us over the full event in different roles <https://www.flipperverein.de/>
- ASAK → Local internet provider which supplies us a Gbit internet connection for the Event <https://www.asak.at/>
- PCO → IT Equipment shop located in Wels and in the web <https://shop.pco.co.at/>

And Many Many more!!!

If you want to contribute also at the event, then please get in touch with us via info@flipparena.at or +43 699 10878601.