

## EPC 2025 Overview

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## General Overview and Introduction

The European Pinball Championship (EPC 2025) will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> May till 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Country Knockout 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 384 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 160+ 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.

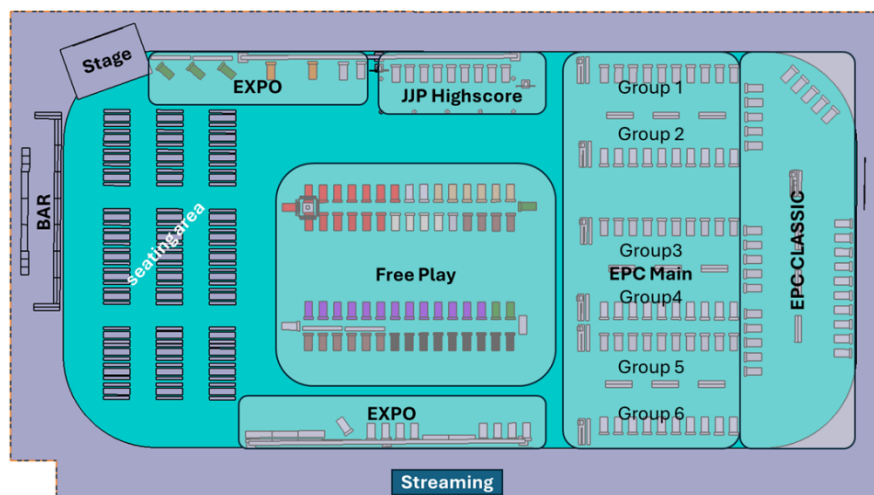


Figure 1: Overview plan of location for EPC25

**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](http://www.epc2025.at)





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CHALLENGE  
EPC-MAIN-TURNIER

AMERICAN  
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## EINTRITT:

TAGESTICKET: 25.-  
FAMILIENTICKET 2 ERW. 2 KL. U18: 60.-  
WOCHENEND-TICKET: 45.-  
FAMILIENTICKET WOCHENENDE: 100.-  
5-TAGES-TICKET: 70.-  
[+ OPT.] WARM-UP TURNIER: 25.-  
[+ OPT.] WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP: 25.-  
[+ OPT.] JJP-HIGHSCORE-TURNIER: 25.-  
FULL-TICKET (5 TAGE + EPC MAIN + EPC CLASSIC): 140.-  
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## 1. EPC Discord Server

To secure good communication between the organization and participants a dedicated EPC 2025 Discord Server have been created.

Format details as you find below are the plan, but are also subject to change, if required.

Join the EPC2025 Discord to stay informed on any last-minute changes to the schedule:

<https://discord.gg/hxc8upQbRd>



*Figure 1: QR Code with Link to EPC 2025 Discord Server*

## 2. EPC Warm Up

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 15:15 (registration from 13:00, intro at 15:00)  
Late entry is possible, but if you plan on attending the full tournament, please be punctual. The first round is planned to start at 15:15 sharp.

Participants: up to 240

TGP: 100%

### **Tournament Format**

Qualification: - 7 rounds of group match play, balanced player pairing, Marburg scoring (7-4-2-0 or 7-3-0)  
- Top 24 advance to finals, top 8 receive a bye  
- A tiebreaker will be played for advancement and byes, the details of which will be decided at the tournament based on schedule constraints

Finals: - Top 24, Single Elimination best of 3  
- No machine choice  
- Player order TBD



### 3. EPC Main

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

**Qualification:** Thursday: registration 09:00-09:45, tournament start at 10:00  
Friday: registration 08:30-09:15, tournament start at 09:30  
You only need to register if you haven't registered before (at the Warm-Up etc.).  
Please be punctual. If you are not at your bank 10 minutes after tournament start, you will not participate in the tournament.

**Finals:** Saturday, Sunday: opening 09:00, finals start at 09:30  
Please be punctual. If you are not present 10 minutes after start, you will not participate in the finals.

**General:**

- 384 players
- The European Pinball Championship Tournament is the only European Major Event and is eligible for a 2x TGP Booster, resulting in a TGP of 400%
- Qualification takes place over Thursday and Friday and Finals are played on Saturday and Sunday.
- 96 players out of all groups qualify for the final stages, 32 receive a bye.

#### **Tournament Format**

**Qualification:**

- Participants get divided into four 6 hours long timeslots A/B (Thu) and C/D (Fri) and assigned to one of 6 groups á 16 participants within the timeslot
- Each group is allocated a dedicated bank of machines and plays a Round Robin (15 games), with the lower seed starting each game
- Top 4 of each group (total 96) qualify for the playoffs. Top 1 of each group (total 24) receives a bye. The second qualifier of each group will play 1 high score game on a designated machine to receive one of 8 remaining byes (across all groups).
- Tiebreakers for significant ranks (1<sup>st</sup> for bye, 2<sup>nd</sup> for bye chance, 4<sup>th</sup> for advancement) will be played immediately after the round robin phase. Tiebreaker machines will be determined by a TD.
- For seeding purposes, the direct play result will be used to break a tie between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The seeding priorities are: 1. qualifying rank, 2. qualifying points, 3. IFPA

**Finals:**

- Top 96, Single Elimination Best of 7
- On Saturday (rounds 1-3), only currently available machines can be chosen, as represented by the "Game Board". Higher seed chooses the first machine (or defers), then alternate. Each game is played directly after choosing the machine. Players must return the chosen machine tag immediately after concluding the game and choose a new machine from the available ones. Waiting for machines to become available is not allowed.
- On Sunday (rounds 4-7), before a match starts, each player picks 4 machines (lower seed starts, then alternate). In the first game, the higher seed chooses whether to start on a machine from their own list, or on one from their opponent's. After the first game, alternate between those lists. The player whose list is up will choose one of their picks to be played. If that machine currently isn't available (as represented by the "Game Board"), they have to choose one of their other picks. Waiting is only



allowed when none of their picks are available.

- Each machine can only be chosen/played once per player pairing
- The player who didn't choose the machine chooses player order.

### Grand Price

Thx to American Pinball and RS-Pinball GmbH the main Prize of the EPC 2025 Main tournament is a brand new Barry O's Barbecue Challenge Pinball Machine.



Note: Potential tax and customs as well as shipping needs to be paid by the winner





## 4. EPC Classic

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

**Qualification:** Thursday: registration 09:00-09:45, tournament start at 10:00

Friday: registration 08:30-09:15, tournament start at 09:30

You only need to register if you haven't registered before (at the Warm-Up etc.). If you are not at your designated machine 10 minutes after tournament start, you will not participate in the first round of group match play.

**Finals:** Saturday: planned finals start is at 15:30, but subject to delays from the main finals. Please be there at the planned time and watch out for any updates on Discord. Once the finals have started, if you are not present within 10 minutes, you will not participate.

**General:**

- 384 players
- 152% TGP
- 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 8 rounds of group match play, Tiered Swiss player pairing, Marburg scoring (7-4-2-0 or 7-3-0)
- Top 12 players (48 total) advance, top 4 (16 total) receive a bye
- Full game tie break for advancement and byes, machine determined by TD
- The seeding priorities are: 1. qualifying rank, 2. qualifying points, 3. most 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placements, 4. IFPA

**Finals:**

- Top 48, Single Elimination best of 5
- For machine choice, see "On Saturday ..." in the Finals description of the Main tournament
- Depending on schedule constraints, after a number of rounds the tournament direction can decide to switch to the "On Sunday ..." format in the Finals description of the Main tournament
- Each machine can only be chosen/played once per player pairing
- The player who didn't choose the machine chooses player order.



## 5. EPC Women's Championship

Date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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%





## 6. EPC Country Knockout Tournament (Non IFA)

**Date:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

**Start:** ca. 17:00 (after 1<sup>st</sup> EPC Classic Finals Round)

**General:**

- Country Knockout Tournament is planned for 16 Country teams where each team has 4 participants
- This tournament is not registered at the IFA
- No player taking part at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 IFA, 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 IFA rankings
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: 1 x 4 Ball game where each participant of the team plays only 1 ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **EPC – TEAM TOURNAMENT - FORMAT**

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

## 7. Jersey Jack Highscore Tournament

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May till 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

General:

- From each developed Jersey Jack Pinball Game one version will be present and available for the tournament.
- Main Price will be a NIB (New in Box) Jersey Jack Pinball machine  
→ Taxes might apply for the Winner (details are here in clarification)
- max 320 players

### 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

### Grand Price

Thx to Jersey Jack Pinball and RS-Pinball GmbH the main Price of the EPC Jersey Jack Highscore tournament is a brand new Guns N Roses Limited Edition Pinball Machine.



Note: Potential tax and customs as well as shipping needs to be paid by the winner

## 8. 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



## 9. Company Tournament

**Date:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Registration starts 9:00 am

**General:**

- Company Tournament is planned for 16 teams where each team has 4 participants
- This tournament is not registered at the IFPA
- 16 Team Spots can be registered onsite at the registration desk
- In case more then 16 teams like to join then potentially the tournament will be enlarged to 32 or 64 teams (with potential byes in the first round) Byes will be handled by randomness

### Tournament Format

**Finals:**

- Single Elimination format best of 7
- Seeding is done by the tournament directors
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: 1 x 4 Ball game where each participant of the team plays only 1 ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
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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



## 10. 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/>



## 11. 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 also a caterer onsite for further food options.

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

## 12. 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 foot, but for locations like Regau, Timelkam etc. it would be helpful to have a car or take the Taxi



## 13. Fees

Details are published on [www.epc2025.at](http://www.epc2025.at) or can be found on the flyer at the beginning

## 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 following partners and 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/>  
Jersey Jack Pinball is a sponsor of the Grand Price for the JJP Highscore Tournament
- American Pinball → Pinball Manufacturer located in Chicago. Released pinball machines are Barry O's Barbecue Challenge, Galactic Tank Force, Legends of Valhalla, Hot Wheels, Oktoberfest and Houdini <https://www.american-pinball.com/> ← Sponsor of Grand Price
- 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 IFA World Championship <https://www.flippnic.at/de/>
- Union-Flippersportverein Austria → Austrian Pinball Association <https://www.flipper-sv.at/>
- Flippverein 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](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 / Flipperdoktor → Pinball repair service <https://www.flipperdoktor.com>
- German Pinball Association → Several friends will help us over the full event in different roles <https://www.flippverein.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/>
- PinSound → Producer of Excellent Accessory Equipment of all around sounds and supplier of Multiballs for the European Pinball Championship <https://www.pinsound.org/>

And Many Many more!!!

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