



EUROPEAN PARA
CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023

ROTTERDAM

8th to 20th August



**EUROPEAN
PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS
PRE-REGISTRATION GUIDE**

SHOOTING PARA SPORT



Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

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ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHAT ARE THE EUROPEAN PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS?

The European Para Championships are a multisport event. The event will be staged every four years and will always be hosted by a major European city in the year preceding the Olympic and Paralympic Games. For the first time, the European Championships of ten different parasports will be organized simultaneously in one host city.

The 2023 edition will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands from Tuesday 8 to Sunday 20 August 2023. At the event, 1,500 Paralympic athletes from forty-five different European countries will compete to become European Champions.

All sports that are part of the European Para Championships have a direct connection to the Road to the Paris 2024 Paralympics. Paralympic Qualifying Points can be earned during this event. Some sports even involve direct qualification for Paris 2024.

Combining multiple European Para Championships on one occasion will create cross-pollination between sports federations, associations, and other stakeholders. The European Para Championships are an exceptional event that Europe has never seen or experienced!

ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam, the second largest city in the Netherlands, will host the inaugural edition of the European Para Championships in 2023. The main hub, and therefore the venue for multiple sports, is Rotterdam Ahoy. The venue is very well known as the 'biggest on earth' since 1971. It offers a base for international artists, top sports professionals, politicians and celebrities.

In addition to this exceptional world-class indoor location, the European Para Championships 2023 will also use various outdoor venues in the heart of Rotterdam. These 'city center courts' ensure that the parasports come to the people, instead of the other way around. In this way, we

present unique para sports in a high-quality way to Rotterdam and its residents & visitors. This allows them to get acquainted with parasport of the highest level. Enjoy top sports at unique locations!

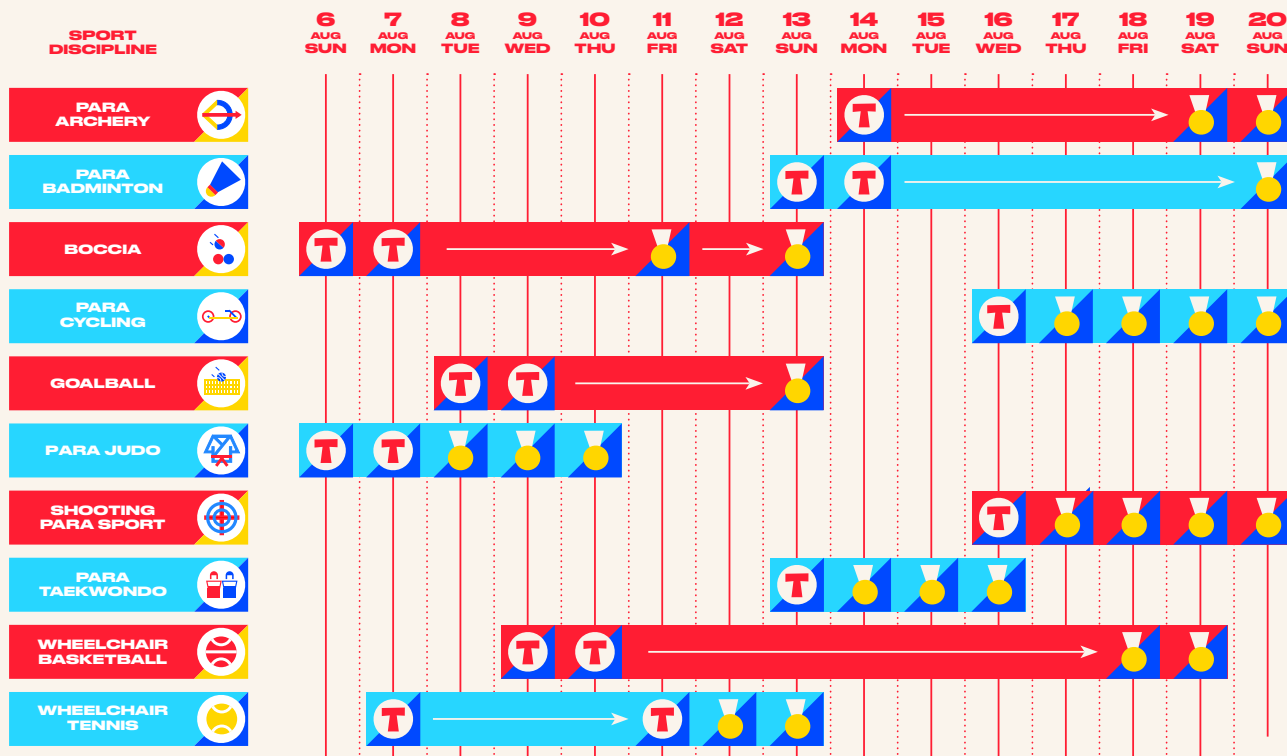
It is important to emphasize that the European Para Championships will not be a one-off event. Besides organizing the inaugural edition in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, the organizing committee develops the concept, scenario and event in such a manner that it will serve as a solid basis for guaranteeing the continuity of the event on the European sports calendar in 2027, 2031 and beyond.

SPORTS



PROGRAM

The event will take place between August 8 and August 20, 2023. The selected dates are aligned with the national and international sports calendars. They are also aligned as much as possible with other relevant events that are part of the sports that are also included in the 2023 European Para Championships.



T TRAINING SESSION/ CLASSIFICATION
 FINALS



WHEELCHAIR AND PROSTHETICS REPAIR SERVICE

A wheelchair and prosthetics repair service will be present at Rotterdam Ahoy from 6 August till 20 August 2023.

MEDICAL & INSURANCE

A first aid service with medical attention and ambulance service is available in Rotterdam Ahoy and at all outdoor competition venues from 6 August till 20 August 2023.

Each team must attend the event with their own medical and travel assurance to cover loss of property, injuries or medical treatment, travel disruption or luggage loss. The local organizing committee will accept no responsibility for injuries or loss of wages due to injuries. The organizing committee will provide third-party liability insurance for the participants, volunteers and other parties concerning the event.

ANTI-DOPING

The organizing committee undertakes the anti-doping rules and regulations as laid down according to the Anti-Doping Code of the International Federation. Anti-doping testing will be carried out by an approved and accredited laboratory.

VISA

Anyone part of the European Para Championships who require a Visa, for example a staff member from outside of Europe, can request a Visa invitation letter from the local organizing committee. Please send a request that includes the following information to

registrations@europeanparachampionships.com

- ▶▶ Full name according to passport
- ▶▶ Date of birth
- ▶▶ Passport number
- ▶▶ Function (e.g. athlete, coach, team manager)

Please note that Visa invitation letters will only be given to persons who are registered for the event.

CLIMATE

The Netherlands has a temperate maritime climate, influenced by the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, with cool summers and moderate winters. Average daytime temperatures vary from 2°C to 6°C in the winter and 17°C to 20°C in the summer.

Being a small and flat country, the Netherlands has a quite uniform climate, although there's a slightly greater continentality in inland areas

compared to coastal areas, where Rotterdam is located, which in turn are windier.

In summer, from June to August, the temperatures are generally pleasant, but the sun does not shine very often. Cool and rainy days are quite frequent, however, they alternate with warmer days, with the sun peeping through the clouds and the temperature exceeding 25 °C.

INTERNET

Internet is free of charge and available in all official hotels according to the hotels' regulations and at the EPC main hub Rotterdam Ahoy.

WATER

The tap water in the Netherlands is safe to drink. Tap water in the Netherlands is among the cleanest in Europe.

CONTACT

Registrations

registrations@europeanparachampionships.com



2 COMPETITION

COMPETITION PROGRAM*

7 AUG MON	15 AUG TUE	16 AUG WED	17 AUG THU
Official European Para Championships Opening Ceremony	Arrivals day Classification	Training Classification Technical meeting	Competition Finals
18 AUG FRI	19 AUG SAT	20 AUG SUN	21 AUG MON
Competition Finals	Competition Finals	Competition Finals	Departures day

**The competition program may be subject to change by the LOC.*



TECHNICAL MEETING

The exact time and place of the Technical Meeting rifle and pistol will be announced in the next information guide. Each participating WSPS Member Federation is kindly requested to have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding final schedules, draw procedures and other important issues related to Rotterdam 2023 European Para Championships.

CLASSIFICATION

International Classification will be conducted on 15-16 August 2022. A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by WSPS. At least 4 weeks prior to classification the athlete's completed IPC Medical Information Form and Classification Consent Form must have been uploaded to the athlete's SDMS profile, these forms can be found on the WSPS website.

LOCATION

The European Para Championships 2023 para shooting event will take place in Rotterdam Ahoy. SIUS Ascor electronic target system will be used for all of events (Qualification and Finals)

- ▶▶ **10 mt. Range: 40 Electronic Targets**
- ▶▶ **Final Hall: 10 Electronic Targets**

CATEGORIES



Divisions/categories	Thursday August 17 - Sunday August 20 2023	
R1 - 10m Air rifle standing	Men's	SH1
R2 - 10m Air rifle standing	Women's	SH1
R3 - 10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH1
R4 - 10m Air rifle standing	Mixed	SH2
R5 - 10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH2
P1 - 10m Air pistol	Men's	SH1
P2 - 10m Air pistol	Women's	SH1
VIS - 10m Air rifle VI Standing	Mixed	SH-VI
VIP - 10m Air rifle VI prone	Mixed	SH-VI



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

To be eligible athletes must:

1. Hold an active WSPS License for the 2023 Season
2. Be internationally classified with a "Review" (R) or "Confirmed" (C) sport class status on or before August 2023
3. Have achieved a Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at a WSPS Recognised Competition

Athletes must have achieved a Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at a WSPS recognised competition for one event between 01 January 2022 and 14 August 2023. An athlete may compete in multiple events if they have achieved the MQS score in each event.

Event	Discipline	Gender	Class	MQS
R1	10m Air rifle standing	Men	SH1	592
R2	10m Air rifle standing	Women	SH1	585
R3	10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH1	620.4
R4	10m Air rifle standing	Mixed	SH2	614.1
R5	10m Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH2	624.4
P1	10m Air pistol	Men	SH1	532
P2	10m Air pistol	Women	SH1	500
VIS	10m VI Air rifle standing	Mixed	SH-VI	400
VIP	10m VI Air rifle prone	Mixed	SH-VI	550

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

The maximum entry per NPC is four (4) per event if one is a junior in P1-P2, R1-R2 or R7-R8. If no junior athletes are entered, the maximum number of entries is three (3). In mixed events, the maximum number of entries per NPC is four (4) if one is a female or junior. If no female or junior athletes are entered, the maximum number of entries is three (3).

VI EVENTS

All athletes will be responsible to bring their own LED lights to the competition that will be mounted to the targets.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The competition will be conducted under WSPS and ISSF Technical Rules and Regulations and WSPS Classification Rules and Regulations.

WSPS Juries (Jury of Appeal, Competition Juries, RTS Jury, and Equipment Control Jury) will be designated by WSPS to supervise the Rotterdam 2023 European Para Championships. Qualified Range Officers / Referees holding applicable WSPS licenses will conduct the competitions.

If you require any further information, please kindly visit

- ▶ WSPS Technical www.paralympic.org/shooting/rules-and-regulations/technical-rules
- ▶ WSPS Classification www.paralympic.org/shooting/rules-and-regulations/classifications
- ▶ ISSF www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules

RIFLE/PISTOL EQUIPMENT

Equipment Control will be conducted according to WSPS Rules and ISSF rules using approved, calibrated instruments. The tag is only for ISSF clothes and rifle. All athletes must pass the equipment control for the wheelchair and all SH2 athletes must control the balance and the spring. With the WSPS green tag, the athletes must control the WSPS specific equipment (wheelchair, spring, balance...), following the schedule publishes on WSPS web and send to the Team leader/NPC.

PARIS 2024 DIRECT QUOTA ALLOCATION

The World Championships will be a direct quota allocation event for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The official qualification document (with the confirmed allocation) can be found here: www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/qualification-regulations



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FACILITY SERVICES



ENTRY PACKAGE

The organization of the European Para Championships 2023 has created an entry package that includes entry to the event, accreditation and other facility services that all participants need, but don't want to worry about. The organization strives to create the best setting possible for athletes to excel in.

The shooting para sport entry package includes **entry fee that covers all starts, accreditation, accommodation and tourist tax, transport, catering and VAT**. A more detailed explanation of each of these can be found in the following paragraphs.

Registrations for the entry packages can be made in the Facility Registration System. Please note that the entry package is mandatory for anyone in need of an accreditation.

- ▶ The prices are per person, per night
- ▶ The earliest check-in date is 15 August 2023 and the latest check-out date is 21 August 2023
- ▶ For any additional nights please send your request to the LOC
- ▶ It is not possible to exclude one of the options

	Per person per night. Based on a <u>single-use</u> hotel room.	Per person per night. Based on a <u>twin-use</u> hotel room.
Entry package including entry fee, accreditation, accommodation and tourist tax, transport, catering and VAT.	€310	€240

There are no accreditation-only packages available. For any federation guests or staff that want to visit the event, the organizing committee offers three options:

- ▶ **Attending the event as federation staff member**
- ▶ **Attending the event as a visitor with a ticket (to the LOC every visitor is the same, there will be no distinction between ticket types)**
- ▶ **Attending the event as a VIP guest with access to the hospitality lounge**

More information on federation staff registrations, tickets and VIP/hospitality packages will be sent to you shortly.





ACCREDITATION

In the entry package accreditation is included. To receive an accreditation all required information needs to be filled in the Facility Registration System. An application cannot be completed without uploading a photo for accreditation.

Accreditations can be picked up at the accreditation office in Rotterdam Ahoy. Please note that accreditations will only be handed out when all invoices are fully paid. Registration for accreditation on-site is not possible.

ACCOMMODATION

In August 2023, The European Para Championships will use over 1,000 hotel rooms a day in the Rotterdam region. For athletes, only accommodations that are fully accessible for athletes with disabilities will be used. All-important preconditions in this area will be met. During the European Para Championships 2023 all shooting para sport athletes and teams will be staying at Van Der Valk Hotel Rotterdam - Blijdorp.

Van Der Valk Hotel Rotterdam - Blijdorp

The formula of the Van der Valk concern is based on the principles of “uniformity and affordability”. The company logo is the image of the Toucan bird. When the bird attraction park “Avifauna” in the town of Alphen aan den Rijn was purchased by the family, the park already had the Toucan logo in use. It was decided to keep the logo and to start using it for the hotels and restaurants belonging to the concern.

The Van der Valk Hotel Rotterdam-Blijdorp was established in June 2010. The hotel consists of 189 guest rooms. It has a restaurant that seats 160 people, a bar and a terrace. Hotel Blijdorp is just a few kilometres from Rotterdam Airport and the center of Rotterdam. Blijdorp Zoo and the David Lloyd sports center are next to the hotel.



Van Der Valk Hotel Rotterdam - Blijdorp

Energieweg 2
3041 JC Rotterdam





TRANSPORT

To the Netherlands

Rotterdam The Hague Airport is located just seven kilometres from the city center of Rotterdam and offers flights to and from more than 50 European destinations. Besides this airport, there are several other airports near the city of Rotterdam. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol can be reached from the center of Rotterdam by car or bus within one hour. Travel time to Eindhoven Airport is approximately 75 minutes. Both airports are also easily accessible from Rotterdam by public transport.

The organizing committee will arrange shuttle services from Rotterdam The Hague Airport, Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam Central Station to the selected event hotels. These buses are accessible to athletes with disabilities.

To use this service, please make sure to provide the organization with all arrival and departure flight details in the EPC Facility Registration System as soon as possible.

Event transport

The city of Rotterdam has an excellent network of public transport, mostly very well accessible for travelers with disabilities.

The organizing committee will arrange shuttle services from Rotterdam The Hague Airport, Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam Central Station to the selected event hotels. These buses are accessible to athletes with disabilities. The organizing committee will take care of the transportation to and from:

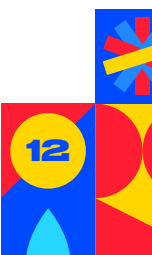
- ▶▶ [Rotterdam The Hague Airport and Schiphol Airport](#)
- ▶▶ [Selected event hotels](#)
- ▶▶ [Rotterdam Ahoy](#)
- ▶▶ [City center courts](#)

CATERING

All meals provided by the European Para Championships 2023 will be prepared with the needs of top athletes in mind. There will be great quality healthy foods with regard for any dietary requirements participants might have. In the entry package three meals a day are included. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotel. Lunch will be served at Rotterdam Ahoy. Catering starts with dinner on the day of check-in and ends with breakfast on the day of check-out.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions as stated in appendix 1 apply to the entry packages.



4 REGISTRATION

PROCEDURE

The European Para Championships 2023 has a two-step registration process. The sports registration will take place through the platform and the standard registration procedure of WSPS. There is a separate registration system for the entry package. In the EPC Facility Registration System national federations can register their team members for the entry package.

SPORTS REGISTRATION

All athletes must be entered by their respective NPCs or Organisations authorised by the NPC and accepted by WSPS. All NPCs must declare their entries within the given deadlines. If an athlete hopes to obtain an MQS in August, they must be entered by the entry deadlines.

Late Entries

Late entry applications (submitted after the final entry deadline by name) will only be considered if they are received by the WSPS at least one (1) month before the official day of arrival. Such entries may be accepted under the direction of the LOC and WSPS: however a late entry fee of EUR 100 per additional start per athlete per event.

Replacement entries

Replacement entries may be accepted in the same event only due to injury or medical reason. the NPC must submit a valid medical report to WSPS office for approval. The LOC must also approve if such late changes can be accommodated (e.g., firearms import arrangement). Refer to WSPS Appendix 2- 5.3.1

EPC FACILITY REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The EPC Facility Registration System is used for the registration for the entry package. Please note that the entry package is mandatory for anyone in need of accreditation. It is not possible to exclude one of the options. There are no accreditation-only packages.

To receive an accreditation all required information needs to be filled in the Facility Registration System. An application cannot be completed without uploading a photo for accreditation.



PAYMENT

After the registration for the entry package in the EPC Facility Registration System an invoice will be sent. This invoice will have to be fully paid by 1 July 2023. In the EPC Facility Registration System the local organization committee will

show when (partial) payment of the invoice has been received. Any entries made after one of the payment deadlines require immediate payment according to the expired deadline.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Bank account holder name	European Para Championships the Netherlands B.V.
Bank account holder address	Angelenweg 153, 5349 TG Oss, The Netherlands
Bank	Rabobank
Bank address	Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, The Netherlands
Account no/IBAN	NL97 RABO 0365 9449 71
Bic/Swift code	RABONL2U
Subject/details	Please mention your team name, debtor number and invoice number in your payment.
Important	All payments shall be made in EUR by bank transfer. Bank transfer fees are responsibility of the sender. Credit cards and travel checks will not be accepted.

DEADLINES

1 March 2023	Opening sports registrations (SDMS)
1 April 2023	Opening EPC Facility Registration System
1 June 2023	Closing EPC Facility Registration System
1 June 2023	Closing sports registrations (SDMS)
1 July 2023	Payment deadline

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APPENDIX 1

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ENTRY PACKAGES

Article 1. Applicability

- 1.1 These general terms and conditions apply to legal and other acts and agreements between the Organiser and the Other Party.
- 1.2 If any provision of the general terms and conditions proves to be void, this will not affect the validity of the other terms and conditions. In consultation, a provision that is in line with the intention of the parties will then replace the void provision.
- 1.3 The applicability of the general terms and conditions of the Other Party is explicitly rejected.
- 1.4 These general terms and conditions may be amended by a mere notification from the Organiser to the Other Party. In the absence of written protest within 30 days after this notification, the amended general terms and conditions will apply from the day of notification to all legal acts and agreements to be concluded and to all agreements in force between the parties and current agreements, insofar as they are executed after the day of notification.
- 1.5 The deadlines in these general terms and conditions will always be final for the Other Party.
- 1.6 Provisions of the general terms and conditions may only be derogated from in writing.

Article 2. The formation and content of the agreement

- 2.1 All offers, quotations, expense budgets, etc. of the Organiser will be subject to contract, unless the Organiser has stated otherwise in writing.
- 2.2 All information and/or specifications provided by the Organiser are approximate only, unless explicitly stated otherwise in writing.
- 2.3 The Organiser will be entitled to engage third parties for the performance of the assignment.
- 2.4 Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any offer from the Organiser will be subject to contract and may still be withdrawn by the Organiser.
- 2.5 The Organiser will have the right to refuse an application without stating any reasons.
- 2.6 The agreement between the Organiser and the Other Party will be concluded after the Other Party has submitted the reservation for one or more hotel rooms and the Organiser has confirmed this to the Other Party in writing.
- 2.7 The reservation is made on the basis of a fully completed reservation form that is submitted to the Organiser.
- 2.8 This reservation may only be changed with the Organiser's approval.
- 2.9 The agreement will only be formed after the Organiser has confirmed the reservation in writing.
- 2.10 Unless explicitly agreed otherwise between the parties, the Other Party cannot derive any rights in respect of the room(s) assigned to them.

Article 3. Obligations of the Other Party

- 3.1 The Organiser may deny an Other Party who, in the sole opinion of the Organiser, acts in violation of the agreement (including but not limited to the accommodation's safety regulations, instructions and house rules) the use of the accommodation with immediate effect.
- 3.2 The Other Party will be responsible for the actions/omissions of any third parties engaged and/or invited by them.
- 3.3 The Other Party will be obliged to take out travel and/or cancellation insurance.
- 3.4 Persons for whom the Other Party has not made any reservations may be removed from the accommodation on the Organiser's instructions. In the event that the Other Party fails to immediately comply with the above notice, the Organiser will be entitled to remove these persons or have them removed at the Other Party's expense and risk, without the Other Party being entitled to claim compensation.
- 3.5 Persons who - in the sole opinion of the Organiser - misbehave in the accommodation (or corresponding spaces) may be denied access by or on behalf of the Organiser with immediate effect.

Article 4. Other Obligations

- 4.1 Without the written permission from the Organiser, the transfer of all or part of the agreement (or the making available of the rented accommodation) by the Other Party to a third party will not be permitted.
- 4.2 If the accommodation is not or not fully used, this will be at the Other Party's expense and risk, and this will not release the Other Party from their payment obligation.
- 4.3 If the Other Party acts in violation of the agreement, the Organiser will be entitled to terminate the agreement without any judicial intervention being required, in which case the Organiser will retain the right to full payment.
- 4.4 If the rented accommodation is left unused or is vacated, the Organiser will have the right to make the accommodation available to others.

Article 5. Cancellation of the event

- 5.1 If an event is cancelled either wholly or partially, the Other Party will not be entitled to compensation, regardless of the cause for the cancellation of the event, unless this is solely attributable to the Organiser due to an intentional act or gross negligence on the part of the Organiser.
- 5.2 If the full or partial cancellation of the event is communicated in writing within 27 days prior to the first check-in date of the hotel accommodation, the Other Party must make a claim under the travel and/or cancellation insurance taken out by them in advance with respect to any accommodation and usage expenses already paid. In the event of written communication more than 27 days prior to the first check-in date, the payment made will be refunded to the Other Party in accordance with the cancellation provisions of Article 7. The Other Party must make a claim under the travel and/or cancellation insurance with respect to the part of any accommodation and usage expenses paid that is refunded.
- 5.3 If the Other Party or persons for whom reservations have been made by a third party (including national and international federations, the government or other bodies) are excluded from participation in the event, the Organiser will not refund any accommodation and usage expenses already paid, other than in accordance with the cancellation provisions specified in Article 7.

Article 6. Price, payment

- 6.1 All (agreed) amounts are exclusive of VAT and any other government levies, unless agreed otherwise in writing.
- 6.2 The Other Party will be obliged to provide security for the obligations under the agreement at any time on the Organiser's demand.
- 6.3 Payment terms of the invoices are 14 days after the invoice date. Payment terms are 8 days if the Organiser has accepted the reservation within one month before the start of an event. The full payment must always be received before the first day of the overnight stay at the latest. The Other Party will be in default by operation of law if payment has not been made within the stated periods. After that, it will owe a contractual interest rate of 1% a month (or part of a month).
- 6.4 Payment must be made in the manner to be specified by the Organiser.
- 6.5 The Organiser will not be in default as long as the Other Party has not (completely) fulfilled their obligations.

Article 7. Cancellation provisions for booked accommodation

- 7.1 After the agreement for the reservation of the accommodation has been formed, it will only be possible to cancel the agreement in writing, and the following cancellation provisions will apply.

Cancellations until 30 April 2023:	0% owed
Cancellations between 1 May 2023 and May 31st 2023:	50% owed
Cancellations from 1 June 2023:	100% owed
- 7.2 If, at the time of cancellation, the Organiser's loss exceeds the cancellation fee included in Article 7.1 of these general terms and conditions, the Other Party must compensate the Organiser for this amount in excess.
- 7.3 The Organiser will be entitled to charge to the Other Party all costs, including full extrajudicial costs subject to a minimum of €250.00 excluding VAT and legal costs.

Article 8. The Organiser's liability

- 8.1 The Organiser will only be liable for damage or loss (i) if this damage or loss is covered by the liability or other insurance, and in that case up to the amount paid out by the insurance, if the insurance company pays out, plus the excess or (ii) in case of an intentional act or gross negligence. If the insurance company does not pay out, the Organiser will be liable at most for the damage or loss up to the amount of the booked accommodation.
- 8.2 If the Organiser is liable, this liability will be limited to direct damage or loss and it will in no event include indirect damage or loss and/or consequential damage or loss.
- 8.3 Notice of the exercise of all rights of action and other authorities, of any nature whatsoever, which the Other Party has vis-à-vis the Organiser, must have been received by the Organiser in writing within 12 months after the time that the Other Party became or could reasonably have been aware of them, in the absence of which they will lapse.
- 8.4 All guests of the Other Party will be present at their own expense and risk. Neither the Organiser nor the owner of/partly entitled to the accommodation will be liable for any damage to property or for accidents of the Other Party or guests, unless the damage has been caused as a result of an intentional act or gross negligence on the part of the Organiser.
- 8.5 The Other Party indemnifies the Organiser against third-party claims (including but not limited to participants and visitors), who suffer damage or loss in connection with the performance of the agreement.

Article 9. Applicable law and competent court

- 9.1 Dutch law applies exclusively to all legal relationships between the Organiser and the Other Party.
- 9.2 The Court of Oost-Brabant has exclusive jurisdiction to hear disputes between the parties, to the extent that mandatory statutory provisions do not oppose this.