

ETBF ESC 2025

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1. Introduction

The Tchoukball Club la Chaux-de-Fonds was founded at the end of the year 1982, it is one of the oldest tchoukball club in the world and one of the biggest in Switzerland

The club has about 100 members. The club offers training for kids and adults, the younger players is just 6 years old.

We have teams playing in almost all the national competition and with our main team in Ligue A, The Beehives we regularly played for the top 3 places.

2. Communication

From the club to the public

Main communication about the tournament for the public will be on : www.tbcc.ch
Instagram : @tchouk_cdf

Internal communication with all teams

After the registration of the teams, we will move to a discord app to easily communicate with all teams.

3. Host City and Venue

3.1 City

Le Locle is a municipality in the Canton of Neuchâtel in Switzerland.

It is situated in the Jura Mountains, a few kilometers from the city of La Chaux-de-Fonds. It is the third smallest city in Switzerland (in Switzerland a place needs more than 10,000 inhabitants to be considered a city).

Le Locle is known as a center of Swiss watchmaking, even cited as the birthplace of this industry.

The watchmaking cities of Le Locle and La Chaux-de-Fonds have jointly received recognition from UNESCO for their exceptional universal value.



3.2 Venue

The venue is a triple fields sport center with capability for up to 500 specators. This center has 6 changing rooms and dormitory for up to 75 people

The goal is to have two fields for games and a center field for the warm-up with appropriate separation to avoid balls to go to other fields

Google map : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SKCZ5qSFMW8o9RgJ9>

Parking : There are a big parking for the ice hockey field and the pool, it cost few swiss francs for half day and it's free after 7pm weekday and all the week-end (1CHF = ~1 €)





4. Competition rules

The tournament will follow the official FITB rules, the FITB official interpretations of the rules and the Tchoukball Charter.

The ball that we decided to use is custom made balls for this event but it's the same as common one generally used in other big tournaments

There will be 20 balls available for warmup but we encourage teams to bring few with them to ensure you can warm-up in the best way

All the teams shall be responsible for their own player's insurance: goods, third party and repatriation; every delegate should ensure they have valid health and accident insurance coverage.

5. Accommodation and Catering

5.1 Accommodation

As the event is only in few months it will not be possible for us to arrange the accommodation with the hotels

5.1.1 Dormitory

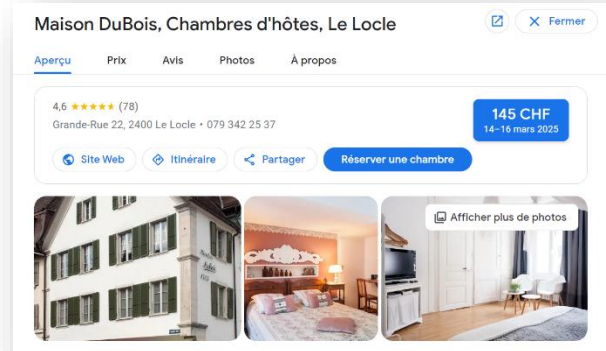
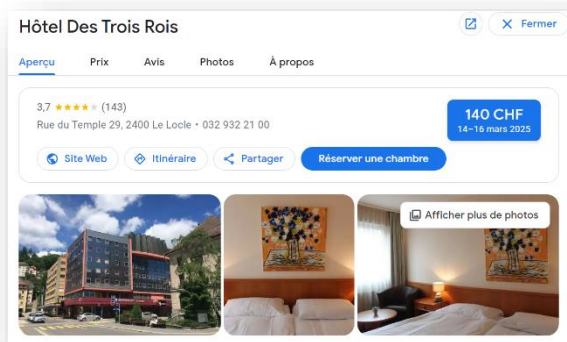
We can provide access to the dormitory inside the sport center for an additional 25 CHF per night per person

We know there are around 60 beds inside but we don't know the number of rooms, this information will be provided during the next weeks and this will define how many teams we can accept

We will accept teams according to the rule "first come, first served" as soon as this document is released

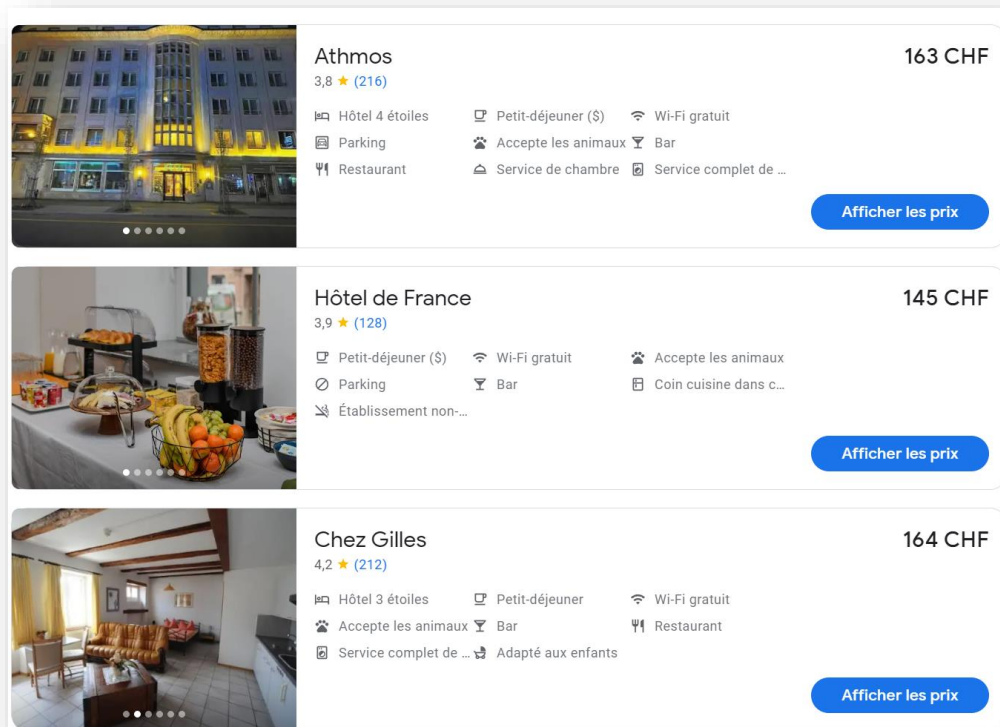
5.1.2 Hotels

There are two affordable hotels in the center of le locle (about ~1km for the sport center)



There are also options in the city of La Chaux-de-Fonds

La Chaux-de-Fonds is at less than 10km (15min by car or 12min Time between the two train stations)



5.2 Catering

*Friday : Dinner at the sport center with reservation**

Saturday : Lunch at the sport center

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Sunday : Lunch at the sport center

We propose to organise the Dinner only if the team register priori the event to let the choice to the team to go to the city to eat at the restaurant or if they want to visit a little bit the area.

**Of course the cost of the meal(s) will be deducted of the total if you don't want to eat*

6. Schedule

The provisional schedule of the event will include for each team/player:

- five matches of the round robin between Friday (indicatively starting at 14:00 with two matches that day for each team) and Saturday starting at 09:00 (three matches for each team);
- one semi-final and one final match on Sunday

Here is an example of a schedule that could change due to the number of participating teams.

Friday (group stage)											
Time	Group	Nr.	Home	Guest	REF	Time	Group	Nr.	Home	Guest	REF
16:00		1				16:00		2			
17:00		3				17:00		4			
18:00		5				18:00		6			
19:00		7				19:00		8			
20:00	Technical Meeting if needed										
Saturday (group stage)											
09:00		9				09:00		10			
10:00		11				10:00		12			
11:00		13				11:00		14			
12:00		15				12:00		16			
12:50	lunch break (40 min)					12:50	lunch break (40 min)				
13:30		17				13:30		18			
14:30		19				14:30		20			
15:30		21				15:30		22			
16:30		23				16:30		24			
17:30		25				17:30		26			
18:30		27				18:30		28			
19:30		29				19:30		30			
20:30	Technical Meeting if needed										
Sunday (playoff / final stage)											
09:00	S51	31	3rd A	4th B	1st A	09:00	S91	32	6th A	5th B	2nd B
10:00	S11	33	2nd A	1st B	win #31	10:00	S92	34	5th A	6th B	win #32
11:00	S12	35	1st A	2nd B	los #33	11:00	S52	36	4th A	3rd B	los #31
12:00	F09	37	win #32 (9P1)	win #34 (9P2)	win #35	12:00	F11	38	los #32 (9P1)	los #34 (9P2)	win #33
13:00	F05	39	win #31 (5P1)	win #36 (5P2)	win #37	13:00	F07	40	los #31 (5P1)	los #36 (5P2)	win #38
14:15	F03	41	los #33 (SF1)	los #35 (SF2)	TBA						
15:30	F01	42	win #33 (SF1)	win #35 (SF2)	TBA						

7. Transportation

Distance and travel time from Swiss airports by train

Geneva airport to Le Locle by train: 2 connections, duration around 2 hours

Basel airport to Le Locle by train: 3 connections, duration around 2h30 to 3hours

Zurich airport to Le Locle by train: 2 connections, duration around 2h30 to 2h50

Distance and travel time by car from main European cities and Swiss airports

Geneva airport to Le Locle by car: 146km, 1h30

Basel airport to Le Locle by car: 114km, 1h50

Zurich airport to Le Locle by car: 187km, 2h40

Milano to Le Locle by car: 400km, 4h40

Paris to Le Locle by car: 500km, 5h30

Prague to Le Locle by car, 800km, 9h30

Barcelona to Le Locle by car, 920km, 9h15

Distance and travel time in the area of the competition.

From center of Le Locle to the sport center: 1.2km 3min by car, 15min by foot

From center of La Chaux-de-Fonds to the sport center : 9km, 13min by car, ~30min (10min of train + 20min of walk/bus)

In the area of the competition, there are public transports from 6:30am to 11pm to go from/to the center of Le Locle or La Chaux-de-Fonds.

On Saturday evening and Sunday there is a special bus system working like a taxi (for the same price as normal public transport), It's an "on-demand" service

8. Inscription fee packs

8.1 ESC Full pack – 130€ / ~120CHF

This pack is for all players and coaches

- 2x lunch and 2x dinner
- 1x official ball for the team
- 1x official souvenir for each player/coach
- Sport halls rental
- Free water, snack and fruits during the competition

8.2 ESC Supporter pack – 90€ / ~83 CHF

This pack is for all supporters and non-player referees

- 2x lunch and 2x dinner
- 1x official souvenir for each supporter / non-player referees
- Free water, snack and fruits during the competition

8.3 Extra costs

25 CHF per person and night for a place in the dormitory