

# Pongfinity Cup 2025 information pack

## General information

**Dates:** The tournament takes place 1st and 2nd of February 2025.

**Venue:** Ruskeasuon Palloiluhalli, Ratsastie 10, 00280 Helsinki, Finland.

**Organizers:** The Finnish table tennis club Mejlans Bollförening (MBF) and Pongfinity.

**Arrival (international players):** We recommend flights to Helsinki airport or ferry to Helsinki port, depending on which country you depart from.

**Accommodation:** We recommend staying at Valo Hotel (which is nearby the venue). Tournament participants will get 15% discount using the promo code **\*PRO15\*** when booking a room at: <https://valo.fi/en/hotel/>

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## Playing classes

There will be 10 playing classes in total. Please see all the classes in *Picture 1* below.

Girls can participate in boys' classes due to there being less girls' classes overall.

Each player can participate in 2 classes per day.

*Example:* In order to participate in Boys' / Girls' 18, the player needs to be born in year 2006 or later.

Men's singles	Women's singles
Boys' 18 singles	Girls' 18 singles
Boys' 16 singles	
Boys' 14 singles	Girls' 14 singles
Boys' 12 singles	
Boys' 10 singles	Girls' 10 singles

*Picture 1: The playing classes.*

## Playing format

All matches at Pongfinity Cup will be played best-of-five games.

Each class will start with a group stage. We aim to have 4 players in each group. Two players will proceed to the knock-out stage, while the rest players will proceed to the consolation stage. The knock-out and consolation stages ensure at least one additional match to every player.

## Schedule

In *Picture 2* below you will see the preliminary schedule for the tournament.

**The exact scheduling for each playing class will be made public after we have received the registrations.**

There will also be a Pongfinity meet & greet time slot on both Saturday and Sunday where you can take photos with the team.

<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan 31 2025	18:00	Practice possibility at the venue
<b>SATURDAY</b> Feb 1 2025	09:00	Morning classes: MS, G14 and B12
	13:30	Afternoon classes: WS, B14
	18:00	Pongfinity video-shoot: Bounce the ball longest, win 1000€
<b>SUNDAY</b> Feb 2 2025	09:00	Morning classes: G18, B16 and B10
	13:30	Afternoon classes: B18 and G10
	19:00	Award ceremony

*Picture 2: Preliminary event schedule.*

## Prizes

The finalists and semi-finalists of each class will receive a money-prize and a cup trophy. The total prize money for the tournament is 5000€.

There will be an additional 1000€ money prize for the Pongfinity video-shoot winner on Saturday.

Prize money will be paid to the preferred bank account. Any applicable tax shall be paid by the players winning the prize money.

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SEMI-FINALISTS
Men's & Women's Singles	1000€	400€	150€
Boys' & Girls' 18	200€	100€	50€
Boys' 16	150€	75€	30€
Boys' & Girls' 14	100€	50€	20€
Boys' 12	60€	30€	15€
Boys' & Girls' 10	40€	20€	10€

*Picture 3: Money prizes for each class.*

## Equipment

Matches will be played on Stiga table tennis tables.

Matches will be played with the Pongfinity 40+mm table tennis ball.

## Participation fee

The participation fee is based on the playing classes.

The meet & greet events as well as the Pongfinitivity video-shoot is free of charge for all participants of the tournament.

CLASS	FEE
Men's & Women's Singles	50€
Boys' & Girls' 18	40€
Boys' 16	40€
Boys' & Girls' 14	40€
Boys' 12	30€
Boys' & Girls' 10	30€

*Picture 4: Participation fee for each class.*

## Tournament Director

The tournament director is Måns Holmberg (MBF).

## Contact Person

The contact person for any questions regarding the tournament is Jon Eriksson (MBF).  
Contact him via email at: [info@pongfinitivitycup.fi](mailto:info@pongfinitivitycup.fi)

## Pongfinity Video-shoot

The Pongfinity video-shoot will take place on Saturday 2nd of February after the competition matches have finished. The preliminary start time for the video-shoot is at 18:00.

The preliminary concept of the video-shoot is a table tennis bounce contest, where the last person bouncing a table tennis ball with his/her racket wins 1000€. When you drop the ball you will be out from the contest, but can stay in the audience to watch how the video-shoot progresses and who will win the contest. Pongfinity will make a YouTube video out of this contest and publish it on their YouTube-channel. Pongfinity has made a similar bounce contest video once before, which you can watch as reference here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ivd\\_GZJHyg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ivd_GZJHyg)

## Competition shirt

The official Pongfinity Cup 2025 competition t-shirt is made by Pure Waste from 100% recycled fibers.

The shirt is a unisex model and is sold using men's measurements; women should choose one size smaller than usual.

The t-shirt is made from recycled by-product cotton and recycled plastic bottles and manufactured responsibly in Pure Waste's factory.

The shirt can be **bought only from the registration form prior to the tournament** for a price of 25€. The t-shirts are made based on demand so that there won't be left over any extra (unbought) shirts after the tournament. Choose your size in the registration form. The color of the shirt is "Solid Navy".



Picture 5: The official competition t-shirt.

## Pictures, Streaming & Recording of matches

The tournament will be live-streamed and players might also be featured on videos and pictures on Pongfinity's Youtube channels and other social media platforms. Pictures and videos from the event may also be used for the marketing of this and future Pongfinity events on website, social media and in print.

By participating/spectating in the tournament and the Pongfinity video-shoot you agree that you (and/or the player participating) might be seen in a video made about the tournament, live-streams of the tournament or in match uploads / other tournament videos on Pongfinity's social media channels.

## Registration

Registration to Pongfinity Cup 2025 has started as of **4th of October 2024**.

The tournament is limited to a maximum amount of players. **Registrations will be approved in the order that the participation fees have been paid (first paid, first served)**. If there are more registrations, the subsequent registrants will be placed in a queue.

**Make sure to register immediately if you want to ensure your spot in the first ever Pongfinity Cup!** The last day to register for the tournament is at midnight (Finnish time) Sunday 22nd of December 2024.

The organizers reserve the right to constrain the number of participants per class in case of overbooking.

If you need to cancel your registration after you have paid it, the last day to do so is 15th of December 2024 for you to be refunded. In case your registration is cancelled after 15th of December, there will be no refund.

If you want to register a whole group/club of players please be directly in touch with our contact person Jon Eriksson (info@pongfinitycup.fi)

## Hotel

We recommend staying at **Valo Hotel** (Mannerheimintie 109, 00280, Helsinki), which is nearby the venue. The hotel is 1,4km away from the venue and you can reach it by:

- Walking (20 minutes)
- Car / Uber / Taxi (5 minutes)

**Breakfast and WiFi is included** when booking a room at Valo Hotel.

**Use the promo code \*PRO15\* to get 15% discount on your room.** The earlier you book the room, the cheaper it will be (dynamic pricing).

The following link will take you to the hotel's booking site, where you can apply the 15% discount code: <https://valo.fi/en/hotel/>

Pictures of Valo Hotel:

