

TEAM LEADERS' GUIDE

Tennis





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Welcome Message

Dear Athletes and Team Officials,

We are delighted to welcome you to Tokyo and thank you for your participation in TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS.

This guide has been prepared to provide you with essential information to ensure your experience here is smooth, productive, and enjoyable.

We have been working diligently to support all delegations and create an environment where you can perform at your best and feel at home. We hope that your time here will be both successful in competition and rich in cultural exchange and friendships.

We wish you a safe, memorable, and inspiring stay.

About this Team Leaders' Guide

Published in September 2025, this Team Leaders' Guide offers a summary of competition-related material about Tennis competition at TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS and provides a variety of information aimed at helping teams in planning and preparation.

1. OVERVIEW

Competition Overview

The tennis competitions at the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS will be held from Sunday, November 16 to Tuesday, November 25 at Ariake Tennis Park.

The competition consists of the following five events:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

A total of 99 athletes, 60 men and 39 women, may take part in the Tennis competition.

Participating NOCs

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ARG | AUS | AUT | BEL | BRA |
| CAN | CHN | CZE | DEN | ECU |
| FRA | GBR | GER | GRE | HUN |
| IND | ISR | ITA | JPN | KOR |
| POL | SLO | SRB | SVK | TPE |
| TUR | UKR | USA | | |

Key dates

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| October 15, 2025 | Sport entries final deadline with names |
| November 15, 2025 | Technical meeting |
| November 15, 2025 | Opening ceremony |
| November 16, 2025 | Start of tennis competition |
| November 23, 2025 | Technical meeting |
| November 25, 2025 | End of tennis competition |
| November 26, 2025 | Closing ceremony |

Competition venue

Ariake Tennis Park (2-2-22 Ariake, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

The tennis competitions of the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS will be held at Ariake Tennis Park. Ariake Tennis Park was also used as the tennis venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

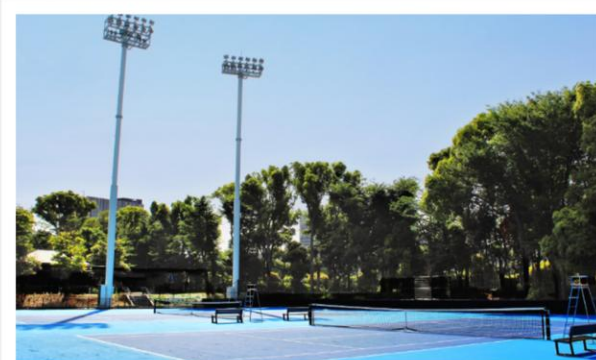
Ariake Coliseum



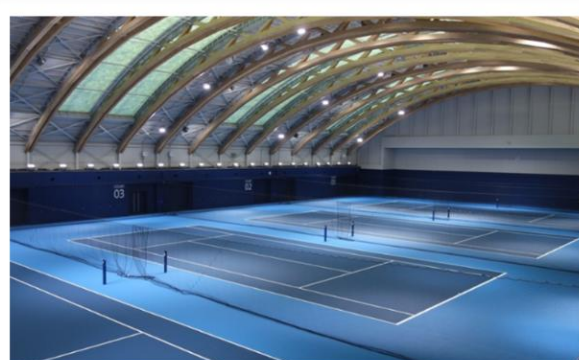
Show Court



Outdoor Hard Courts

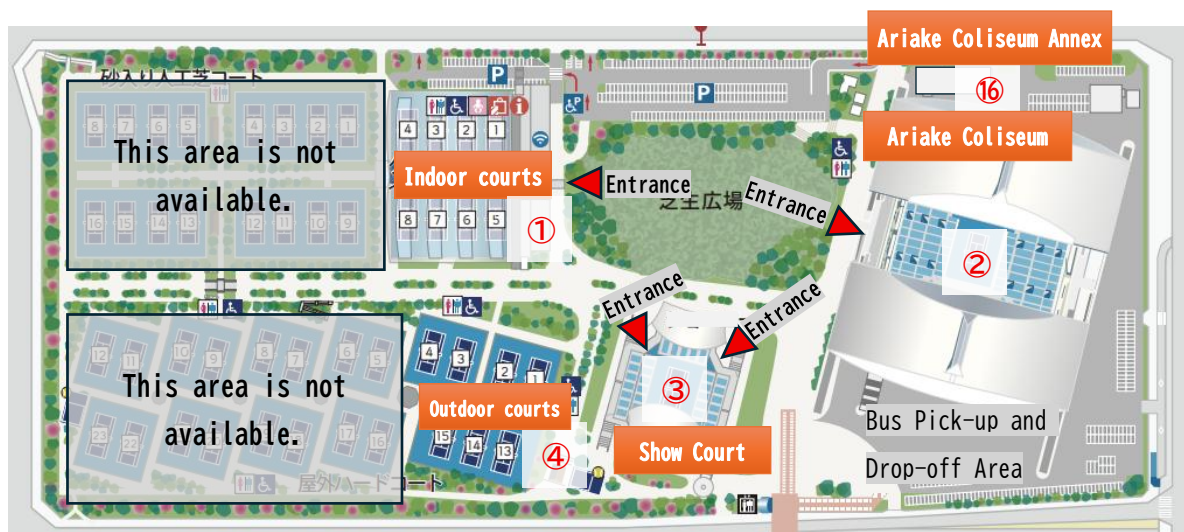


Indoor Hard Courts



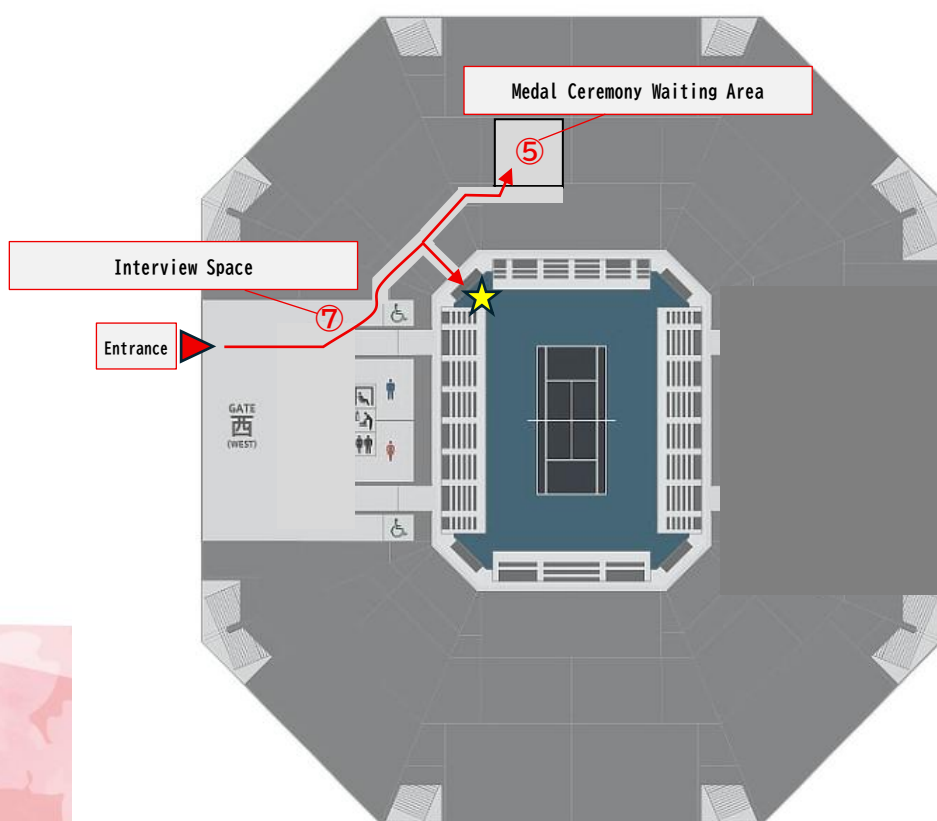
Venue map

Overall view

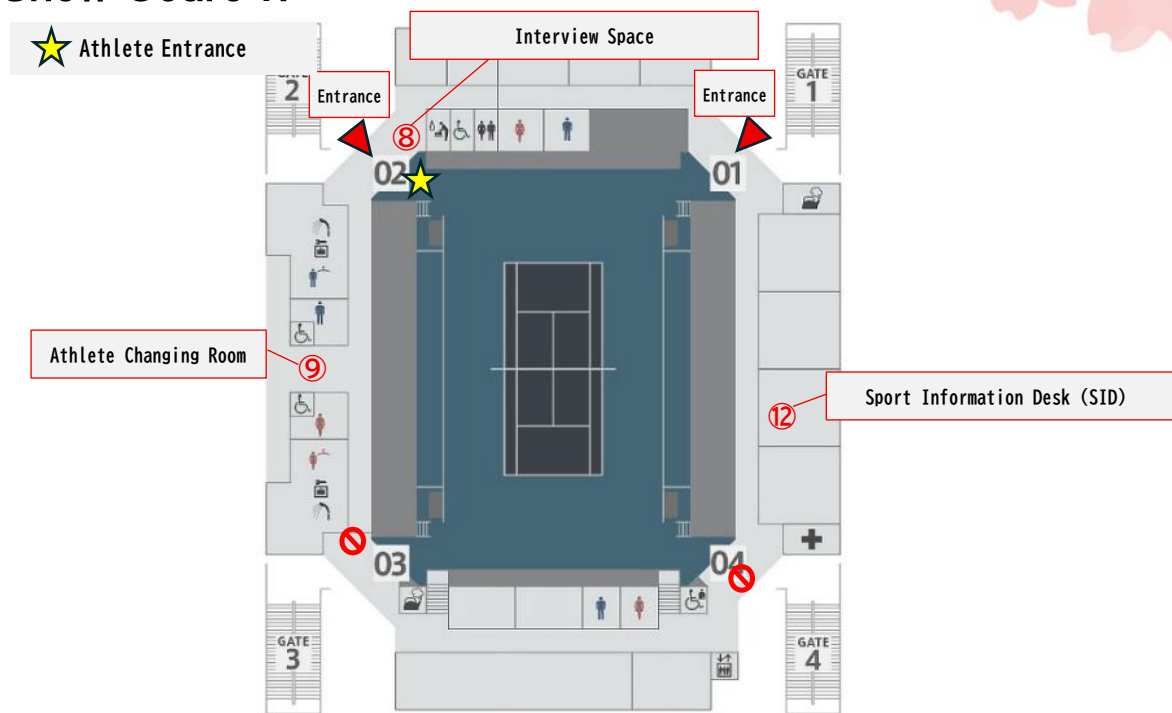


The tournament will use Ariake Coliseum, the Show Court, Outdoor hard courts (No.1-4, 13-15), and Indoor hard courts (No.1-8). Other courts are not available. Please note that only these courts may be used during officially scheduled match or practice times.

Ariake Coliseum 1F



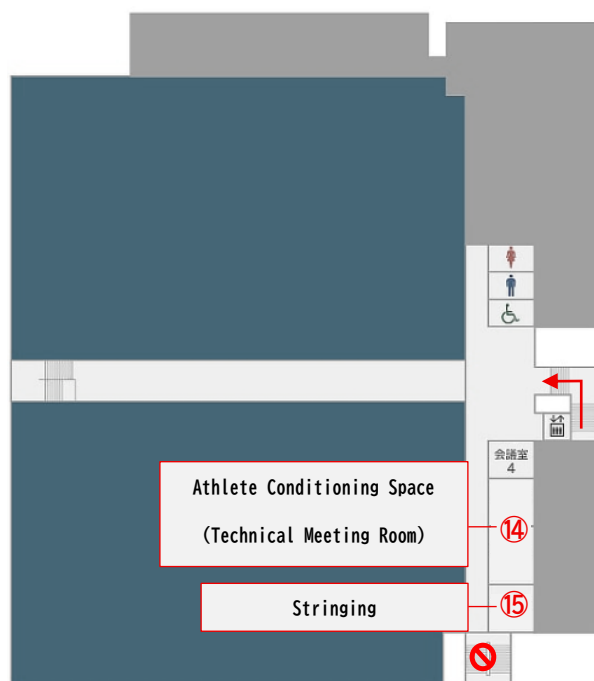
Show Court 1F



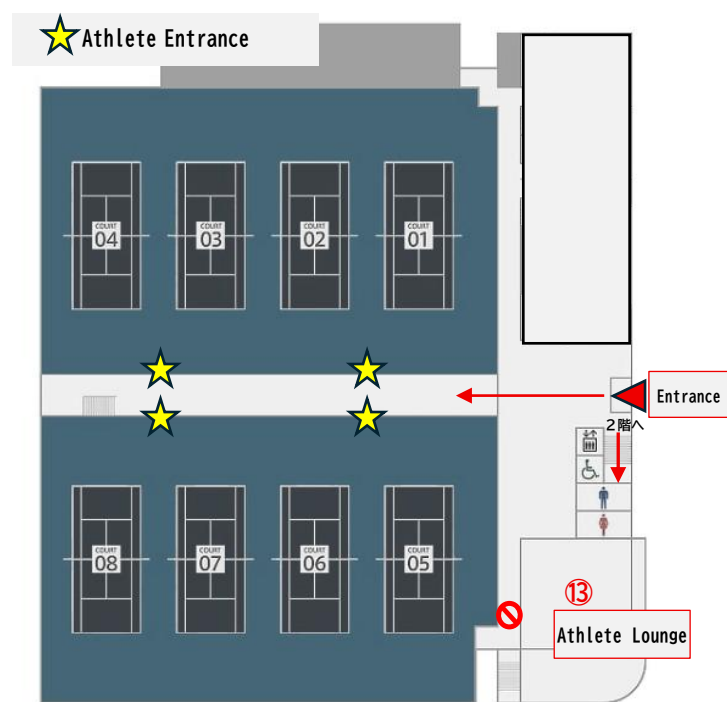
Outdoor Hard Courts



2F



1F



2. COMPETITION

Competition schedule

| Nov | 16th | 17th | 18th | 19th | 20th | 21th | 22th | 23th | 24th | 25th |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue |
| Start practicing | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 | 9:00 |
| start match | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 | 10:00 |
| MS | 1R | | 2R | | 3R | QF | | SF | | F/3rd |
| MD | | 1R | | 2R | | QF | SF | | F/3rd | |
| WS | 1R | | 2R | | 3R | QF | | SF | | F/3rd |
| WD | | 1R | | | | QF | SF | | F/3rd | |
| XD | 1R | 2R | | 3R | QF | | SF | F/3rd | | |
| Cos(MS) | | | 1R | | 2R | QF | | SF | | F |
| Cos(WS) | | | | 1R | 2R | QF | | SF | | F |
| Practice court | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 | 9:00~ 18:00 |

The above schedule is subject to change depending on match progress.

Please check the Order of Play for details.

Official Practice Schedule

| Date – Time | Men | Women | Mixed |
|------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 12 Nov 2025 9:00–16:00 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 13 Nov 2025 9:00–16:00 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 14 Nov 2025 9:00–16:00 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 15 Nov 2025 9:00–12:00 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Note:

- There will be no bus transportation from Ariake Tennis Park to the hotel on the afternoon of November 15.
- On the first practice day, each country will receive 4 new balls (8 balls per country if there are 5 or more players). No additional new balls will be provided for practice after that.
- Please be sure to return the balls provided to SID (Map No12) after practice.
- For subsequent practices, used balls (same quantity) will be provided.

Competition Overview

• Competition Plan

All match results will be determined by the best of three (3) sets. A 7-point tiebreak shall be used in each set throughout the competition, except in the final matches of men singles and men doubles of the main draw where the deciding final set shall be an advantage set. The “no ad” system will not be conducted in each event.

• Chair Umpires and Line Judges

- Every match will be officiated by a Chair Umpire and two (2) Line Judges. The Chair Umpire and four (4) Line Judges will be used on each court from the semifinals, the finals, 3rd place matches.
- Consolation matches will be self-judging (roving umpires will be assigned).

• Competition Rules

- Tennis competitions will be held based on the following documents:

Technical Regulations

<https://www.deaflympics.com/games/tokyo-2025/TE/regulations>

Rules of Tennis (version: 2025)

<https://www.itftennis.com/media/7221/2025-rules-of-tennis-english.pdf>

Ball Brand

The official ball for tennis at the TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS is the **YONEX Tour Platinum**. Four (4) balls will be used per match, with a new ball change at the start of the third set, exceptional at the semifinals, 3/4 place and finals, where new ball change after every 15 games will be conducted. (No ball change for consolation matches.)

Use of the Courts

All official matches will be held on outdoor courts. In case of bad weather (e.g., rain), matches may be moved to indoor courts. Outdoor courts include Ariake Coliseum, the Show Court, and Outdoor hard courts. In rainy conditions, Ariake Coliseum and Indoor courts will be used.

* Ariake Coliseum has a retractable roof and will remain in use during rain. If it starts raining before or during a match, the roof will be closed and the court will be dried before resuming play.

* The Ariake Coliseum roof will be closed after each day's competition and reopened before the start of the next day's events, between 9:00 and 9:30.

Technical Meeting (MAP No⑭)

The Technical Meeting will be held in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the Indoor Courts on the following dates.

- 15 November 2025 – 10:00
- 23 November 2025 – 17:00

Each participating NDSF may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. Interpreters may accompany if necessary.

The draw is scheduled to take place during the Technical Meeting on November 15.

Hearing Aid Prohibited Area (Competition court)

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or cochlear implant is prohibited in the restricted zone areas.

Restricted Zone

As per Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in Summer Deaflympics 2025 are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions. This rule applies specifically to the restricted zone, which is defined as follows:

Restricted Area

The restricted area is a rectangular area that includes the entire tennis court, including benches and the Chair Umpire's area. Before the match starts, athletes entering the restricted area must place their tennis bags on their bench, and their hearing devices must be stowed in their bags immediately.

Authority

The Chair Umpire has the authority to inspect athletes for the presence of hearing devices only.

Inspection Location

The inspections, including the toss side for service or return by the Chair Umpire, are conducted in a designated check zone. The check zone is the area between the front of the Umpire's chair and the singles sideline of the court.

Violation

If an athlete is found wearing a hearing device within the restricted area, all athletes on the court must remain in the check zone. They are not allowed to return to their benches until the ITF Referee and the ICSD Tennis Director are contacted by the Chair Umpire. Only the ICSD Tennis Director has the authority to disqualify an athlete caught wearing a hearing device within the restricted area. The violation must be documented by the Chair Umpire on the scorecard and by the ICSD Tennis Director using the ICSD Violation Form.

Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, refer to ICSD Audiogram Regulations 10: Violations and Penalties.

Information Accessibility at Tennis event

At the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics, Chair umpires will use flags to signal players to stop play. If the chair umpire waves a flag, please stop play immediately.

Score displays for each court

To enhance the spectator experience, scores (including point counts) will be displayed on each court as follows:

Ariake Coliseum and the Show Court: Large video screens

Outdoor hard courts: Digital displays

These displays are intended for spectators.

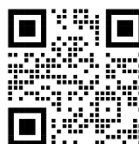
Players must follow the chair umpire's verbal score announcements, not the screen displays.

Live Scoring System

A live scoring system will be in operation.

Players may use it as a reference to follow the progress of matches.

URL: <https://deaflympics-tennis.jp/athlete-area/>





Award Ceremony

The award ceremonies will be held at 18:00 on November 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Since the ceremony will be held after all matches have been completed, the start time may vary depending on the progress of the matches. Medalists (1st–3rd place players) should gather in the waiting area (Map No⑥) for the award ceremony orientation on the first floor of Ariake Coliseum 20 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

Award Ceremony Notes

- Players must wear their national team uniforms.
- Team staff will temporarily keep their ID accreditation cards.
- Players must attend the award ceremony empty-handed. Personal items such as national flags, cell phones, water bottles, and cameras are not permitted.
- Certificates will be distributed to team members at Deaf Square the day after the award ceremony.

Champion Interview

The tournament plans to conduct post-match interviews with the winning player immediately after each final. International Sign interpreters, Japanese Sign Language interpreters, and spoken language (Japanese–English) interpreters will be provided by the organizers.

If communication remains difficult under this arrangement, each delegation is kindly requested to provide staff who can communicate in International Sign.

The winning player must use International Sign whether possible.

3. Venue service

Facility Entry

Entry to all facilities at Ariake Tennis Park begins at 8:30. The final exit time is 9:00. Courts will be available for use starting at 9:00.

Practice courts (MAP No①)

Practice courts will be the 8 indoor hard courts (Map No①).

Outdoor hard courts (Map No④) may be used for practice only after all matches have finished.

Practice hours are from 9:00 to 18:00.

Reservation for Practice Courts (MAP No⑫)

Reservations for practice courts will be accepted at the Sports Information Desk (SID) at the tennis venue. Only tennis managers or coaches from each country may make reservations.

Reservations by phone or email will not be accepted.

On the first official practice day, four new balls will be provided. No additional new balls will be distributed for practice after that.

Sport Information Desk (SID) (MAP No⑫)

The SID is located inside the Competition Operations Office on the 1st floor of the Show Court.

In addition to practice court reservations, the SID provides information on match schedules, bus timetables, and more. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

Opening Hours: 8:45 – 19:00 (Official practice days: until 17:00)

* If the final match of the day ends after 18:00, the SID will remain open until 60 minutes after the match ends (up to 21:00 maximum).

* If you need ice for icing treatment, please request it at the Sports Information Desk.

Changing Rooms / Showers (MAP No⑨)

Male and female changing rooms, lockers, and shower facilities are available on the 1st floor of the Show Court.

Please bring your own towels, as they will not be provided.

Lockers are equipped with dial locks.

Opening Hours: 8:30. – 19:00 (Official practice days: until 17:00)

*If the final match ends after 18:00, the facilities will remain open until 60 minutes after the match ends (up to 21:00 maximum).

*The changing rooms inside the indoor courts are not available for tournament use.

Athlete Lounge (MAP No⑬ and ⑭)

The Athlete Lounge (Map No⑬) is located on the 1st floor of the Indoor Courts, and the Conditioning Space for stretching (Map No⑭) is on the 2nd floor.

No reservation is required for either area, but space is limited, so please share and use considerately.

Opening Hours: 8:45 – 19:00 (until 17:00 on official practice days)

*If the final match ends after 18:00, the areas will remain open until 60 minutes after the match ends (up to 21:00 maximum).

*The athlete conditioning space will not be available before and after the technical meetings.

Unavailable times

The athlete lounge will be unavailable for the athletes on:

- November 15th, 8:45 – 13:00
- November 23rd, 14:00 – until the end of the technical meeting

Additionally, access may be restricted if any additional technical meetings are held.

Seats for athletes are also reserved in designated sections of the stands at Ariake Coliseum and the Show Court.

Food & Beverage Services (MAP No⑬)

Information about food and beverage services for this tournament is available on the 'Food & Beverage Services' page of the Team Delegation Website. Please check the page for details.

Bottled water and light snacks will be available in the Athlete Lounge (Map No. ⑬) on the 1st floor of the Indoor Courts. No advance order is required.

- Nov. 12-25: Bottled water
- Nov. 16-25: Bottled water, bananas, energy bars, and savory bread"

Nearby Convenience Stores

Locations of convenience stores near the competition venues can be found using the QR code on the right.



Meals

- If you need to depart early and cannot have breakfast at the hotel, free breakfast will be available at the Olympic Center or the annex of Ariake Coliseum (Map No⑯).
- Lunch and dinner are the responsibility of each team. Those who made advance reservations for meal options may dine at the designated locations.
- Paid dinner is also available on-site at the Olympic Center or the annex of Ariake Coliseum (Map No⑯), payable locally.

Stringing service (MAP No⑮)

Stringing services will be provided during the tournament. Details of the services are as follows:

Service Period:

From November 13 (PM) to November 25

Service Hours:

9:00 – 18:00

If the final match ends after 18:00, the service will be available until 60 minutes after the match ends (up to a maximum of 21:00).

Location:

Indoor Court, 2nd Floor

Cost:

2,000 – 3,000 yen (estimated)

Notes:

Payment can be made in Japanese yen or by credit card (see accepted brands below).

Strings are not provided, so please bring your own strings for restringing.

* The following credit card brands are accepted:

「VISA」、 「Mastercard」、 「JCB」、 「American Express」、 「Diners Club」、 「DISCOVER」、 「Union Pay(銀聯)」



Interview Space (MAP No⑦and⑧)

After competitions and award ceremonies, official media will conduct interviews with athletes and coaches in the Mixed Zone.

Please note that the location varies depending on the date, as outlined below:

- November 16–22:
Along the route from the Show Court to the Athlete Area (MAP No⑧)
- November 23–25:
In the West Lobby of Ariake Coliseum (MAP No⑦)

Accreditation card (ID card)

- ID cards will be issued exclusively at the ID Center (Deaflympics Square). Issuance will not be available at competition venues.
- The ID card is strictly personal and non-transferable. It must be visibly worn at all times within competition venues.
- The ID card is also required when boarding buses to the competition venues. Please ensure it is carried at all times.
- In case of damage or loss, contact the Games Operations Office immediately and visit the ID Center (Deaflympics Square) in person to complete the necessary reissue procedures.

Transportation Service

For the latest bus timetable, please refer to the “Transportation Services” page on the Team Delegation Website.



URL: https://deaflympics2025-games.jp/en/Transportation_Service/#gsc.tab=0

No reservation is required, but you must present your ID card when boarding the bus.



Important Notes

- Please arrive at the bus boarding area with sufficient time to avoid missing your bus.
- Outbound and return buses may not be the same, so please make sure not to leave any belongings on the bus.
- If you plan to use public transportation, please check access information on the official venue website.

Notes

- Smoking is prohibited within the grounds of Ariake Tennis Park.
- As the shared areas are open to the general public, please be considerate when using them.
- Eating is not allowed on the courts.