



COMPETITION HANDBOOK

COIMBRA 2025 WORLD BOCCIA CUP

8th to 16th November, 2025



WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear athletes, coaches, officials, and friends,

It is with great pride and joy that we welcome you to Coimbra for the 2025 World Boccia Cup. As President of PCAND and Chair of the Organising Committee, I am honoured to host some of the world's finest athletes in this city known for its history, culture, and hospitality.

This event is more than a competition - it is a celebration of excellence, determination, and the true spirit of sport! Each match reflects the incredible talent, commitment, and teamwork that embody the essence of Boccia and the values of inclusion and respect that guide our movement.

May your days in Coimbra be filled with inspiring performances, new friendships, and memorable experiences. On behalf of the entire organising team, I wish you great success and an unforgettable stay.

Welcome to Coimbra, welcome to the World Boccia family!

Marta Mascarenhas

President of PCAND

Chair of the Coimbra 2025 World Boccia Cup

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

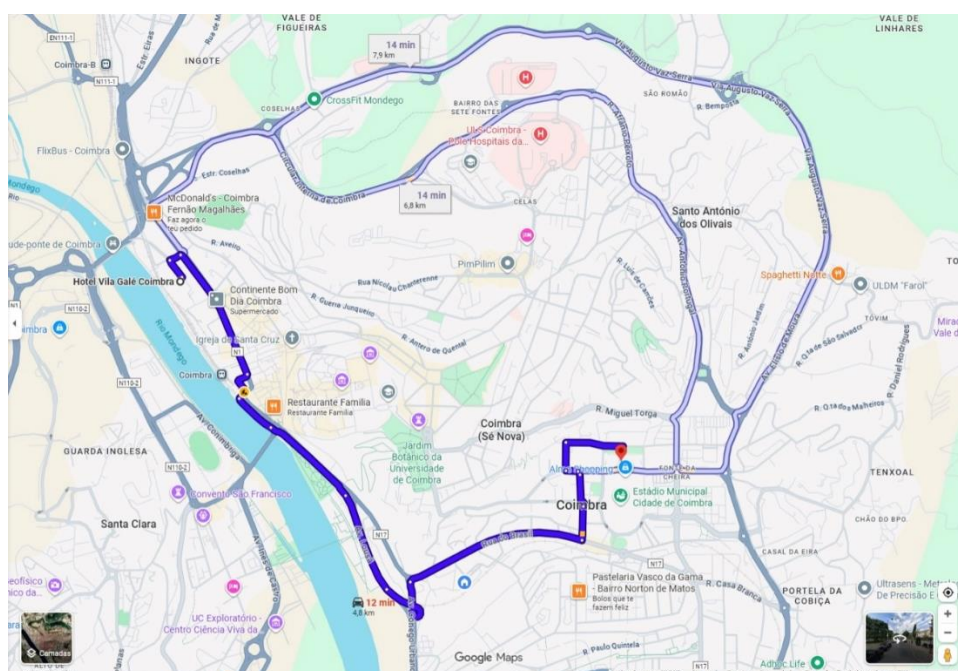
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ARRIVAL & ACCREDITATION									
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PAIRS & TEAMS COMPETITION									
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ACCOMODATION

Delegations and officials will be accommodated, as requested, in single, twin and triple rooms at the **HOTEL VILA GALÉ COIMBRA**, an exquisite four star hotel, with the following address: Rua Abel Dias Urbano, 20, 3000-001 Coimbra, Portugal.



The Hotel is located at 5 kms from the venue (12 minute drive, without traffic):



The Competition Entry Fee covers all accommodation expenses and meals, from dinner on November 8th to breakfast on November 14th (for participants participating only in individual competition) or until November 16th, 2025 (for those staying for the full event period).

All delegations must **check out until 12h00** (noon) on their departure day. Upon request, the hotel can store luggage until later hours.

Extra personal expenses such as phone calls, minibar, laundry, or room service are not included and must be paid directly by the guest.

DELEGATIONS ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL DETAILS						
COUNTRY	PAX	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	ROOMS		
				SINGLE	TWIN	TRIPLE
AZE	2	08-11-2025	14-11-2025	2		
BER	6	08-11-2025	14-11-2025	2	2	
CAN	5	07-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	2	
CRO	11	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	5	
CZE	10	08-11-2025	14-11-2025	1	3	1
FIN	8	08-11-2025	14-11-2025	2	3	
FRA	16	08-11-2025	14/16-11-2025		8	
GER	4	07-11-2025	16-11-2025		2	
GBR	22	06/07/10-11-2025	14/16-11-2025	4	9	
GRE	11	08-11-2025	14/16-11-2025		6	
HUN	7	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	3	
IND	11	08-11-2025	16-11-2025		4	1
ISR	9	06/07/09-11-2025	14/16-11-2025	3	4	
ITA	10	08-11-2025	14/16-11-2025	1		3
NED	8	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	2	3	
POL	9	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	4	
POR	26	08-11-2025	14/16-11-2025		13	
SGP	6	07-11-2025	14-11-2025		3	
SVK	9	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	4	
KOR	13	07-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	5	
SPA	7	08-11-2025	14/16-11-2025	1	3	
SWE	7	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	3	2	
TUR	11	08-11-2025	16-11-2025	1	5	
USA	3	08-11-2025	16-11-2025			1

TRANSPORT

The HOC will ensure transportation for all delegations and officials from Porto International Airport (Aeroporto Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro) & Lisbon International Airport (Aeroporto Internacional de Lisboa Humberto Delgado) to the Hotels and from the **Hotels to the Airport**, in accordance with the flight information sent previously by each Participating Nation.

Airport meeting point: Someone from the Organisation, with a sign of the competition logo will be there to greet you and to direct you to the bus.

Oporto – **CERVEJARIA PORTO** (when you leave the luggage, you should see this on your front)



Lisbon – **VODAFONE** (when you leave the luggage, you should turn right and then you will see this store)



Shuttle Service: Transport will be assured between Hotel Vila Galé Coimbra and the Venue. Detailed schedule of transportation will be published in the app **Sportity** (page 11).

There will be the possibility for those who want to travel by **Metro Bus** to the venue and for those who want to explore the city. The Metro Bus operates between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., with a frequency of 10 minutes in each direction, and is free of charge.

The closest stop to the Vila Galé Hotel is **Portagem** and the closest to the Venue is **Solum** - see the map below & the routes (page 12).



MEALS SCHEDULE

All meals for participants, officials, and delegations will be served at the official event hotel throughout the competition period:

- **BREAKFAST:** Available daily from 07:00 to 10:30 in the hotel restaurant. On competition days (10th–15th November), breakfast will be available from 06:30 for athletes and delegations scheduled for the first matches of the day;
- **LUNCH:** Served daily from 11:30 to 15:00 at the school adjacent to the venue – Escola Secundária Avelar Brotero (Rua Dom Manuel I, 127, 3030-320 Coimbra);
- **DINNER:** Provided daily from 19:30 to 22:00 at the hotel.

For **delegations arriving prior to 8th November** and who have requested additional meals, lunch (12:30–14:30) and dinner will be provided at the hotel, according to the extra services booked and paid for.

Farewell Dinner

The Host Organising Committee will offer a Farewell Dinner to all participants at Hotel Vila Galé on Saturday, 15th November, starting at 19:30 (subject to confirmation), following the closing ceremony.

IMPORTANTE NOTICE

The HOC will provide a commemorative event water bottle to all participants and hydration stations will be available at the venue.

In line with our sustainability policy and to prevent food waste, delegations are kindly requested **to inform the HOC in advance** if you do not wish to receive certain food items, or are planning to have lunch or dinner outside of the event.

VENUE

The official venue for the competition is the Pavilhão Municipal Multidesportos Dr. Mário Mexia, located at Rua General Humberto Delgado, 3030-320 Coimbra, Portugal.

Eight competition courts and additional warm-up courts, all with wooden flooring, will be available within the Field of Play (FOP) area.



HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE

CHAIR OF THE EVENT	Marta Mascarenhas
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CALL ROOM MANAGER	Pedro Saraiva
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HEAD REFEREE	Richard Evans
ASSISTANT HEAD REFEREE	Pedro Melo
REFEREE EVALUATOR	Sandra Monteiro

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Andrea Zamora	Mario Greguric	M ^a Helena Bastos
Anne-Dorte Andersen	Ronny Van Assche	Pedro Fernandes
Catarina Vieira	Sara Grzelaszyk	
Emanuele Galuppo	Sandra Grzelaszyk	
Jan Mulligan	Simone Reis	
Marie-Claire Parent		

RULES

The competition will be conducted in accordance with [World Boccia International Rules 2025 – 2025 \(v.1.1\)](#).

CLASSIFICATION – ASSISTIVE DEVICES

Please note, there will be **no** classification at the Coimbra 2025 World Boccia Cup, although the Technical Delegate will maintain permanent contact with a World Boccia International Classifier.

To avoid delays regarding assistive devices, the Classification Committee strongly encourages athletes and delegations to consult the [library of approved devices](#) on the World Boccia website (Documents-Classification).

In accordance to the Classification Rules, **no new gloves or splints may be used**, since those need to be approved in person.

Items such as lap straps, head blocks, grab rails, etc., can be pre-approved or applied for via the World Boccia Platform. For that purpose, you will be required to download the equipment form, complete it, and send it to the Chair of the Classification Committee, Marali Olen, by email (Classification@worldboccia.com) and upload it to the platform.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation for the Event will be provided to all athletes and officials. Accreditation must be worn at all times in order to access the warm-up area, call room, field of play, and dining facilities.

TECHNICAL MEETING

The technical meeting will take place in the Call Room at the Venue on **9th November**, prior to the opening ceremony. Each country may be represented by up to two persons, one of whom must be the Team Manager.

The draw for teams and pairs will be held on **12th November** at the Venue, following the conclusion of the last match of the day.

CEREMONIES

- The **Opening Ceremony** will be held on 9th November, at 18:30 at the FOP.
- The **Individual Competition Award Ceremony** will take place on 13th November (Thursday), following the final match of the day.
- The **Medal Award Ceremony for Pairs and Teams & Closing Ceremony** will be held on 15th November (Saturday), 30 minutes after the finals, at the FOP.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Please note that this event is subject to anti-doping testing in accordance with the regulations and procedures of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Autoridade Portuguesa de Anti-Dopagem (ADOP).

A minimum of 4 in-competition tests and 2 out-of-competition tests will be conducted.

The list of prohibited substances is available on both the World Boccia and WADA websites (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>). All anti-doping procedures will strictly adhere to WADA regulations.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) forms are accessible on the World Boccia website. Athletes who require banned substances, as listed on the WADA Prohibited List, for therapeutic purposes must complete the TUE forms and submit them to the World Boccia Doping Officer. Athletes with authorised TUEs must carry these at all times.

MEDICAL CARE & INSURANCE

Prior to participation, each team is responsible for securing adequate personal and medical insurance (including repatriation cover) as well as travel insurance to protect against loss of property, injury, medical treatment or hospitalisation, travel disruption, or baggage loss.

The Host Organising Committee will provide third-party liability insurance for all participants. **World Boccia and the Coimbra 2025 World Boccia Cup Host Organising Committee** accept no responsibility for injuries or loss of earnings resulting from injury. Therefore, a release form must be signed by all participants, including delegation members, referees, and volunteers.

- In Portugal, the emergency telephone number is **112**. For 24-hour health advice, call **808 24 24 24**.

All participants are advised to bring a list of current medications and any special health requirements written in English.

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	
HOSPITALS	PHARMACIES
HOSPITAL DA LUZ DE COIMBRA Praceta Professor Robalo Cordeiro, 3020-479 Coimbra Contact: +351 21 710 4400 LUZ 24: 217 104 424 Email: intlpatientservices.coimbra@hospitaldaluz.pt	FARMÁCIA ESTÁDIO R. Dom João III 11, 3030-329 Coimbra Contact: +351 239 792 470
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The HOC kindly requests that all delegations bring a digital copy of their vaccination record, or the paper vaccination record from their country of origin, as well as up-to-date information on comorbidities or health problems that may be relevant for health or emergency teams if required.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

World Boccia and Paralisia Cerebral – Associação Nacional de Desporto, as well as their officials, agents, and members, are not responsible for any claims, costs, proceedings, or damages incurred directly or indirectly as a result of participation in the Coimbra 2025 World Boccia Cup or provision by the Host Organising Committee.

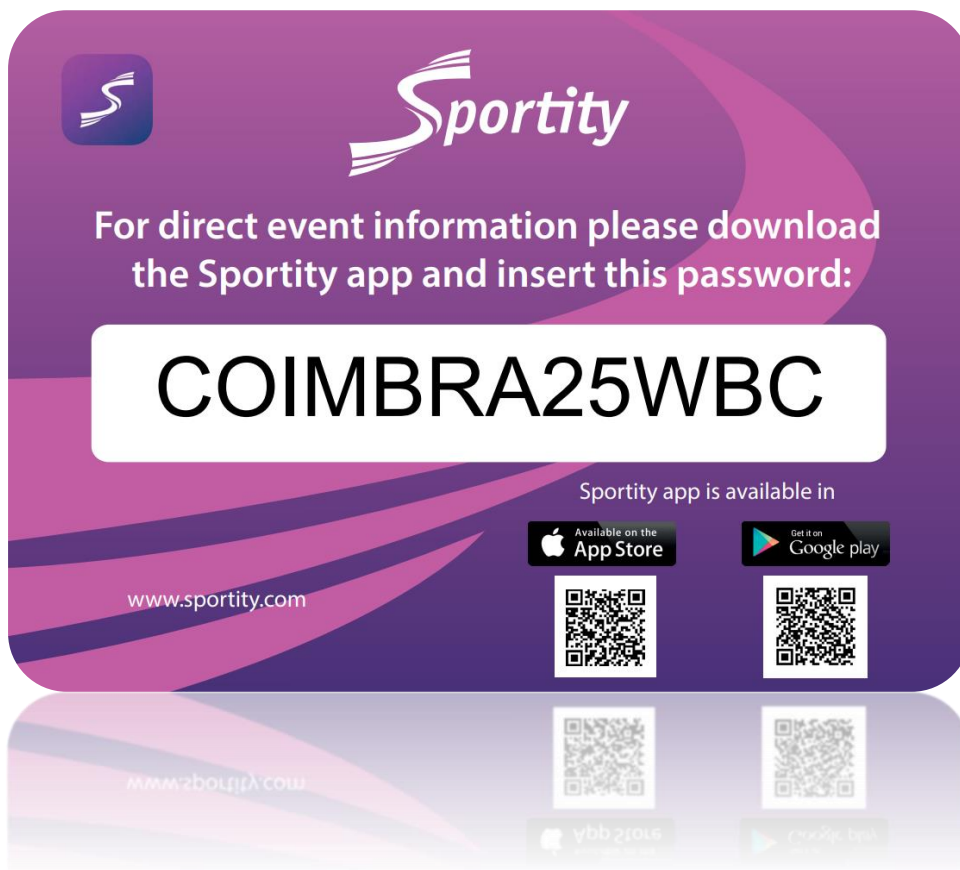
It is the responsibility of each country to advise the HOC of any special dietary requirements.

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: Coimbra 2025 World Boccia Cup

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/pcandparalisiacerebral/>

SPORTITY APP



The banner features the Sportity logo at the top left. The main text reads: "For direct event information please download the Sportity app and insert this password: COIMBRA25WBC". Below the password is a white box containing the text "COIMBRA25WBC". To the right, it says "Sportity app is available in" followed by "Available on the App Store" and "Get it on Google play" buttons. Below these are two QR codes. At the bottom, there is a faint reflection of the same content.

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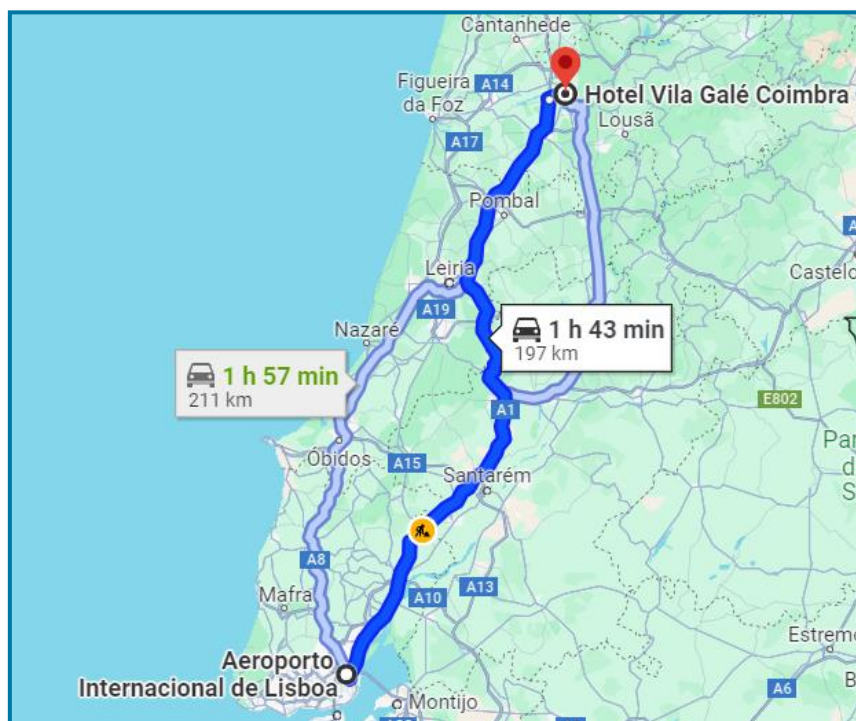
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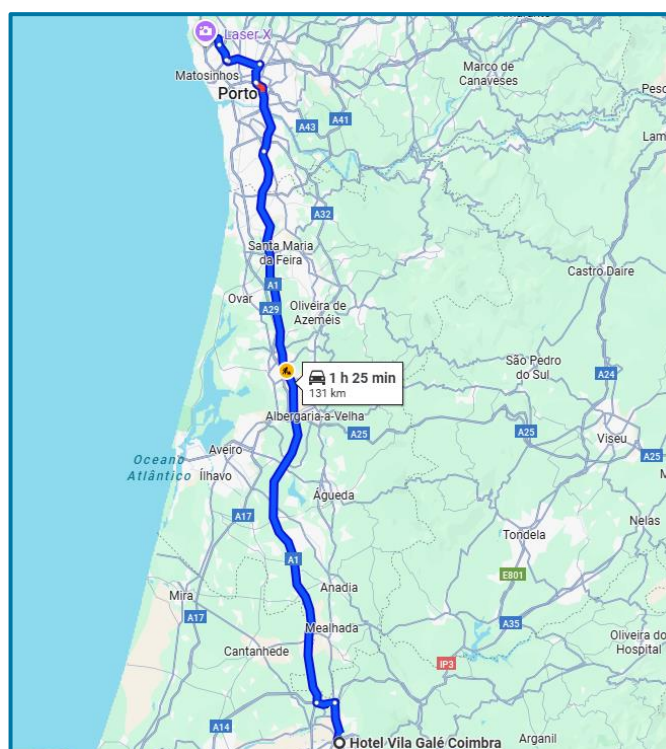
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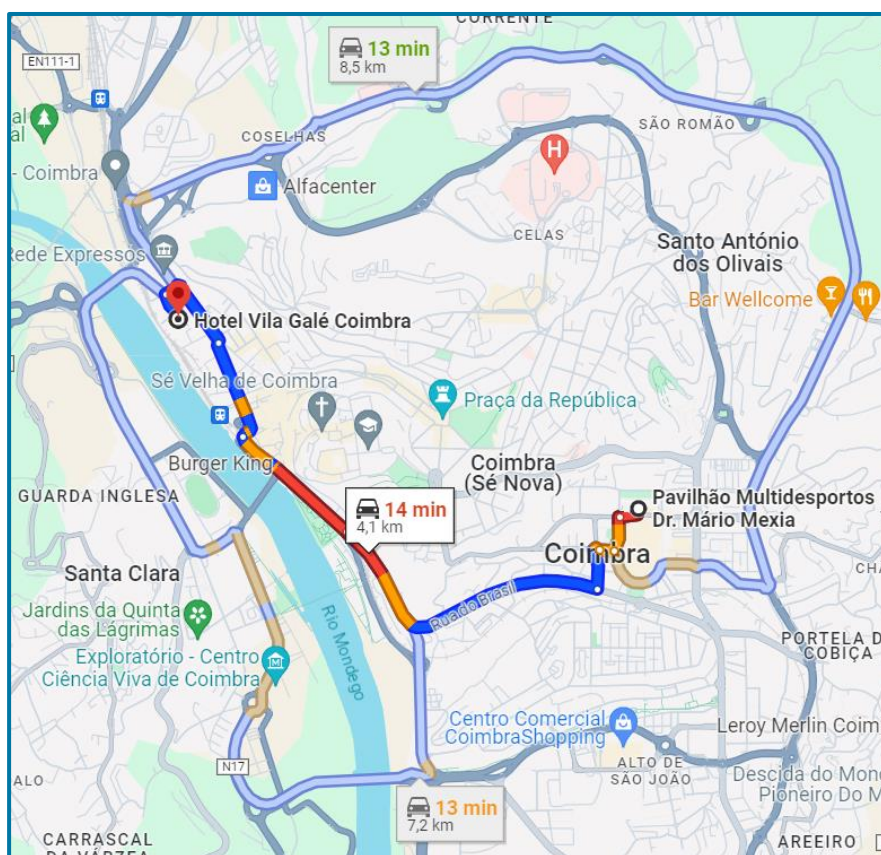
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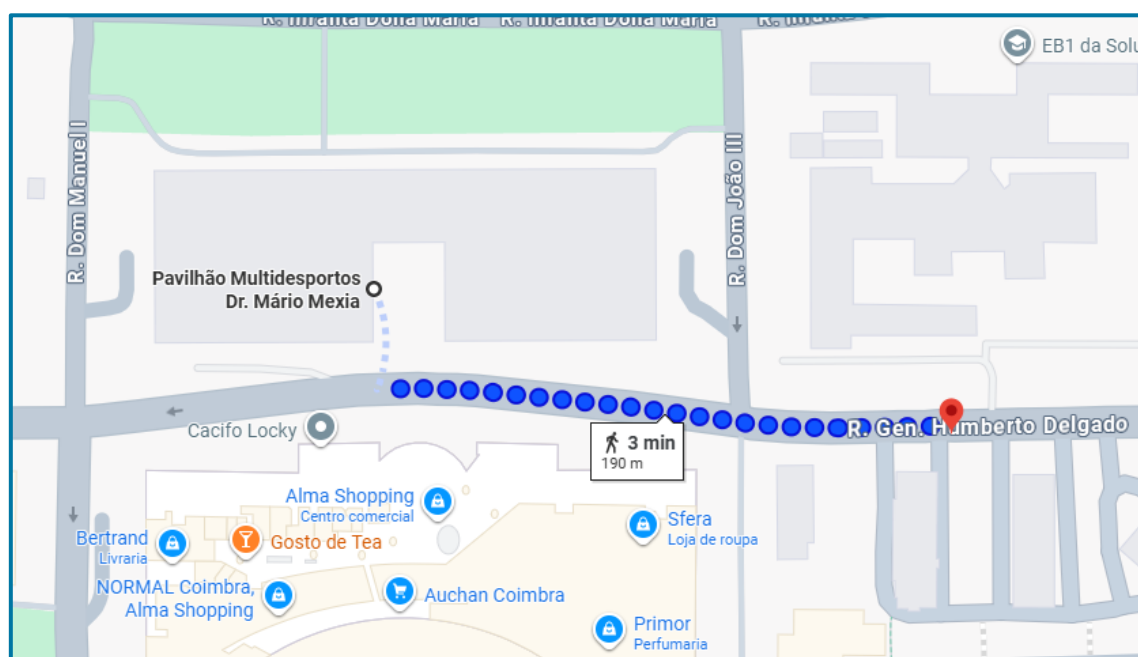
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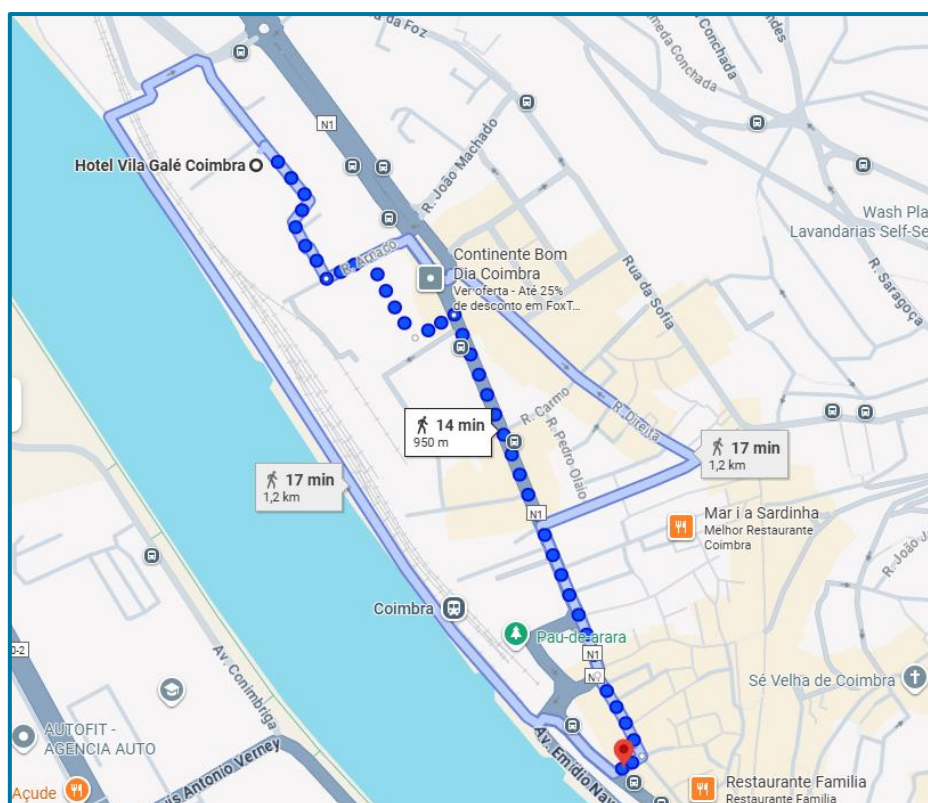
ROUTE 3: Venue – Hotel Vila Galé Coimbra



ROUTE 4: Venue – Secondary School Avelar Brotero



ROUTE 5: Hotel Vila Galé – Portagem (Metro Bus stop)



ROUTE 6: Solum (Metro Bus stop) – Venue

