

FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AACHEN 2026

FACTS & FIGURES



The name of the event is:

FEI World Championships Aachen 2026

Aachen is continuing its tradition of hosting numerous World and European Championships: Following the FEI World Equestrian Games 2006 and the European Championships 2015, the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 will once again be one of the biggest equestrian sport events of the coming years.

Date:

11-23 August 2026

Tickets:

Ticket hotline: +49-(0)241-9171-111

Current ticket information: www.aachen2026.com/tickets

Organiser:

Host and organiser of the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 is the Aachen-Laurensberger Rennverein e.V. (ALRV):

Founded 1898

President: Stefanie Peters

Executive Board: Philip Erbers, Birgit Rosenberg

Together with the Verband Pferdesport Deutschland (German Equestrian Sport Association)

Sponsoring & Marketing:

ALRV, together with its marketing company, Aachener Reitturnier GmbH (ART)

Founded 1975

General Manager: Michael Mronz

6 Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage, Driving, Vaulting:

- FEI Jumping World Championship Aachen 2026
- FEI Dressage World Championship Aachen 2026
- FEI Eventing World Championship Aachen 2026
- FEI Para Dressage World Championship Aachen 2026
- FEI Driving World Championship Aachen 2026
- FEI Vaulting World Championship Aachen 2026

In the team classifications of the Dressage, Jumping, Eventing and Para Dressage, the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 is the first qualifying event for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028 in Los Angeles.

Medal decisions: 25

Medals to be awarded:

In total 59 x Gold, 59 x Silver and 59 x Bronze

Dressage

- 2026: Approx. 92 riders, approx. 92 horses
- 19 teams each with 3-4 riders
- 17 individual riders
- Competitions: Grand Prix (Tuesday and Wednesday) / Grand Prix Spécial / Grand Prix Freestyle
- Team Final: Wednesday
- Individual Final Grand Prix Spécial: Friday
- Individual Final Grand Prix Freestyle: Saturday evening under floodlights

Jumping

- 2026: Approx. 188 riders, approx. 188 horses
- Approx. 32 teams each with up to 4 riders
- Approx. 36 individual riders
- Competitions: 1st competition (Speed competition), 2nd competition with 2 rounds, Team Final and 2nd Individual Qualifier / 3rd competition with 2 rounds, Individual Final
- Team Final: Friday evening under floodlights
- Individual Final: Sunday

Eventing

- 2026: Approx. 90 riders, approx. 90 horses
- Approx. 16 teams each with 3-4 riders
- 27 individual riders
- Competitions: Dressage / Cross-country / Jumping
- Dressage: Thursday and Friday
- Cross-country: Saturday
- Team and Individual Final: Sunday after the Jumping in the Main Stadium

Vaulting

- 2026: Approx. 295 vaulters (athletes + lungers), approx. 80 horses
- Competitions: Ladies' Individual, Men's Individual, Pas de Deux, Squad and Official Team Competition
- Thursday to Sunday in Stadium 3 (Allianz Park)
- Medal-deciding Finals Saturday: Ladies Individual, Men's Individual and Squads (Groups)
- Medal-deciding Finals Sunday: Pas de Deux and Official Team Competition

Driving

- 2026: Approx. 54 four-in-hand teams
- Approx. 13 teams each with 2-3 drivers
- Approx. 6 individual drivers
- Competitions: Dressage / Marathon / Cone Driving
- Dressage: Thursday and Friday
- Marathon: Saturday
- Team and Individual Finals: Sunday (Cone Driving)

Para Dressage

- 2026: Approx. 94 riders, approx. 94 horses
- Competitions in five Grades (I-V)
- Approx. 21 teams (3 or 4 riders each) as well as individual riders from nations without a team.
- Competitions: Para Grand Prix Test A / Para Grand Prix Test B (Grades IV-V); a team comprises 3 or 4 riders with at least 1 rider from Grade 1, II or III. A team is not permitted to have more than 2 riders from the same Grade.
- Individual Medal-deciding Final (Freestyle): Sunday in all five Grades

Previous Championships in Aachen:

The ALRV has already staged 15 Championships at the Soers:

- Jumping
 - 4 World Championships: 1955, 1956, 1978, 1986
 - 4 European Championships: 1958, 1961, 1965, 1971
- Dressage
 - 1 World Championships: 1970
- Vaulting
 - 1 European Championships 1997
- World Equestrian Games “FEI World Equestrian Games Aachen 2006” in 7 disciplines (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Vaulting, Reining and Endurance)
- European Championships 2015 “FEI European Championships Aachen 2015” in five disciplines (Jumping, Dressage, Driving, Vaulting and Reining), the Nations’ Cup of the Eventing CICO was also staged parallel

Top Level Partners:

Allianz, Mercedes-Benz, Longines, Turkish Airlines, Lindt, DHL, Sparkasse, Lambertz

Budget:

Total budget 42.5 million Euros

Investment budget 12.5 million Euros

Operating budget 30 million Euros

Media:

Approx. 600 accredited journalists and photographers as well as more than 250 TV employees

TV coverage:

National: More than 30 hours of international broadcasting time (ARD/ZDF/WDR):

Worldwide TV broadcasts

Event employees:

Around 1,500 including among others:

90 FEI judges and officials

85 FEI stewards

More than 450 stewarding staff

More than 50 medical staff, plus emergency medical services and emergency doctors

70 chauffeur service staff

Championships-Village:

Approx. 200 exhibiting companies, more than 300 pagoda tents. Overall floor surface of tents (incl. catering): Approx. 23,000 m²

45 kilometres of laid cables – the equivalent of six large sea containers

Products: From fashion to Mercedes-Benz automobiles

10 weeks assembly time

Approx. 75 truck loads

At least 1,500 t of material

Greenery:

Blades of grass in the Main Stadium: 358,310,400

Wooden fencing: approx. 2.9 km

Hedges: approx. 4.2 km comprising 30,000 individual plants

Lime trees: 129 pcs., birch trees: 79 pcs., other trees: 132 pcs., Overall no. of trees: 340 pcs.

Participants and horses:

Overall: 879 from just under 70 nations

Participants FEI World Championships: 814 with 814 horses

Participants in the youth competitions: 65 with 65 horses

Additional horses for the Opening Ceremony: 250

Additional horses for Allianz Park Day: approx. 200

Supplies for the sports horses:

22 tons of concentrated feed

55 tons of hay

17 tons of straw

1,900 bales of shavings

Veterinary Centre with state-of-the-art diagnostic methods:

Endoscopy

Digital radiography

Ultrasound

Own on-site laboratory including PCR rapid tests

Scales

On-site pharmaceutical supply

Renovation measures and funding for the FEI World Championships in Aachen

The funding is being used to prepare the sports facilities in Aachen for the 2026 World Equestrian Championships.

The main goals are:

- to meet international standards for top level competition sport
- to create excellent conditions for riders and horses
- to improve accessibility and optimise the facilities for the para equestrian sport
- to further improve animal welfare
- to make the venue even more attractive for athletes and spectators

Specifically, the following measures were implemented, among others:

- the floodlights in the main stadium were renewed
- the stadium roofs were renovated
- a suitable dressage surface was installed in the Main Stadium
- the cross-country course was extended
- new stables that meet the latest animal welfare standards were built
- the accessibility was improved
- Stadium 3 was temporarily covered with a tent roof
- necessary ecological compensation measures were implemented
- new obstacle equipment was purchased

Funded by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Home Affairs based on a resolution passed by the German Bundestag.

Sustainability at the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026

The FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 not only stand for outstanding equestrian sport, but also for responsible and sustainable practices. The ALRV is aware of its responsibility in committing to support climate and environmental protection, as well as a socially responsible and fair society.

The focus here lies on the key topics energy, mobility, waste reduction and accessibility. The goal is to make the World Championships as sustainable as possible, while simultaneously providing all visitors with a special and inclusive event experience.

Sustainability is not solely an important issue during the World Championships: The ALRV is committed to a responsible approach to the environment, resources and society even beyond the event days.

Further information:

Supporting programme in the city – “Aachen WM Special”

From the Soers district right into the heart of the historic old town: When everything revolves around Gold, Silver and Bronze at the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 at the Allianz Park, the city centre will celebrate its own World Championships spectacle. From August 11th to 23rd, Aachen invites everyone to enjoy a diverse, free programme that will bring the special World Championships atmosphere to the market square and Katschhof – open, vibrant and accessible to all. Two stages, 13 days, a jam-packed schedule: This is the “Aachen WM Special,” which will create goosebump moments far beyond the Soers. Against the backdrop of the historic old town, international artists will perform side-by-side with newly-crowned medal winners. This will create a unique encounter between world-class sport and first-class live entertainment, between a top-notch experience and a city festival.

Decorate your Aachen 2026 campaign

A city is gearing up for the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026: The window display competition is being transformed into the „Decorate your Aachen 2026“ campaign! Whether a hotel, retail store or restaurant – everyone can participate and decorate their foyer or shop window in the Aachen 2026 look, add a special Aachen 2026 cocktail to the menu, organise a themed evening, to name just a few possible options. Being creative pays off: All participants, who have decorated their exhibition space during the entire campaign period, will receive two tickets for the FEI World Championships Aachen 2026 and they also have the great chance to win attractive cash and advertising prizes.

Walk of Fame

Hoofprints instead of handprints: Some of the world's most famous horses are immortalised with a star at the historic equestrian site. Thirty-one horseshoes are already embedded in the granite slabs in front of the Aachen offices and a few more are added each year. This makes it immediately clear to every visitor that in Aachen, the red carpet is rolled out first and foremost for the horses.

Allianz Park Day

17 August 2026, 11:00 – 16:00 CEST

Visitors can look forward to a day full of equestrian activities, featuring a diverse show programme from 12:00 – 15:00 with horses of various breeds and riding styles, suitable for the whole family. For children, there is a colourful programme of activities across the whole of the Allianz Park, including an exciting treasure hunt around the showgrounds. A day for watching, taking part and experiencing – for horse lovers and families alike.