

1st German Open 2026
Riesa, GERMANY
20th-22nd of march 2026




DIRECTIVES

Event ID: 18475

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

The Gymnastics Federation of Germany has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG International Event.

DISCIPLINE	Aerobic Gymnastics
HOST FEDERATION	German Gymnastics Federation Contact person: Francesca Hölzl Otto-Fleck-Schneise 8, 60528 Frankfurt/Main +49 (69) 67801-0 francesca.hoelzl@dtb.de https://www.dtb.de
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	ESV Lokomotive Riesa e.V. Contact person: Sebastian Fleck Sportlerweg 1a, 01587 Riesa +49 162 2593332 aer.wettkampf@dtb.de
LOCATION	Riesa, Saxony, Germany
DATE	From 20th to 22nd of march 2026
VENUE	WT Energiesysteme Arena Am Sportzentrum 5, 01589 Riesa https://wt-arena.de The event location also hosted the 2000 Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships an several German Championships. 
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	Please refer to the attached apparatus list
RULES AND REGULATIONS	The event will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the event, except for any deviation mentioned in these directives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Code of Ethics • Code of Conduct • Technical Regulations • Code of Discipline • Code of Points and relevant Newsletters • General Judges' Rules • Specific Judges' Rules • Anti-Doping Rules • License rules • FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events• Media Guidelines• Apparatus Norms• Rules for Sanctioning (approval) of International Events• Rules for Advertising and Publicity• Rules for Awards Ceremonies• Accreditation Rules <p><i>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</i></p>																					
FEDERATIONS INVITED	The Organizing Member Federation invites all FIG Member Federations in good standing.																					
AGE LIMITS	<p>Seniors, as per FIG technical regulations</p> <p>Junior, as per FIG technical regulations</p> <p>All gymnasts must have a valid FIG license until the end of the event!</p> <p>An International event will also be held for Youths (YOU), National Development (ND) and New Generation (NG, Age 6-8). For more information see Additional information at the end of this Directives or contact the LOC.</p>																					
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>All judges must have a current valid FIG brevet for aerobic gymnastics. Every Nation should register at least one judge with a valid FIG Brevet for the current cycle.</p> <p>Failure to do so may result in a fine of 700 Euro to be paid to the Local Organizing Committee in order that the LOC invites neutral judge/s. The fine for missing a judge should be paid to the LOC no later than 15th of February 2026.</p> <p>The number of Judge’s panels will be decided depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.</p> <p>The Juries will be set by a draw from the judges present at the event. The priority will be given to the judges of the highest category.</p>																					
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<p>The Provisional, Definitive and Nominative Registration Forms should be sent by the respective Federation to the OC and to the LOC within the deadlines mentioned below. Registration procedure via https://aerobic-open.de/provisional</p> <table><tr><td>Provisional registration</td><td>21st of December 2025</td><td>3 months prior to the event</td></tr><tr><td>Definitive registration:</td><td>18th of January 2026</td><td>2 months prior to the event</td></tr><tr><td>Nominative registration</td><td>15th of February 2026</td><td>1 month prior to the event</td></tr></table>	Provisional registration	21 st of December 2025	3 months prior to the event	Definitive registration:	18 th of January 2026	2 months prior to the event	Nominative registration	15 th of February 2026	1 month prior to the event												
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ACCREDITATION	<p>Detailed information about the accreditation procedure will be given with the Work Plan which will be distributed to all participating Federations not later than 9th of March 2026.</p> <p>In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding the gymnasts’ safeguarding plan.</p>																					
SIZE OF DELEGATION	<p>The number of units per category and nation in Seniors and Junior for the Qualifications is limited as follows, except for the Organizing Federation.</p> <p>The maximum number of units and officials is as follows:</p>																					

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EVENT FORMAT	<p>The competition consists of Qualifications and Finals in Seniors and Juniors in all 6 categories. In case that there are less than 9 participants per category in the Qualifications, no Qualification will be made. In such cases the LOC will decide based on the total number of entries.</p> <p><u>QUALIFICATIONS</u></p> <p>The participation in Qualifications is limited to the units mentioned in the paragraph “Size of delegation” except for the Organizing Federation. There is no limitation to the number of units for the Organizing Federation.</p> <p><u>FINALS</u></p> <p>The top 8 (eight) competitors from the Qualifications in Seniors and Juniors in each category (IW, IM, MP, TR, GR, AD) will take part in the Finals (maximum two per Category and Nation). In addition, if the organizing Federation has not qualified in a category in Seniors or Juniors, it may nominate one unit in each respective category.</p>																																	
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MEDICAL SERVICES	<p>During all days – trainings and competition official medical persons who will be in the training and competition halls will be provided by the LOC.</p>																																	
VISA	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the German embassy or consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Germany. The LOC will be happy to assist each delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before 18th of January to the LOC. The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the delegation member as well as the full address the visa application support letter must be sent to.</p>																																	
INSURANCE	<p>The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation and the like.</p>																																	

	<p>The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and repatriation for all the members of their Delegation.</p> <p>Basic insurance (sickness, accident and repatriation) in your country of residence is compulsory in order to be able to benefit from coverage by FIG IMSSA subsidiary insurance. Please also refer to https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges. The LOC will verify the insurance coverage upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy). The insurance must be valid at least starting from the arrival day of the delegation and must last for the delegations' entire stay</p>
SAFEGUARDING	<p>From the official day of arrival until the official day of departure, all participants — including gymnasts, coaches, judges, and other Delegation Members — will have the possibility to contact the LOC Safeguarding Officer by phone or email in case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Abuse of any kind • Any situation where they feel uncomfortable or unsafe <p>The contact information for the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be provided to all Delegations upon arrival on site.</p> <p>As part of the FIG's commitment to athlete welfare and youth protection, posters of the “10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics”, part of the FIG's awareness campaign, must be clearly displayed in several key areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Halls • Warm-Up Areas • Public Zones <p>These measures are in place to ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants throughout the event.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating Federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p>The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by mail to aer.wettkampf@dtb.de by 15th of February 2026. If persons from one delegation/Federation are arriving and departing with different flights, please fill in separate travel forms for each group of persons and indicate on the travel form the exact number of persons</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Arrival and departure – Leipzig, Dresden or Riesa: The LOC may provide transportation to all delegation members, who have booked their accommodation through the LOC, from and to Leipzig or Dresden airport and Riesa train station to the official hotel in Riesa and back on the official arrival (18th of March) and departure days (23rd of March). The costs for the local transport will be communicated before the definitive registration. The transportation should be requested with the official travel form sent to the LOC and should be paid to the LOC not later than 15th of February. The transportation costs cannot be reimbursed. For those delegations or member of delegations that do not arrive or depart on the official day, upon request, the LOC may arrange additional transportation. The cost for it depends on the number of people, the date and time. Please, send your request to the LOC as soon as possible but not later than 15th of February 2026 in order to be able to arrange transportation and inform you about the price. Pay attention that the price for the local transportation from Leipzig or Dresden may differ if there are few people arriving during the night.</p>
ACCOMMODATION	<p>The list of available accommodations will be added as soon as possible, but not later than before the definitive registration.</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Provisional Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by 18th of January 2026 at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first serve” basis.</p>

	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members.</p> <p>The costs for the accommodations must be paid as follows: 50% of the total Accommodation costs should be paid not later than 18th of January 2026 and accompanied by the official Provisional Accommodation Form.</p> <p>Payment of the first 50% of the Accommodation should be made after information from the LOC for the availability on the requested number and type of rooms!</p> <p>The remaining 50% of the total Accommodation costs should be paid not later than 15th of February 2026 and accompanied by the official detailed Accommodation Form sent to the OC and LOC.</p> <p>Reservations will only be confirmed if the necessary payments are made! Cancellations or modifications of the rooms/ number of people are accepted by 8th of February 2026. The LOC will reimburse 80% of the amount for the cancelled rooms/ persons based on the 50% payment. After 8th of February 2026 no money for any cancellations can be reimbursed.</p>																																		
MEALS	<p>There is a possibility to order lunch and dinner only for those accommodated via the LOC. Lunch will be served at the competition venue. Dinner will be served in the hotel or the competition venue, if not possible in the hotel. For those who would like to reserve meals, please use the official meals form at the event page. The Meals form should be sent to the OC and LOC not later than 15th of February 2026. 100% payment of the Meals must be paid to the LOC not later than 15th of February 2026 and cannot be reimbursed.</p>																																		
FINAL BANQUET	<p>The LOC will organize a Final banquet on 22th of March 2026 – Sunday. It will take place in the evening, after the Finals. Details will be announced as soon as possible.</p>																																		
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	<p>Bank details: will be informed in due time to the respective registered federations</p> <p>Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: German Open 2026 and clearly include the name of the Federation. E.G: GER - German Open 2026.</p> <p>The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p>																																		
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>An International event (not FIG sanctioned) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youths – for the categories IW/ IM/ MP/ TR/ GR/ AD and - ND for the categories IW/ IM/ MP/ TR/ GR 																																		

- NG for the categories IW/IM/MP/TR/GR will also be held.
For those age groups an exception in the age is possible only for TR, GR and AD categories as follows:
- TR category – max one of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group – In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017) and in ND 9-11 (born 2018 - 2019)
- GR category – max two of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group – In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017) and in ND 9-11 (born 2018 - 2019)
- AD category – max three of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017)
In NG and ND same gender Duos are allowed.
Conditions, number of units, deadlines and prices are the same as for the Seniors and Juniors. No FIG license is required.
The Draw for the starting order for Qualifications and Finals will be done in advance by the Technical Committee of German Gymnastics Federation based on the Definitive entries and will be distributed to all Nations.
More information will be given with the Work Plan which will be distributed to all registered federations not later than 9th of March 2026

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Looking forward to Welcome you to the 1st German Open 2026.**

Sincerely Yours,



K. ZL
Kalle Zinnkahn
DTB-Secretary General

Frankfurt, 04.12.2025