



UEC BMX FREESTYLE PARK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Darmstadt (GER)
21 – 23 August 2026

as of 7/16/26

ORGANISATION

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Event Director	Frank Prasse
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[Link](#)

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COMPOSITION OF THE JUDGES' PANEL – FREESTYLE PARK

Head Judge	Markus Wilke (GER)
Judge	Luka Ković (SLO)
Judge	Stuart Gibson (NED)
Judge	Christi Hughes (GBR)
Judge	Val Ward (GBR)
Judge	Jakub Bender (CZ)

ANNOUNCERS

MC	Zachary Yankush
MC	Alex Stinshoff

GENERAL INFORMATION

Darmstadt is a city in the Federal State Hessen in Germany.

Inhabitants: 170,000
Language: German (English is widely spoken)
Area: 122,07 square kilometers

Climate:

Darmstadt lies in the temperate climate zone. The average temperature is 10.1 °C. The warmest month is July, with an average temperature of 19.3 °C. The coldest month is January, with an average temperature of 0.9 °C.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The National Federations and the Teams must cover travel and accommodation expenses to and from Darmstadt.

NEAREST AIRPORT:

Frankfurt Airport (FRA), 27 km from Venue

BY TRAIN:

Darmstadt can be reached by train via **DB (German Railways)**: www.bahn.de
The main Train Station is 4.8 km from the Venue.

VISA/ INSURANCE

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card to enter Germany.
Visa obligations must be respected. Each federation is responsible for obtaining documents for their delegation's appropriate entries.

For further information, please visit the embassy website: www.auswaertiges-amt.de

For all invitation letter requests, please get in touch with the UEC: mail@uec.ch

All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in Germany and be covered for medical transfer in the event of an accident.

COMPETITION VENUE

Bikepark Darmstadt
Bürgerpark Nord
64289 Darmstadt (Germany)

UEC OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

Welcome Hotel Darmstadt City
Karolinenplatz 4, 64289 Darmstadt
+49615139140

TEAMS ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Below is an overview of 3 hotels located near the Venue:

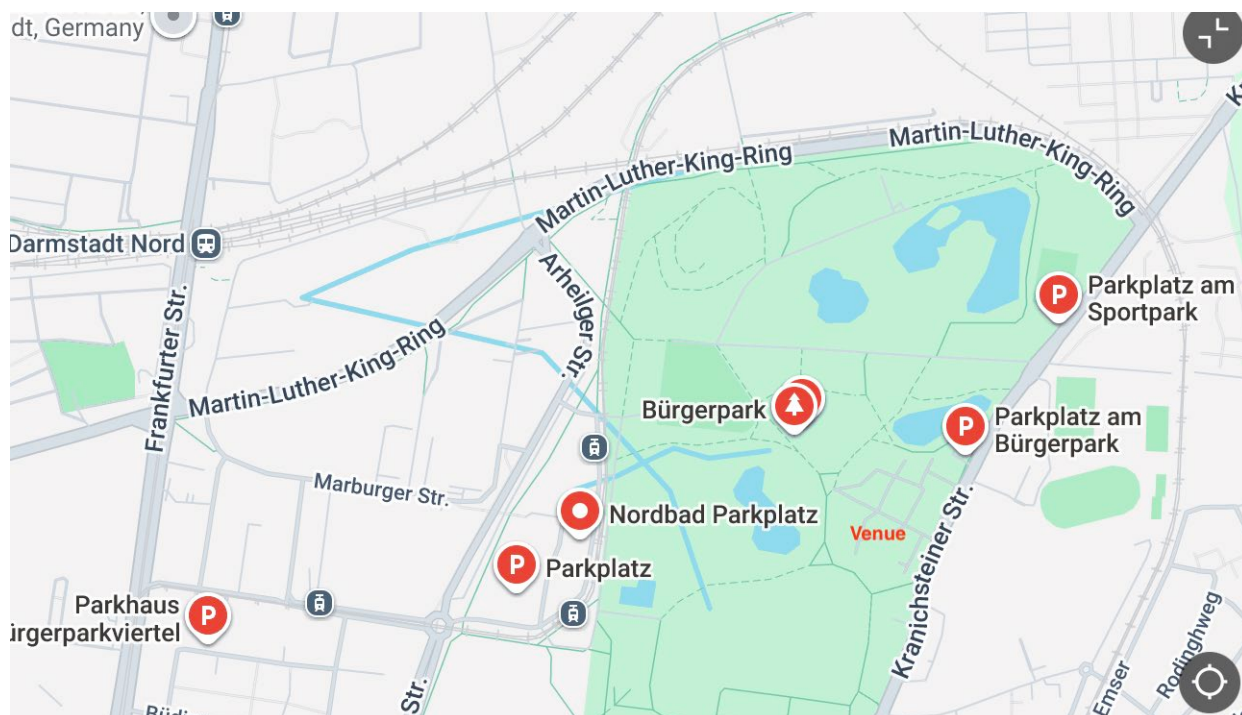
- **Dormero Hotel:** 56 rooms, located 900 meters from Venue
- **Pallas Hotel:** 28 rooms, located 2.0 km from Venue
- **Best Western Hotel:** 77 rooms, located 2,5 km from Venue

CATERING AT THE VENUE

Water is complimentary available for all participants in the Athlete Lounge.
Other food and beverages are available at your own cost and can be purchased at the catering points.

PARKING

The Bürgerpark Nord is surrounded by many public parking lots.



TEAMS / OFFICIALS / MEDIA ACCREDITATION & PERMANENCE

Location:
Rollsporthalle Darmstadt
Kranichsteiner Str.84-88
64289 Darmstadt

ACCREDITATIONS

All accreditations can be collected at the permanence starting Wednesday, 19 August 2026. Accreditation must be worn and visible when passing through accreditation controls.

MEDICAL – EMERGENCY

Outside competition medical emergency numbers:

Ambulance: 112

Police: 110

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Alice Hospital Darmstadt

Dieburgerstr. 31, 64287 Darmstadt (Germany)

Phone: +49 61514020

Distance from Venue: **2,2 km / 6 min** by car

MEDIA

MEDIA CENTRE

Accreditation is necessary to access the Media Centre. The Media Centre is located at:

Rollsporthalle Darmstadt (next to the Bikepark)

Kranichsteiner Str.84-88

64289 Darmstadt

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website at <https://www.uec.ch/en/media>, where the accreditation process opens two months before the event.

Media accreditation can be collected at the accreditation centre, and photographers' bibs can be collected at the permanence during opening hours.

€50/CHF 50 will be requested as a deposit for the bib. The refund will be processed when the bib is returned.

For any further inquiries, please get in touch with Markus Wilke / William Gothe william.gothe@pulsepublishing.de or Stefano Bertolotti, UEC Press Officer, at s.bertolotti@uec.ch

MIXED ZONE – FLASH INTERVIEW

A flash interview zone will be set up next to the protocol area.

OFFICIAL MEETINGS**CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS**

All riders who enter the UEC BMX Freestyle Park European Championships must confirm their participation during the riders' confirmation.

To ensure participation, the riders or their country's team manager must attend the rider's confirmation. To verify their identity, a valid cycling license, as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations, must be presented at the riders' confirmation. A national identity card or passport may also be required. As a condition of registering in the Competition, all riders accept and agree to follow the UEC Regulations and accept the layout and form of the field of play on which the Competition will be held.

No further entries will be accepted after the riders' confirmation deadline. Likewise, any riders who entered but did not confirm their attendance shall be removed from the list of entries and will not be allowed to start.

**Confirmation of starters – BMX Freestyle Park
Tuesday, August 18 15:00 - 17:30**

Bikepark Darmstadt
[Google Maps Link](#)

TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING**Tuesday, August 18 18:00 - 18:30**

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 19. AUGUST

Womens Practice – Group 1
Womens Practice – Group 2
Womens Practice – Group 3
Womens Practice – Group 4

Break

Mens Practice – Group 1
Mens Practice – Group 2
Mens Practice – Group 3
Mens Practice – Group 4
Mens Practice – Group 5
Mens Practice – Group 6

FRIDAY, 21. AUGUST

Mens Practice – Group 1
Mens Practice – Group 2
Mens Practice – Group 3
Mens Practice – Group 4
Mens Practice – Group 5
Mens Practice – Group 6

Break

Mens Warm Up – Heat 1
Mens Qualification – Heat 1
Mens Warm Up – Heat 2
Mens Qualification – Heat 2
Mens Warm Up – Heat 3
Mens Qualification – Heat 3
Mens Warm Up – Heat 4
Mens Qualification – Heat 4
Mens Warm Up – Heat 5
Mens Qualification – Heat 5
Mens Warm Up – Heat 6
Mens Qualification – Heat 6

**optional Womens practice*

THURSDAY, 20. AUGUST

Womens Practice – Group 1
Womens Practice – Group 2
Womens Practice – Group 3
Womens Practice – Group 4

Break

Mens Practice – Group 1
Mens Practice – Group 2
Mens Practice – Group 3
Mens Practice – Group 4
Mens Practice – Group 5
Mens Practice – Group 6

SATURDAY, 22. AUGUST

Womens Practice – Group 1
Womens Practice – Group 2
Womens Practice – Group 3
Womens Practice – Group 4

Break

Womens Warm Up – Heat 1
Womens Qualification – Heat 1
Womens Warm Up – Heat 2
Womens Qualification – Heat 2
Womens Warm Up – Heat 3
Womens Qualification – Heat 3
Womens Warm Up – Heat 4
Womens Qualification – Heat 4

Break

Mens Practice – Group 1
Mens Practice – Group 2
Mens Practice – Group 3
Mens Practice – Group 4

Mens Warm Up – Heat 1
Mens Semi Final – Heat 1
Mens Warm Up – Heat 2
Mens Semi Final – Heat 2
Mens Warm Up – Heat 3
Mens Semi Final – Heat 3
Mens Warm Up – Heat 4
Mens Semi Final – Heat 4

SUNDAY, 23. AUGUST

Womens Practice – Group 1
Womens Practice – Group 2

Womens Warm Up – Heat 1
Womens FINALS – Heat 1 (LIVE)
Womens Warm Up – Heat 2
Womens FINALS – Heat 2 (LIVE)

Womens AWARDS

Mens Practice – Group 1
Mens Practice – Group 2

Mens Warm Up – Heat 1
Mens FINALS – Heat 1 (LIVE)
Mens Warm Up – Heat 2
Mens FINALS – Heat 2 (LIVE)

Mens AWARDS

** Subject to change*

** Schedule and groups may be adapted and confirmed after final registration of athletes after the deadline*

BMX FREESTYLE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

UCI RULES

Refer to UCI-specific regulations:

https://assets.ctfassets.net/761l7gh5x5an/74mXMQQSD1VJOU3Hm0RMgh/e4a5145364f688985655c60529d86de9/2026_UCI_BFR_Rules_-_Part_VIbis_-_Rule_Changes_on_01.01.2026_-_ENG.pdf

RIDERS CATEGORIES

- Men categories: Men Elite (aged 15 and over)
- Women categories: Women Elite (aged 15 and over)

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

In accordance with UCI regulations, only European riders are eligible to participate in the European Championships. All riders must hold a valid national license issued by a UCI-affiliated federation.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Each European Federation can register up to three riders in each category before the registration deadline.

Each federation can register a maximum of

- 3 Men Elite
- 3 Women Elite

Each country may also register one additional substitute rider per class and gender. This substitute rider can replace a pre-registered rider in the event of injury, illness, or other valid reasons.

The substitute rider is permitted to participate in the scheduled group practice sessions; however, final confirmation to compete must be made by the team manager prior to qualification—no later than one hour before the warm-up for the qualification phase.

Once confirmed, the substitute rider shall be considered the final rider representing the country for that class and may not be replaced or swapped back thereafter.

COMPETITION FORMAT PARK

6bis.6.003 A BMX Freestyle Competition for each category may be composed of the phases (Qualification, Semifinals, or Finals) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats. For Park Competitions, a heat group comprises 2 to 6 riders.

The combination of phases and heats (if applicable) for a category depends on the number of entries and is found in the following table.

Number of Entries	Competition phases	Qualification rule	Number of heats
5-8 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 4 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below 1 heat of 4 in the Final
9 - 15 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	The top 8 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below 2 heats of 4 in the Final
16 - 31 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Finals x 1	Top 24 in qualification advance to Semi-final The top 12 in Qualification advance to the Final	Qualification: as below 2 heats of 6 in the Final
More than 31 entries	3 phases: Qualification x 1 Semi-final x 1 Final x 1	Top 24 in qualification advance to Semi-final Top 12 in semi-final advance to final	Qualification as below : 4 heats of 6 in Semi-final 2 heats of 6 in Final

Number of heats

The table above shows the number of heats in each round. For the Qualification phase, the number of heats should be chosen so that as many heats as possible have four riders.

6bis.6.004 A run is the individual unit of Competition in a BMX Freestyle Event, during which a rider performs a routine of various tricks that the judges evaluate.

PARK COMPETITIONS

At all phases of the Competition, each rider shall do two runs within each heat.

Riders generally start their first run in the order defined in Article 6bis.6.005. Once the final rider in each heat has taken their first run, the riders will start their second run in the same order.

UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking Points (1st place – 24th place):

1 position	500 points	13	140
2	450	14	120
3	410	15	100
4	380	16	85
5	350	17	70
6	320	18	65
7	290	19	50
8	270	20	40
9	240	21	30
10	210	22	20
11	180	23	10
12	160	24	5

The performance of each rider is judged on overall impression, including but not limited to:

- Difficulty of tricks
- Progression
- Amplitude
- Flow
- Use of course
- Risk factor
- Variety of tricks
- Style
- Execution
- Originality
- Landings

Duration of one run: 60 seconds for both Men and Women

RULES

BMX Freestyle Competitions are judged events, in which riders are scored based on their skill at executing a routine, which consists of a variety of maneuvers known as "tricks".

After the riders' confirmation, the organization shall draw up the start lists and practice groups (if applicable) for the Competition based on the UCI World Ranking as of **11 August 2026**.

The Panel of Judges is responsible for evaluating the riders' performance during the Competition and for delivering their scores.

Should the bicycle or one of its components break during a run, the rider may decide whether to continue, stop, or replace their bicycle with another. In no case will a time-out or extra time be given.

REGISTRATION AND RIDERS' CONFIRMATION

Pre-registration is required for registration in the Men's Elite and Women's Elite categories. Once the pre-registration deadline has passed, no further entries will be accepted.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The online registration system will open on
Pre-registration closes:

Monday, 29 June 2026 (09:00 CET)

Friday, 7 August 2026 (23:59 CET)

Registration through the UEC website, clicking as follows: <https://uec.evodata.it/landing/index.php>

Access: Personal login and password for each National Federation.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

A valid cycling license, as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations, will be required and presented upon riders' confirmation to check their identity. An identity card or passport is also mandatory. Once all registration terms are completed, the organization will provide riders with their accreditation during the registration process, allowing them to enter the competition area.

All riders must keep their accreditation throughout the event; otherwise, access to the park can be denied. A rider whose license cannot be verified and whose status as a non-suspended license holder cannot be established in any other manner may not participate and may not be included in the classification of the event.

Entry into the competition implies agreement with the event schedule, regulations, and all provisions of the Technical Guide.

TRAINING

Training groups will be set up following the last update of the UCI Individual Ranking. If a flight cancellation, luggage delay, illness, or any other reason prevents you from training with the assigned group, please get in touch with Andy Zeiss at a.zeiss@uec.ch. / +49 151 27035187

Riders must be fully registered before participating in their first practice; they are not permitted in the competition venue until they are completely registered.

AWARD CEREMONY & PRIZE MONEY

In accordance with Articles 1.2.112 and 1.2.113 of the UCI Regulations, the three best riders in each category are required to attend the official awards ceremony and any interviews that may be organized. The award ceremony will take place immediately after the final; please stay in the park to hear the final results announced.

Every European Championship will be awarded with:

The 1st place: Champion(s) jersey and Gold medal

The 2nd place: Silver medal

The 3rd place: Bronze medal

Table of Prize Money (Men / Women):

BMX Freestyle Park	
1	€ 1,000
2	€ 650
3	€ 350
4	€ 300
5	€ 250
6	€ 200
7	€ 175
8	€ 160

The UEC will proceed to pay the prize money by **mid-November 2026** through the riders' national cycling federation.

RIDERS EQUIPMENT

All riders receive a UEC number plate and side plate at rider confirmation. In all UEC sanctioned BMX events a rider must display the number plate and side plate assigned to him. A rider who fails to display the correct number plates will be refused their start, or relegated, if it is noticed after beginning a heat or run. All challenge riders must either wear a clearly visible national flag of their country on both shoulders or the national jersey of their country. All Championship rider must wear their National Jersey with career number if they have one. Article 1.3.059: the wearing of National Team clothing shall be mandatory : - At World Championships - At Continental Championships - For the riders of a National team - During Olympic and Paralympic games, in accordance with the IOC and NOC Regulations. The Continental and National Champions must comply with this rules and wear their national team clothing while participating in the events cited here before.

USE OF DRONES

Without prejudice to stricter requirements under national legislation, drones are prohibited at the Venue.

PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The organizer and UEC will not be liable for any accidents or damage that occur during training and competitions. The organizer and UEC decline all responsibility towards the riders and others in the event of an accident.

The UCI rules will apply to all cases not covered by these specific regulations. Any issues will be resolved among the organizers, the Commissaires Panel, and UEC officials.