

# 2026 EUROPEAN DEAF SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Freiburg, Germany | 25~31 October 2026



# Greeting Message

DGSV-President

KATHARINA

PAPE

*Katharina Pape*



Dear athletes,  
dear guests,  
dear Deaf community from all over Europe,

a warm welcome to the European Swimming Championships 2026 in Freiburg im Breisgau. From 25 to 31 October 2026, Freiburg will become the stage for fair, fast, and high-level swimming sport, as well as a meeting point for the European Deaf swimming community.

After 16 years, these European Championships are being held in Germany once again. It is therefore all the more wonderful that Freiburg is hosting this special sporting event. Numerous top favorites will compete in the pools, battling for personal bests and medals in exciting races.

Everyone is warmly invited to experience these competitions live, from the starting dive to the final touch. The focus is on high-level athletic performance, concentration, endurance, and mutual respect in competition. This swimming championship creates a space for exchange and understanding across national borders. As President of the German Deaf Sports Association, together with the entire Executive Board, I stand for the principle that this event is about more than medals and times alone.

Freiburg stands for openness, sustainability, and enthusiasm for sport—values that will also shape these European Championships. On behalf of the entire DGSV Executive Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the preparation and organization of this event with great commitment, professionalism, and passion—the organizers, volunteers, partners, and the City of Freiburg.

I wish all athletes fair races, strong performances, and many unforgettable moments in the water and poolside. May these European Championships showcase sporting excellence while also sending a strong signal of international understanding, unity, and Deaf Power.

Welcome to Freiburg!

Yours sincerely,  
**Katharina Pape**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Honoured Guests,

It is with great joy and pride that I, Iosif Stavrakakis, President of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO), welcome you to the 2026 European Deaf Swimming Championships in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, from 25 to 31 October 2026. Sixteen years after Dortmund 2010, this event returns to Germany. Freiburg – a city of openness, inclusion, sustainability, and passion for sport – together with the excellent Westbad facilities and dedicated local organisers, offers the perfect setting for our competitions. My sincere thanks go to the German Deaf Sports Federation (DGSV), President Katharina Pape, the Organising Committee led by Daniel Haffke and Gerda Reinhard, all volunteers, partners, and the City of Freiburg for making this championship possible. To our athletes: you are the heart of this event. Your talent, determination, and resilience inspire us all. May you deliver outstanding performances, create unforgettable moments, and compete fairly while proudly representing your countries. Beyond the pool, these Championships celebrate unity, friendship, and the strength of our deaf community – showing the world the excellence of deaf sport.

I wish all participants, officials, and guests a successful, exciting, and inspiring week in Freiburg.

A very warm welcome to you all!

Iosif Stavrakakis, President European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO)

# Greeting + Message



**EDSO-President**

**Iosif  
Stavrakakis**

Dear athletes and guests from all over Europe,

I am really delighted that the European Deaf Swimming Championships are being held in Freiburg. It is a great pleasure and honour for us to host this special international sports event. Welcome to Freiburg!

The European Deaf Swimming Championships and Freiburg – it is a perfect match: Firstly, because sport plays a major role here. In total, there are 184 sports clubs in our city with over 157,000 members. And, secondly: Because Freiburg is not only the sunniest city in Germany, but also has a lot of sunshine in its heart. Our city stands for openness, hospitality, diversity, and inclusion.

With our “Westbad”, we have a venue with competition-standard infrastructure – with good conditions for both training and competition. I wish all athletes every success in achieving their personal goals. And, I would like to express my special thanks to the European Deaf Sports Organisation, the German Deaf Sports Association, the organising committee, and all the volunteers who contribute to the success of this event.

Freiburg is a sports city, and has much more to offer. I sincerely hope that you will find some time to discover our city in all its wonderful facets: It wasn't long ago that Freiburg even made it into Lonely Planet as a top travel destination. Why?

Because of Freiburg's “enviable quality of life.” Because bicycles are the number one mode of transportation in Freiburg. Because of our wonderful old town with its many cafés. And because we have the “Bächle” and the “Münster” Cathedral. Or in short: because Freiburg is one of the “most youthful, relaxed, and sustainable cities in the country.”

Dear athletes and guests from all over Europe, I wish you fair competitions, strong performances and unforgettable days in our city. Welcome to Freiburg!

Kind regards

Martin W. W. Horn  
Mayor of the City of Freiburg

# Greeting Message



Mayor of the City  
of Freiburg

Martin  
W.W. Horn

Hello everyone,

the Organising Committee warmly welcomes all athletes, officials, and guests to the European Deaf Swimming Championships. Technical Director Swimming Gerda Reinhard and Vice President Daniel Haffke were already members of the organising team at the European Deaf Swimming Championships in Dortmund in 2010 and are pleased to once again serve as part of the OC.

With their experience and commitment, the Organising Committee looks forward to delivering a successful event and ensuring optimal conditions for all participants.

Welcome to Freiburg!

Kind regards from OC  
Daniel Haffke & Gerda Reinhard



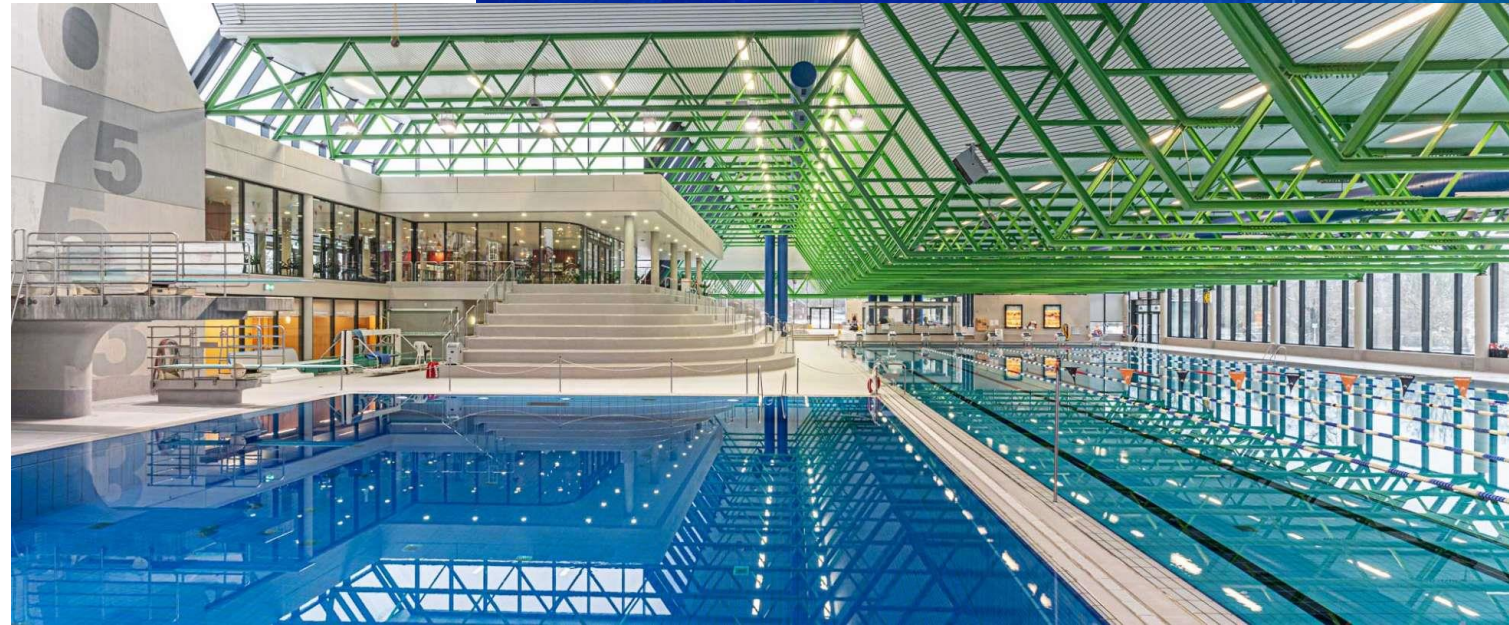
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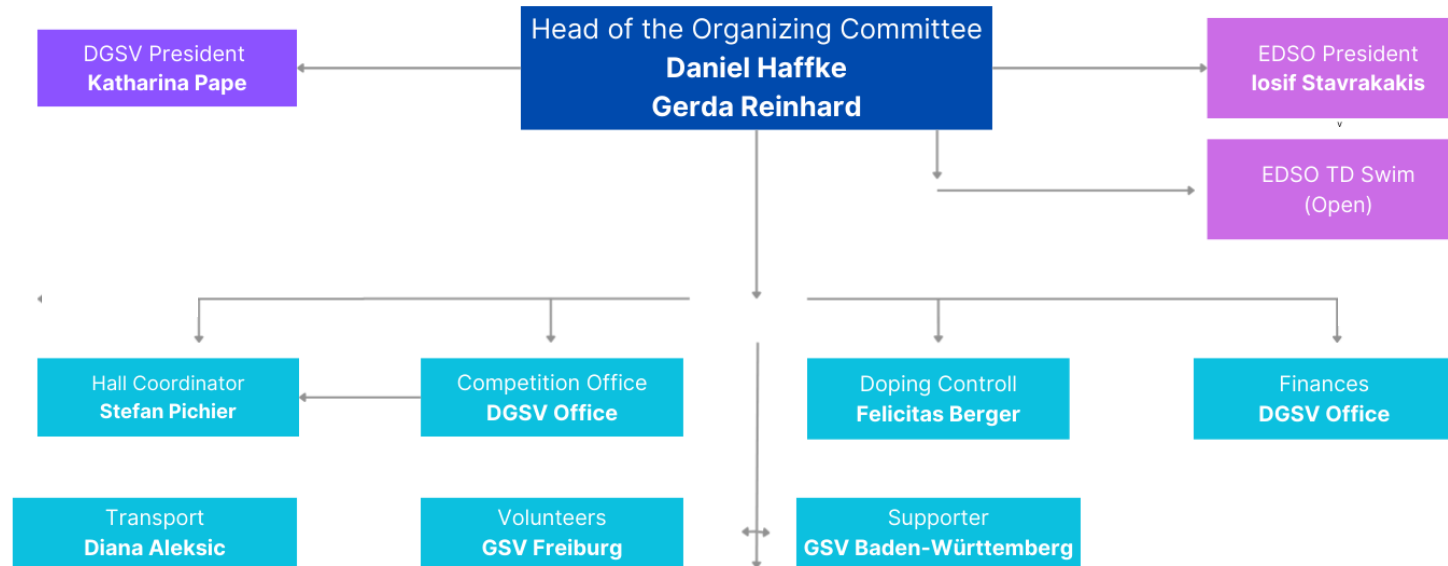
**Freiburg im Breisgau**, located in the southwest of Germany at the edge of the Black Forest, is a city of international standing, recognised for its commitment to sustainability, innovation, and quality of life. With its efficient infrastructure, modern sports facilities, and a strong culture of sport and physical activity, Freiburg offers excellent conditions for hosting international sporting events. The city has experience in organising elite and youth-level competitions and is actively committed to inclusion and equal opportunities in sport. As a respected university city with an open and inclusive character, Freiburg provides a dignified and professional venue for European Championships in Deaf Sport and swimming.

# WESTBAD

**Westbad Freiburg** is a recognised and modern indoor swimming facility with competition-standard infrastructure and is considered one of the city's key aquatic sports venues. The complex features a 50-metre swimming pool, modern technical equipment, and appropriate conditions for both training and competition. Owing to its functional layout, good accessibility, and established use in club and competitive sport, Westbad provides reliable conditions for hosting national and international swimming events.



# Organizing committee



# AIRPORTS & OFFICIAL TRANSPORT

## Basel – Freiburg

For all international delegations travelling to the European Deaf Swimming Championships in Freiburg, Germany, the primary arrival airport is **EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg**. The airport is located approximately **70 km from Freiburg im Breisgau** and offers numerous direct connections to major European destinations.

Upon arrival, accredited participants will be welcomed by the event logistics team. **Official transportation** will be provided from EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg to the official accommodations and competition venues in Freiburg via organised shuttle services.

This official transport service ensures a smooth, safe, and coordinated transfer for all participating delegations.



# Hampton by Hilton Freiburg



Single room:	EUR 180 per person, per night <i>(including breakfast)</i>
Double room:	EUR 130 per person, per night <i>(including breakfast)</i>
Triple room:	EUR 110 per person, per night <i>(including breakfast)</i>

## Lunch & Dinner

Lunch and dinner are not included in the accommodation packages. However, the accommodation is located in a residential area with a variety of restaurants within easy walking distance, offering a wide range of dining options for participants and delegations.

The following restaurants are located nearby and can be reached on foot:

- **Wirtshaus zum Alten Zöllner** – approx. 700 m (9 minutes' walk)  
Green City Tower, Neunlindenstr. 1, 79106 Freiburg
- **Die Kantina** – approx. 230 m (3 minutes' walk)  
Berta-Ottenstein-Str. 3, 79106 Freiburg
- **Purino** – approx. 600 m (8 minutes' walk)  
Lokhalle Freiburg, Paul-Ehrlich-Str. 5, 79106 Freiburg
- **Unkai – Asia Fusion Restaurant & Bar** – approx. 120 m (2 minutes' walk)  
Ellen-Gottlieb-Str. 18, 79106 Freiburg
- **Taumi** – approx. 350 m (5 minutes' walk)  
Waldkircher Str. 28, 79106 Freiburg

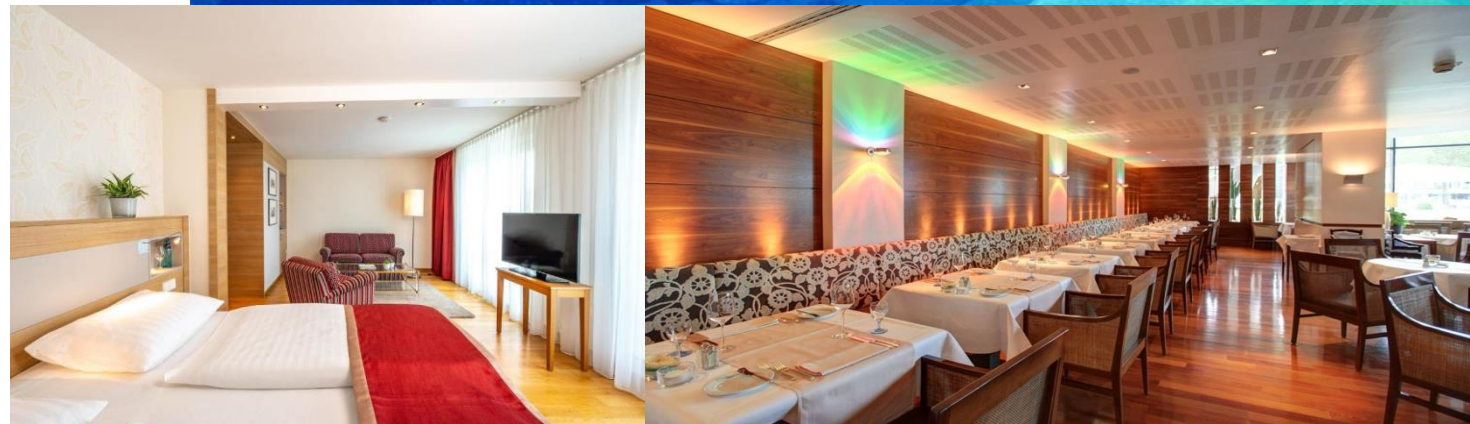


**Single room:** EUR 210 per person, per night  
**Double room:** EUR 175 per person, per night

- Including breakfast
- Including dinner (3-course menu served as a buffet)  
**(beverages are not included.)**
- 12 minutes on foot to the Westbad
- 4 minutes by shuttle bus to the Westbad

**Room amenities:**

- Shower
- Toilet
- Hairdryer
- Air conditioning
- Telephone
- Satellite TV
- Refrigerator
- In-room safe



# Reservation & Payment Conditions



Accommodation is allocated on a first come, first served basis. Early bookings will be given priority.

Hotel reservations must be completed by 1 April 2026.  
Payment schedule:

- First deposit: 75% of the total amount due by 1 May 2026
- Final payment: 25% of the total amount due by 1 August 2026

Reservations made **by 1 May 2026** that have not been paid will be automatically cancelled.

## Payment method:

- Cash payments are not accepted.
- Payment is accepted by bank transfer only.

## OC Fee

An OC fee of EUR 100,00 per person applies to all participants.

## Own Accommodation Fee

**Participants who choose to arrange their own accommodation (not booking through the Organising Committee) will be charged an own accommodation fee of EUR 350.00 per person.**

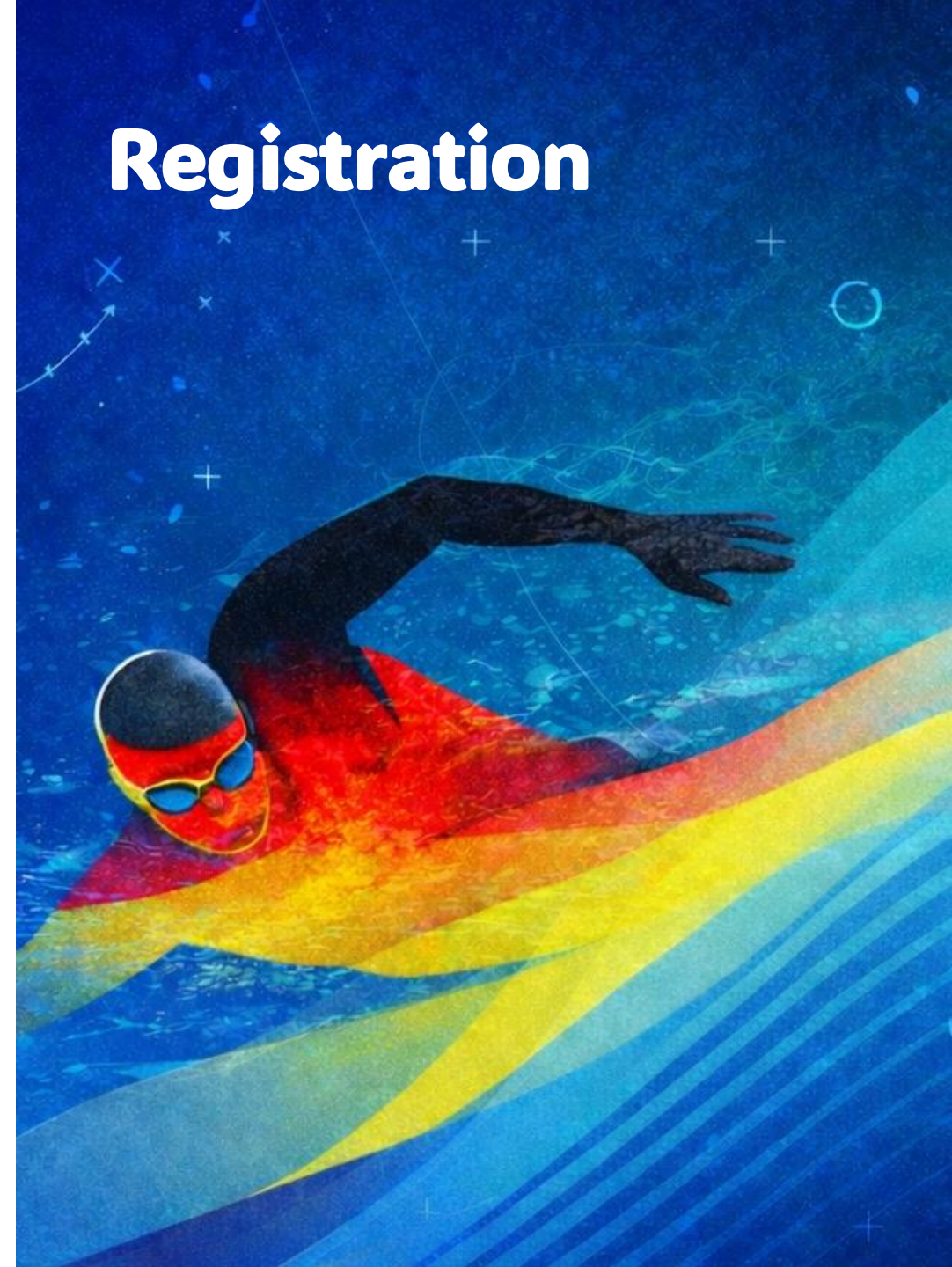
# Registration

List of names / passport ID/ room allocation plan incl. Names	by 15 Sept 2026
Transport form	by 15 Sept 2026
Accreditation photo incl. function	by 15 Sept 2026



**Half board:**

Please inform us by 15 Sept 2026  
of any dietary requirements  
(e.g. *gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.*)



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