

ENTRY PACKAGE

International German Championships (IDM) 2026

10 - 12 May 2026 Berlin

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome

We welcome all swimmers and teams to the International German Championships (IDM) from 10 to 12 May 2026 in Berlin!

For many years, the IDM has attracted the best para swimmers from around the world. The event also offers up-and-coming national and international athletes the opportunity to compete against the elite. In 2026 the IDM take place as a standalone event, directly following the World Para Swimming World Series in Berlin (07 - 09 May). Join us and experience one of the world's fastest pools where so many world records have been broken already. In 2026, the world's para swimming elite will once again compete in Berlin in the heart of Europe.

The Deutsche Behindertensportverband und Nationales Paralympisches Komitee (National Paralympic Committee/DBS) in cooperation with the Behinderten- und Rehabilitations-Sportverband Berlin e.V. (Federation for disability and rehabilitation sports Berlin) are pleased to share with you the Accommodation Package for the IDM Berlin 2026. In this guide, you will find all information regarding your stay in Berlin.

We look forward to welcoming you to Berlin. Should you have any questions, please contact the LOC representative listed below.

Dates & General Information

Training: 04 May – 09 May 2026

Earliest arrival day: 03 May 2026

Lates departure day: 12 May 2026*

*At the Hotel Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Berlin the latest departure day is: 11 May 2026

Competition Dates: 10 – 12 May 2026

Preliminary Forecast: 14 January 2026
(non-Binding)

Final Accommodation Form 11 February 2026
(Binding)

Organizer: National Paralympic Committee Germany
Section Swimming

Host (LOC): Behinderten- und Rehabilitations- Sportverband Berlin e.V

LOC Main Contact: Mr. Matthias Vanell
paraswimming@roughwaterand.com

Entries: via an online registration system*

Entry Deadline: 13 April 2026

*The link to the registration system will be published shortly on the event website.

1. Venue Overview

The competition will be held at “Schwimm- & Sprunghalle im Europasportpark” (SSE) in Berlin. The 3.000 seat facility features a 10 lane 50m competition pool and a 10 lane 50m warm-up pool.

	Competition pool	Warm-up pool
Size:	50 x 25m, depth 3m	50 x 25m, depth 2,10
Water temperature:	26 °C	26 °C
Lanes:	10	10
Ropes:	Super wave killer	Wave killer
Timing system	Omega electronic timing	

Location: Schwimm- und Sprunghalle im Europasportpark (SSE)
Paul-Heyse-Straße 26
10407 Berlin Pankow

[Maps](#)



1.1. Parking

Parking is available in the vicinity of the competition venue. Access to the venue’s car park requires a valid parking or transit permit. Due to the limited capacity of the car park, permits will be issued exclusively to wheelchair users or athletes with severe mobility impairments who are travelling in their own vehicle.

To apply for parking or transit permits for the competition venue, please send an email to paraswimming@roughwaterand.com . Only applications received no later than **20 April 2026** will be considered. Approved permits can be collected at the accreditation desk.

2. Traveling to Berlin

2.1. By Plane

Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) is the nearest airport, located approximately 60 minutes (26km) from the venue. Transfers will be arranged upon arrival at this airport for delegations whose reservations at one of the official hotels have been made through and confirmed by the Local Organizing Committee.

2.2. By Train

Berlin offers rail connections from across Germany and Europe.

The following long-distance stations provide convenient access to the venue and the official hotels. Considering Berlin's city traffic, it is recommended to take the S-Bahn or tram to "Landsberger Allee" station, which is located directly opposite the venue and close to the official hotels. Transfers from one of the railway stations mentioned below may be arranged upon request for delegations whose reservations at one of the official hotels have been made through and confirmed by the Local Organizing Committee.

Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof)

Berlin Central Station is Berlin's main railway hub, welcoming trains from all major German and European cities. The venue is easily accessible within approximately 25 minutes by tram lines M8 or M5. Transfer by car is 25 to 35 minutes (8km).

Berlin East Station (Ostbahnhof)

Berlin East Station offers connections for guests arriving from eastern regions. The venue is conveniently accessible within approximately 15 minutes by taking the S3, S5 or S7 to Ostkreuz and continuing on the S8, S42 or S85. Transfer by car is 15 to 25 minutes (4km).

Berlin Gesundbrunnen

Berlin Gesundbrunnen serves as an important northern gateway to the city, with frequent long-distance and regional train services. From Gesundbrunnen you can take the S41 and reach the Venue in just 7 minutes. By car the venue is reachable in 15 to 20 minutes (6km).

Please note that if you arrive at any airport or station not listed above, the LOC will not be able to offer transportation to the hotel/venue. You will need to make your own way to one of the listed airports or stations to access LOC-provided transportation. Otherwise, you will need to arrange your own travel to the hotel/venue.

3. Visas

Each team is responsible to ensure they have the proper documentation to enter Germany.

Please use the following button to check if you require an entry VISA:

VISA Requirements

Should you require a visa, you can request a letter of support from paraswimming@roughwaterand.com with the following information on all staff and athlete's attending from your NPC:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Position
- Passport Number
- Passport Expiry Date

Please note that preparing letters of invitation for a visa may take up to 3 or 4 business days.

4. Accommodation and Transportation

The LOC will be offering accommodation and transportation packages for this event. Please find all information in the accommodation package below:

Accommodation Package

5. Competition Fee and Entries

Entry fee for athletes:	160,00 EUR
Entry fee for Staff:	50,00 EUR
Late entry fee:	10,00 EUR per single change (name change)

Entries:	E-Mail: meldungen-idm@abteilung-schwimmen.de
Entry Deadline:	13 April 2026

Entries must be submitted electronically via the online registration system. The link to the registration system will be published shortly on the [event website](#).

By submitting the entry, the signatory confirms that he/she is authorized to create and submit the entries. Furthermore, the signatory confirms that all swimmers entered are eligible to compete for the club/NPC submitting the entry.

ATTENTION! Each club/NPC is responsible for ensuring that entries are submitted on time. Late entries or changes to entries are not permitted. Late or incomplete entries will not be considered.

After receiving the registrations, each club/NPC will receive only an electronic confirmation containing the number and list of registrations received (please provide an email address for this purpose; no notification will be sent by post). The registration confirmation must be checked immediately – any discrepancies must be sent to the registration address within 48 hours! Later changes will be charged at EUR 5 per change.

Entry fees do not include accommodation, transport in Berlin and meals!

The registration fee must be transferred immediately, but no later than **Friday, 17 April 2026**, to the account specified below. A late payment fee of EUR 20 will be charged for any payments not received by the deadline.

Please note: If you cancel after the registration deadline, the registration fee will be retained by the organizer. **Cash payments on site are not possible.**

Bank Name: SozialBank
Bank Address: Oranienburger Str. 13–14, 10178 Berlin
Swift Code: BFSWDE33XXX
Bank Code: BFSWDE33XXX
Branch Code: 3702 0500
Account Name: Berlin Para Swimming
Account Number: 3276502
IBAN: DE70 3702 0500 0003 2765 02
Reference: Entry fee IDM 2026 + name of club/association

6. Competition Format and Schedule

The competition will be run under World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations. The competition is open for swimmers with a physical, a visual or an intellectual impairment. Competitions for the classes S1 - S14 will be offered. Seeding will be done according to entry times and independently of classification. All rankings will be done by the German 1000 Point System.

The event schedule can be found in the attachment. For all changes and updates, please check the event website.

7. Swimmers Eligibility

WPS licensed Swimmers have to enter the event using their WPS SDMS ID and their current World Para Swimming classification which may be found online at <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification/masterlist>

International Swimmers without an international classification will be allowed to take part in the heats and finals with their national classification and exceptions. It is the responsibility of the entering federation or club to enter the exceptions for these swimmers at the entry portal in case of participation with national classification. The competitor will be handled like an able-bodied swimmer without entered exceptions.

8. Rules & Regulations

For all events, the current World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations ([WPS Rules & Regulations](#)) apply. The multiclass format by points (German 1000-point system) will be in use for the IDM. The following amendments to the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations will apply for this competition:

9. Restrictions for Competition Entries:

Due to the German Youth Protection Act swimmers born in 2016 may compete a maximum of six times (6x including finals and relays!) per day. Entries for swimmers born in 2016 in the 400m individual medley and 200m butterfly are not permitted. Please note that entries that do not comply with this paragraph will be automatically cancelled. The entry fee will be retained by the organizer.

The 150m individual medley is exclusively for start classes SM1-4. If there are fewer than 10 participants, a heat will still be held.

Only two heats will be held in the open class for the 400m individual medley for female/male competitors. The 20 best entries according to the DBS – Para Swimming Department 1000-point table will be considered. Competitors born in 2016 are not eligible to participate in these competitions.

For the 400m freestyle female/male, the best 40 entries in the open class and the ten best entries in the Masters (Masters I-III) according to the 1000-point table of the DBS – Para Swimming Department will be considered for the heats. There are no entry restrictions for the youth classes.

All entries exceeding this limit will be rejected. In such cases, written notification will be sent after the registration deadline. The registration fee will be refunded.

Athletes from federations banned by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) are excluded from competition.

10. Finals:

The heats and direct decisions will be set on 10 lanes according to entry times. These should be current (not older than 12 months). Training times are possible if there are no official times.

In the competitions listed as finals, there will be an open international A and B final (IDM final) and an international youth final (IDM youth final). The finals will only be held if at least six swimmers have qualified for them and there are no withdrawals for them. Swimmers from the heats qualify for the finals according to the 1000-point table of the DBS – Para Swimming Department as follows:

The 10 swimmers with the best points qualify for the IDM A final. The 11-20 swimmers with the most points qualify for the IDM B final. Three swimmers are named as reserves.

The 10 swimmers with the most points in the youth classes who have not qualified for the IDM A or B finals qualify for the IDM Youth Finals. IDM A or B finals are included in the scoring of the “International German Youth Champion”. Three reserve swimmers are named. The final qualifications, including the withdrawal deadline and location, will be announced by notice and announcement. Withdrawals submitted before the announcement of the qualifications will not be accepted. Reserve swimmers will only move up if there have been withdrawals by the corresponding withdrawal deadline.

11. Age Groups:

Offene Klasse (open class): Born between 1987 and 2008

Jugend D (Youth D):	Born between 2015 and 2016
Jugend C (Youth C):	Born between 2013 and 2014
Jugend B (Youth B):	Born between 2011 and 2012
Jugend A (Youth A):	Born between 2009 and 2010

Masters I	Born between 1977 and 1986
Masters II	Born between 1967 and 1976
Masters III	Born in 1966 or earlier

Offene Wertung (open class): Born in 2016 or earlier

12. Entry Results:

The preliminary and final entry results and lists will be published on the [event website](#). They will be available for download in printable form. The final entry results will only be published on the websites after the technical meeting. Changes due to classifications will be considered.

13. Training:

Limited training times are available at pre-arranged times from 04 May to 09 May 2026. Lanes will be allocated according to the training schedule and must be adhered to. Training times:

Monday, 04 May 2026 to Wednesday, 06 May 2026
09:00 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 18:00 (competition & training pool)

Thursday, 07 May 2026 to Saturday, 09 May 2026
09:00 – 12:30 and 15:30 – 18:00 (training pool)

Please note: Due to the World Series, there are only limited training times available in the training pool.

Training time requests must be submitted through [this form](#) by 26 April 2026.

Warm up on competition days for heats and finals is available in the competition pool and training pool.

Warm up times in the competition pool are below:

Heats: 07:30 - 08:45

Finals: 15:30 - 16:45

All athletes must follow the warmup signage in place for the safety of all swimmers.

Warmup lane allocations will also be shared in the technical meeting.

The warmup pool stays open until half an hour following the finish of the session for swim down.

14. Technical Meeting:

The Technical Meeting will take place on Saturday, 09 May 2026, at 15:00. Any deviations from the announcement or the rules in the competition regulations will be announced here by the Technical Delegate (TD). Any previous announcements not published here will thus lose their validity.

15. Sport Information Desk (SID)

A Sport Information Desk will operate at the competition venue on the days of competition, as well as during any scheduled training sessions. It is the primary and only point of distribution for all event related information including the following:

- Distribution of start lists for the NPCs (digital only);
- Official communication with teams;
- Official forms distribution (Relay Declaration Form, Protest Form, Medical Withdrawal Form);
- Liaison between teams and LOC.

16. Accreditation

For team accreditation you need to register your team through the mentioned online entry portal. Accreditation cards will be provided to each team based on the listing made through the online entry portal. Accreditation cards will be needed on competition days to enter the venue and the competition areas. Athletes must bring their accreditation cards to enter the call room! Without showing the card, access to the venue will not be possible.

The cards can be picked up at the accreditation office from 04 May 2026. The accreditation office can be found at the athletes' entrance.

In case an accreditation card gets lost, a replacement card can be asked for at the accreditation office. There will be a fee of **EUR 20** to be paid cash on site to replace an accreditation card.

17. Accreditation Office

The accreditation office is open to pick up accreditations at the following times:

Monday, 04 May 2026, to Wednesday, 06 May 2026
09:00 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 18:00

Thursday, 07 May 2026 to Monday, 10 May 2026
07:30 – 12:00 and 15:30 – 18:00

Tuesday, 11 May 2026
07:30 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 17:00

18. Classification

International classification will be offered by World Para Swimming for swimmers only entered for World Para Swimming World Series Berlin. Please check the relevant entry pack and take care to enter the relevant swimmers at the

[IPC SDMS Online Entry system.](#)

19. Ice Baths Massage Tables & Race analysis

Ice baths will not be available. A registration is necessary to do physiotherapy or massages. Areas will be foreseen for these kinds of treatments.

There is a race analysis area on the second level on the athletes' site of the venue. Tables and power plugs will be available earliest from Wednesday, 06 May 2026.

Please do not use the glass doors in the race analysis area as an exit, as they are alarm-secured.

20. Changing Rooms

Changing rooms are available at the competition level and next to the warm-up pool.

Both sets of changing rooms have accessible facilities as well. Please follow the signs.

21. Victory Ceremonies

The individual competitions are scored across all starting classes. The basis for scoring is the conversion of time into points according to the current 1000-point table of the Para Swimming Department of the DBS e.V. The following scores are then awarded based on the points achieved:

“International/German Champion”

IDM A finals and direct decisions: Scoring according to the 1000-point table, places 1-3 medals, places 1-10 certificates.

The relay scoring is open according to points. The 1000-point times of the individual relay participants are added up according to their respective starting class for the respective distance/discipline. The sum forms the 1000-point time, which is then used to calculate the corresponding total points. The relay team with the highest number of points is the competition winner. Places 1-3 receive medals and certificates.

“International German Youth Champion”

IDM Youth Finals and direct decisions, scoring for youth (A - D) according to the 1000-point table, places 1-3 medals, places 1-10 certificates, performances of swimmers in youth A-D from the IDM A or B finals are included in the scoring.

The award ceremonies for the finals and direct decisions will generally be held during the final segments. The time of the award ceremony can be found in the schedules. The ceremonies are an essential part of the competition.

22. Anti-Doping

Doping is prohibited under the provisions of the DBS. The Anti-Doping Code of the DBS and the regulations of WADA and NADA apply. By submitting the registration form for the event, the participant accepts the anti-doping regulations in their currently valid version (available at www.dbs-npc.de). Doping controls may be carried out on a random basis. By submitting their registration for the event, participants acknowledge the jurisdiction of NADA for the results management procedure and disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the NADA Code for disputes arising from and in connection with the anti-doping regulations, and the jurisdiction of the German Sports Arbitration Court at the German Institution of Arbitration in Cologne for contentious proceedings in the first instance, including for interim legal protection, in accordance with the DIS Sports Arbitration Rules, to the exclusion of ordinary legal recourse.

23. Medical Services at the Venue Medical Attention

Lifeguards, medical team and ambulance (on call) are available for teams on site.

24. Medical Attention

The following details relate to emergency medical services:

In an emergency, call one of the following numbers from any telephone:

Police: 110

Fire service: 112

Medical service: 112

Hospital:

Vivantes Klinikum im Friedrichshain (about 1.9km from the pool)

Froebelstrasse 15, 10405 Berlin

+49 (0) 30 130 160

Pharmacy

Haus-Apotheke: Landsberger Allee 117, 10407 Berlin

Mo – Fr: 08:00 – 20:00

Sa: 08:00 – 16:00

Su: closed

25. Insurance

The DBS and its governing bodies shall only be liable for damages in cases of intent and gross negligence within the limits and scope of the available liability insurance coverage and limited to typical foreseeable damages. The exclusion of liability does not apply to damages resulting from injury to life, limb, or health. The insurance contract can be viewed at the DBS office or requested for inspection. Claims arising from the sports accident insurance contracts of the DBS's regional sports associations are not affected by this limitation of liability.

26. Data use

We collect data for the appropriate service of the IDM Berlin and no other purposes. We are following German and European laws.

27. Appendix

Championship Program

Section 1, Sunday, 10 May 2026

Doors open: 07:30

Warm-up: 07:30

Referee meeting: 08:15

Start: 09:00

WK 01	200m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 02	200m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 03	100m Butterfly	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 04	100m Butterfly	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 05	100m Breaststroke	female	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 06	100m Breaststroke	male	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 07	100m Backstroke	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 08	100m Backstroke	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 09	4x50m Medley	mixed		yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 10	400m Individual Medley	female	SM1-14, AB	yob. 2015 and older	direct decision
WK 11	400m Individual Medley	male	SM1-14, AB	yob. 2015 and older	direct decision

Section 2, Sunday, 10 May 2026

Warm-up: 15:30

Referee meeting: 16:15

Start: 17:00

WK 101/201/301	200m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 102/202/302	200m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 103/203/303	100m Butterfly	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 104/204/304	100m Butterfly	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 105/205/305	100m Breaststroke	female	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 106/206/306	100m Breaststroke	male	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 107/207/307	100m Backstroke	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 108/208/308	100m Backstroke	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final

Section 3, Monday, 11 May 2026

Doors open: 07:30

Warm-up: 07:30

Referee meeting: 08:15

Start: 09:00

WK 12	100m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 13	100m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 14	50m Backstroke	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats.
WK 15	50m Backstroke	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 16	150m Individual Medley	female	SM1-4	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 17	150m Individual Medley	male	SM1-4	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 18	200m Breaststroke	female	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 19	200m Breaststroke	male	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 20	4x100m Medley	mixed		yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 21	200m Individual Medley	female	SM4-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 22	200m Individual Medley	male	SM4-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 23	200m Backstroke	female	SM1-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 24	200m Backstroke	male	SM1-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	direct decision

Section 4, Monday, 11 May 2026

Warm-up: 15:30

Referee meeting: 16:15

Start: 17:00

WK 112/212/312	100m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 113/213/313	100m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 114/214/314	50m Backstroke	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 115/215/315	50m Backstroke	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 116/216/316	150m Individual Medley	female	SM1-4	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 117/217/317	150m Individual Medley	male	SM1-4	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 121/221/321	200m Individual Medley	female	SM4-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 122/222/322	200m Individual Medley	male	SM4-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final

Section 5, Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Doors open: 07:30

Warm-up: 07:30

Referee meeting: 08:15

Start: 09:00

WK 25	200m Butterfly	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2015 and older	direct decision
WK 26	200m Butterfly	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2015 and older	direct decision
WK 27	50m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats.
WK 28	50m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 29	50m Breaststroke	female	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 30	50m Breaststroke	male	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 31	4x100m Medley	mixed		yob. 2016 and older	direct decision
WK 32	400m Freestyle	male	S6-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 33	400m Freestyle	female	S6-S14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 34	50m Butterfly	female	S1-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 35	50m Butterfly	male	S1-14, AB	yob. 2016 and older	heats
WK 36	4x50m Freestyle	mixed		yob. 2016 and older	direct decision

Section 6, Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Warm-up: 14:30

Referee meeting: 15:15

Start: 16:00

WK 127/227/327	50m Freestyle	female	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 128/228/328	50m Freestyle	male	S1-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 129/229/329	50m Breaststroke	female	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 130/230/330	50m Breaststroke	male	SB1-9, SB11-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 132/232/332	400m Freestyle	female	S6-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 133/233/333	400m Freestyle	male	S6-S14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 134/234/334	50m Butterfly	female	S1-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final
WK 135/235/335	50m Butterfly	male	S1-14, AB	IDM A/B Final / Youth Final