

Minigolf
Youth World Championships
August 4 – 8, 2026
in Herne (Wanne-Eickel), Germany



MINIGOLF
YOUTH WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
04.-08.08.2026 WANNE - EICKEL

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**INVITATION
YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
AUGUST 4 – 8, 2026**

- PROMOTER:** World Minigolf Sport Federation
- ORGANIZER:** Deutscher Minigolfsport Verband e.V.
Mendener Str. 23
53840 Troisdorf, Germany
- MGC Rot-Weiß Wanne-Eickel e. V.
Jürgen Schäfer
August-Schmidt-Straße 4
45701 Herten, Germany
- LOCATION OF COURSE:** Heisterkamp 50, 44652 Herne, Germany
course: concrete (A), miniature (B)
- CATEGORIES:** Maximum 6 female and 9 male players per nation are allowed in total (Female/Male youth individual strokeplay + Female/Male U15 individual strokeplay).
Female youth individual strokeplay (max. 4 players / nation)
Female U15 individual strokeplay (max. 6 players / nation minus the number of female youth individual strokeplay players)
Male youth individual strokeplay (max. 7 players / nation)
Male U15 individual strokeplay (max. 9 players / nation minus the number of male youth individual strokeplay players)
Female youth individual matchplay (max. 6 players / nation; U15 players are eligible for this category)
Male youth individual matchplay (max. 9 players / nation; U15 players are eligible for this category)
Female youth national teams strokeplay (3 players + substitute, 1 team / nation) Players from both youth and U15 categories are eligible for the team.
Male youth national teams strokeplay (6 players + substitute, 1 team / nation) Players from both youth and U15 categories are eligible for the team.
Youth mixed pairs' strokeplay (1 male youth + 1 female youth from the same nation; max. 6 teams per nation). Players from both youth and U15 categories are eligible for the team.
- PARTICIPATION:** All active members of the WMF, as long as they came up to their obligations towards the WMF. WMF ExCo can on application approve the participation of nations, which are not yet active members of WMF.
- REGISTRATION:** **Until May 31, 2026 compulsory with enclosed form only to:**
- WMF Vice President Youth**
Maciej Mądrawski
Wielkopolska 7
PL-Kolobrzeg 78-100
Poland
phone: +48-502 123192
email: vice-president-youth@minigolfsport.com

If participants from your country need visa for travelling to the championships, please send information including all necessary data VERY EARLY to the organizer!! The contact address can be found under ACCOMMODATION in this invitation.

PRACTICING FEE: Pre official training: 26.07-30.07.2026 EUR 6,00 / day / participant (payable to organizer)
Before 26.07.2026 the regular rate of the organizer

PARTICIPATION FEE: EUR 150,00 for players, coaches and officials
Fees have to be paid until May 31, 2026 to the bank account of WMF.
Please pay right in time and only to:
Bank: Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
IBAN: SE80 5000 0000 05930828 6683
SWIFT: ESSESESS
For further questions please contact WMF Youth Officer.
For delayed registrations or payments, the participation fee is 125 % of the fee above.
Please note that all banking fees (also those charged by the recipient's bank) must be paid by the sender and the full amount must arrive to the WMF account. When transferring from a bank outside the Eurozone, please choose a charging option ensuring that all bank charges are paid by the sender ("OUR" charging option in most payment systems).
Participation fees are non-refundable after the registrations have been finally confirmed by WMF. The only exception to this is a possible cancellation of the championship by WMF for extremely severe reasons (force majeure).

ACCOMODATION AND VISA CONTACT: Please contact the hotel(s) of your choice directly.

Should you need assistance with your accommodation booking, please contact:

Jürgen Schäfer
+49 15115540298
info@mgc-wanne.de

For visa assistance, please contact:

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The worldwide international sport rules of WMF including supplementary rules and worldwide international sport regulations are applied for the Youth World Championships. In particular please note the regulations for the World and Continental Championships of WMF. Sport shoes and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf are required during official practice time and tournament. Only sports hats are allowed.

Each participant – or for minors (participants younger than 18 years) their legal guardian – must have signed two forms for acceptance of WADA-code 2021, media coverage and WMF anti-doping regulations

1. Athlete Consent form
2. Declaration of full media acceptance

Both forms are attached to this invitation. Please fill in the forms electronically (or by hand), print and sign them and then send the scans to:

vice-president-youth@minigolfsport.com.

You will get confirmation that the files are well received. In case of weak scan quality, you will be informed to bring the originals to the championships.

For participants, who have filled in the forms during 2023 Open Youth European Championships, no new forms are needed. If you are unsure, please check with the WMF Vice President Youth, mail address above.

Maciej Mądrawski
WMF Vice President Youth

SCHEDULE

Groups for nations training:

The final composition of the groups will be published according to the final entries after May 31 by e-mail and on WMF Youth Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/minigolfsportyouth/>). It will be also available at the official information board at the location.

The registration of all participants has to be filed **immediately after arrival to Wanne-Eickel, latest Friday, July 31, 2026, 18.00 hrs**

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

08.00 – 13.00	Nations training group A
13.00 – 18.00	Nations training group B
After 18.00	Courses open for both groups
14.00	Last possibility for written complaints regarding courses
15.00	Inspection of the courses by the Vice President Youth and a member of the Organizer
18:00	Deadline for accreditation of all players, officials and coaches

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

08.00 – 13.00	Nations training group B
13.00 – 18.00	Nations training group A
after 18.00	No training allowed due to the welcome party
19.00	Welcome party for all participants

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

08.00 – 12.30	Nations training group A
12.30 – 17.00	Nations training group B
after 17.00	No training allowed due to the opening ceremony
12.00	Coach meeting
14.00	Deadline for payment of the practising fees
17.00	Deadline for name list of players (team order)
18:00	Opening ceremony and draw of starting order

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

08.00 – 13.00	Nations training group B
13.00 – 18.00	Nations training group A
After 18.00	Courses open for both groups
11.00	Media-conference
15.00	Referee meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

08.00	Start for male U15/ youth	miniature	concrete	miniature	concrete
08.00	Start for female U15/ youth	concrete	miniature	concrete	miniature

If the jury has decided to cut the team competition to 3+3 rounds before the start of the tournament:

08.00	Start for male U15 / youth	miniature	concrete	miniature
08.00	Start for female U15/ youth	concrete	miniature	concrete

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
SECOND DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the first day for individual players and team results after the first day for team players.

08.00	Start for male U15/ youth	concrete	miniature	concrete	miniature
08.00	Start for female U15/ youth	miniature	concrete	miniature	concrete

If the jury has decided to cut the team competition to 3+3 rounds before the start of the tournament:

08.00	Start for male U15/ youth	concrete	miniature	concrete
08.00	Start for female U15/ youth	miniature	concrete	miniature

Necessary team sudden-death:

Immediately after the end of team competition at the course played last

End of team competition

After the competition: Medal ceremony for team championships at the courses

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
THIRD DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the second day, after the intermediate rounds and after the first final round. If the time calculations show need for it, the intermediate rounds will be played with shotgun start.

Intermediate round of the individual strokeplay championships for all participants:

08.00	Start for male U15/ youth	concrete	miniature
08.00	Start for female U15/ youth	miniature	concrete

Necessary individual sudden-death for qualifying to the individual matchplay finals (best 32 male / 16 female players):

Immediately after the end of intermediate round at the course played last

Final round of the individual strokeplay championships:

Start of the final round of the individual strokeplay championships is scheduled for 14.00, but can be started earlier if intermediate round is finished ahead of schedule.

14.00	Start for U15male + U15 female + male + female youth	miniature	concrete
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Necessary sudden death for the strokeplay medal ranks:

Immediately after the end of the final round at the course played last.

After the competition: Medal ceremony for individual strokeplay championships at the courses

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026
FOURTH DAY OF COMPETITION – MIXED PAIRS' STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying rounds of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

08:00	Start	miniature	concrete
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Necessary sudden-death for qualifying to the mixed pairs' final:

Immediately after the end of competition.

Final rounds of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

Mixed pairs are regrouped in accordance with the results of the qualification rounds. The qualification round scores are carried on to the final.

Start of the final rounds of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships is scheduled for 14.00, but can be started earlier if qualifying rounds are finished ahead of schedule.

14.00 Start miniature concrete

Necessary sudden-death for medal ranks of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

Immediately after the end of the mixed pairs' final

After the competition: Medal ceremony for mixed pairs' strokeplay championships at the course

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

FIFTH DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

08.00 Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 32 male youth

09:30 Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 16 female youth

Necessary match sudden-death: Immediately after the end of each match, continuing at the next of the 18 lanes

After the competition: Medal ceremony for individual matchplay championships at the course

19.00 Closing ceremony

Mode of the team championships

Admittance: All registered teams participate in the team championships in their respective categories. Maximum one female youth national team and one male youth national team per nation is allowed. Teams must consist of players who are registered for the individual strokeplay championships.

Mode and ranking: The scores of all finished rounds in the category are added up for the ranking of team championships.

The number of rounds for team competition can be reduced to 6 by the decision of jury before the tournament. If such decision is made, it will be announced at the coach meeting latest.

Furthermore, if it is not possible to finish the scheduled 8 rounds of the team competition by the end of day 2, the jury has the right to cut the number of rounds to 7 or 6.

If at least six rounds of the team competition have not been finished by the end of day 2, the team competition will be continued on the day 3 and the intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships will possibly be cancelled.

Deadline for the end of team competition is 14.00 on day 3. All fully completed team rounds are counted for the respective category.

Mode of individual strokeplay championships

Admittance: All registered players participate in the individual strokeplay championship in their respective categories. U15 individual strokeplay category players can choose to either participate in the U15 individual strokeplay category or the youth individual strokeplay category.

Cut for the final round: The best 9 players of category female youth and the best 6 players of category U15 after the intermediate round (and players with equal scores)
The best 15 players of the category male youth and the best 9 players of category U15 after the intermediate round (and players with equal scores)

Mode and ranking: All finished rounds of the team competition and the intermediate rounds are the preliminary rounds of the individual strokeplay championships. If the team competitions have not been finished in scheduled time, one of the intermediate rounds will possibly be cancelled or cut.

The scores of the preliminary rounds and the final round are added up for the ranking of individual strokeplay championships. If the intermediate round has not been finished in scheduled time, the final round can be cut to be played on less than 36 lanes.

Mode of the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships

Admittance: All registered mixed pairs participate in the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships. A mixed pair consists of one female and one male player from the same nation. Maximum six pairs per nation is allowed. Pairs must consist of players who are registered for individual strokeplay championships.

Mode and ranking: The playing mode of mixed pairs' strokeplay championship is as follows:
One starting group consists of two pairs. In case of an uneven amount of pairs, one group of three pairs will be made and this group will play as the last group of the playing field.
The player in turn to play alternates after every stroke on a lane, until the lane has been completed or six strokes have been used. The players in a pair must use the same ball on a lane from the first stroke until completion of the lane.

The male player is to play the first stroke on lanes with odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) in round 1. The female player is to play the first stroke on lanes with even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) in round 1. The female player is to play the first stroke on lanes with odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) in

round 2. The male player is to play the first stroke on lanes with even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18) in round 2.

The procedure will be the same for qualifying and final rounds.

The scores of the two qualifying rounds are added up for the qualification ranking of the mixed pairs' championship.

The best 16 pairs will qualify for the mixed pairs' finals. In case of even scores, a sudden-death playoff will be played at the end of the qualifying rounds for qualifying to the mixed pairs' final.

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In case of necessary sudden-death, it will be played as follows: A coin toss or other way of draw will decide the playing order of the pairs. Male players start on odd lanes, female players start on even lanes. The playing order of the teams alternates each lane according to the WMF worldwide international sport rules regarding sudden death playoffs.

The scores from the qualifying rounds are carried on to the two final rounds of mixed pairs' competition. The pairs are regrouped according to the ranking of the qualification rounds.

In case of sudden-death it will be played immediately at the end of the mixed pairs' finals on the last played course. The sudden-death format will be the same than for qualifying to the final (see above).

Mode of individual matchplay championships

Admittance:

One straight list of U15 and youth category will be created for the qualification.

First 16 female youth players and 32 male youth players according to the results of the qualification rounds (team competition rounds + intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships) are qualified.

For equal scores at the cut there will be a sudden-death beginning at lane 1 at the course played last by this category.

In case of equal scores among the qualified players, the ranking order of the players and thus the places in the final table are defined by the WMF sport rules (chapter 2.3.9.4) for scoring and play-offs. If there still is a tie between two or more players after counting all the differences, a coin toss or other way of draw has to be made for deciding these ranks. The mentioned WMF sport rules apply even to the players qualified by sudden-death – their ranking order is decided by those rules, not by the results of the sudden-death.

The results of the final round of individual strokeplay competition do not affect the rankings for the matchplay finals. The grid for matchplay championships is defined according to the results after the intermediate round.

Brackets for the individual matchplay finals of female youth and male youth are presented on the following pages.

If any qualified player doesn't appear at the start for any reason whatsoever, there is no replacement by the next player of the ranking list after qualification rounds. His/her place in the table remains empty and other players keep their original places.

Lanes to be played:

9 lanes concrete / course A

9 lanes miniature / course B

The lanes will be chosen by the tournament jury. The decision regarding the lanes which are played will be published at the coach meeting.

Mode and ranking: All rounds are played as matchplay.

Matches until semi-finals are played with shotgun start.

For starting lanes, see play-off charts.

Semi-finals, finals and matches for rank 3 are started at lane 1 of course B (in order: female youth, male youth), one match after the other. For the finals, the matches for bronze medals start first, followed by the matches for gold.

The better ranked player after the qualification rounds in the pairing always plays first on the starting lane of the match. After that, the leading player in the match always starts the next lane. If there is currently no leader in the match the playing order remains unchanged until there is a leader and thus possibly a new starting player. This also applies for the first lane of the sudden-death playoffs in the matchplay. The following lanes are played according to the general sudden-death rule.

Number of won lanes decides about the winner (matchplay mode), who proceeds to the next round. In case of equal number of won lanes after full 18 lanes (or fewer if the number of played lanes has been cut due to weather), the match is continued at the next of the chosen lanes until a player wins one lane.

A match has to be stopped earlier than after 18 lanes, as soon as one player has already won the match mathematically.

Play at a lane has to be stopped as soon there is a winner for the lane.

Losers below rank 4 are graded as follows: all four losers of the quarterfinals are ranked 5th in the result list and presented as „quarter-finalists“ at the closing ceremony, loser of the other matchplay rounds are ranked equally as 9th, resp. 17th.

In case of bad weather conditions during the **individual matchplay finals**, rounds are cancelled in a way that a chance for a real final always remains. **First option** is to cut the first round for male youth and to start with 16 male youth players. **Second option** is to change the number of lanes for each round if necessary. The minimum number of lanes played per round is 12. It is possible to play same lanes more than once during a round, if this helps to complete the competition (for example 2 x 6 lanes). It is also possible that these lanes are on one course only (for example, 2 x 6 lanes miniaturegolf covered by tents), but if possible, the option of playing both courses must be preferred. The decisions for any changes are done by the jury of the championships.

Terminal abandonment during individual matchplay finals:

In case of terminal abandonment during any round before finals (until all matches of the round in one category have been completed): The matchplay championship of such category is completely cancelled and there is no ranking at all.

In case of terminal abandonment during final match and/or match for rank 3: Both finalists will receive a gold medal and/or both players in the match for rank 3 will receive a bronze medal.

Decisions on bad weather conditions during the competition:

The decisions for any changes are done by the jury of the championships.

Penalty system:

Penalties for players

The standard system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.18 is used in the **team competition, mixed pairs' strokeplay competition and individual strokeplay competition**. All penalties from the qualification rounds of the individual strokeplay competition are carried forward to the individual strokeplay final round. Penalties from strokeplay competition are not carried forward to the mixed pairs' strokeplay competition. In the mixed pairs strokeplay competition all penalties are recorded for the pair, regardless of which player committed the violation.

The following penalty system is applied for the **individual matchplay finals**:

No penalties from the qualifications rounds nor the mixed pairs' strokeplay championships are carried forward to the matchplay finals.

First step is a written pre-warning with no consequences.

For all following violations, the player in question loses the next undecided lane (meaning the next lane, which has no winner yet). Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations.

Penalties for coaches

For **coaches**, the standard penalty system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.19 is used throughout the entire tournament.

Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations

Coaches:

A maximum of two coaches per nation is allowed on each course during all competitions, regardless of the number of participating players of the nation.

Bracket for individual matchplay finals – female youth

match 1	1	
	16	
starting lane		A2

match 2	8	
	9	
starting lane		A3

match 3	5	
	12	
starting lane		A4

match 4	4	
	13	
starting lane		A5

match 5	3	
	14	
starting lane		A6

match 6	6	
	11	
starting lane		A7

match 7	7	
	10	
starting lane		A8

match 8	2	
	15	
starting lane		A9

match 9	winner match 1	
	winner match 2	
starting lane		A1

match 10	winner match 3	
	winner match 4	
starting lane		A3

match 11	winner match 5	
	winner match 6	
starting lane		A5

match 12	winner match 7	
	winner match 8	
starting lane		A7

semifinal 1	winner match 9	
	winner match 10	
starting lane		B1

final	winner semifinal 1	
	winner semifinal 2	
starting lane		B1

semifinal 2	winner match 11	
	winner match 12	
starting lane		B1

match rank 3	loser semifinal 1	
	loser semifinal 2	
starting lane		B1

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at concrete

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Bracket for individual matchplay finals – male youth

Semi-finals, final match and match for rank 3 analogous to the chart of individual matchplay finals – female youth (start at B1).

match 1	1	
	32	
starting lane		A2

match 2	16	
	17	
starting lane		A3

match 3	9	
	24	
starting lane		A4

match 4	8	
	25	
starting lane		A5

match 5	5	
	28	
starting lane		A6

match 6	12	
	21	
starting lane		A7

match 7	13	
	20	
starting lane		A8

match 8	4	
	29	
starting lane		A9

match 9	3	
	30	
starting lane		B1

match 10	14	
	19	
starting lane		B2

match 11	11	
	22	
starting lane		B3

match 12	6	
	27	
starting lane		B4

match 13	7	
	26	
starting lane		B5

match 14	10	
	23	
starting lane		B6

match 15	15	
	18	
starting lane		B7

match 16	2	
	31	
starting lane		B8

match 17	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	B1

match 18	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	B2

match 19	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	B3

match 20	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	B4

match 21	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B5

match 22	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B6

match 23	winner match 13
	winner match 14
starting lane	B7

match 24	winner match 15
	winner match 16
starting lane	B8

match 25	winner match 17
	winner match 18
starting lane	B1

match 26	winner match 19
	winner match 20
starting lane	B3

match 27	winner match 21
	winner match 22
starting lane	B5

match 28	winner match 23
	winner match 24
starting lane	B7

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at concrete

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Accreditation for the Youth World Championships 2026

ENTRY DATE: Friday July 31, 2026, 18.00 hrs

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Entries by name of players, officials and coaches • Please use print letters
Announcement of team order must be handed over until Sunday August 2, 2026 15:00 and mixed pairs composition must be handed over until Wednesday, August 5, 2026 18:00

NAME, FIRST NAME

Birthdate

FEMALE U15 PLAYERS

MALE U15 PLAYERS

FEMALE YOUTH PLAYERS

MALE YOUTH PLAYERS

OFFICIALS

COACHES

Chef de mission's phone number (please include the int. dial code):	

Announcement of team order for the Youth World Championships 2026

ENTRY DATE: Sunday August 2, 2026, 15.00 hrs

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Players for team competitions to be listed in the team order • Please use print letters

NAME, FIRST NAME

Exceptions*

NATIONAL TEAM YOUTH FEMALE

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NATIONAL TEAM YOUTH MALE

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SINGLE PLAYERS U15 FEMALE

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SINGLE PLAYERS U15 MALE

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4.	
5.	

SINGLE PLAYERS YOUTH FEMALE

1.	
2.	

SINGLE PLAYERS YOUTH MALE

1.	
2.	
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4.	
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Legitimate person to announce substitutions:

***Exceptions:** **A** - medical attestation for no sport shoes, **B** - medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations

Announcement of mixed pairs for the Youth World Championships 2026

ENTRY DATE: Wednesday August 5, 2026, 18.00 hrs

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Players for mixed pairs in order female - male • Please use print letters
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NAME, FIRST NAME Exceptions*

MIXED PAIR 1

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MIXED PAIR 2

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2.	

MIXED PAIR 3

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2.	

MIXED PAIR 4

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2.	

MIXED PAIR 5

1.	
2.	

MIXED PAIR 6

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2.	

***Exceptions:** **A** - medical attestation for no sport shoes, **B** - medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations