

Invitation to the European Open Championship 2026

# Welcome to Sweden and EOC 2026

**Sweden and the Swedish Dog Freestyle Club are honored to invite you to the European Open Championship 2026. More information will be shared later, but for now, please accept this invitation with the initial details so you can begin your preparations. We hope to see as many of your fantastic teams as possible!**

The event will be organised according to the FCI Regulations for International Dog Dancing Competitions. All details regarding eligibility for participation in the FCI European Open Championship are specified in the official rules.

## **The competitions arranged as a part of an EOC event are:**

- one heelwork to music competition: qualification round and finals.
- one freestyle competition: qualification round and finals.
- a teamwork to music competition for at least two dogs and one handler or several dogs and handlers.
- a biathlon competition based on the combined results of the HTM competition and freestyle competition of a single dog and handler team that participating in both sports.
- a competition of the national teams.
- a junior handler competition for handlers from 14 to 17 years of age and neither the dog nor the handler is participating in the other categories of the EOC.

## **The EOC Teams of Individual Countries**

In the EOC an NCO's full national team consists of 5-7 individual dog and handler teams plus one teamwork to music team (which includes a minimum of two dogs and one handler but can include several dogs and several handlers). The 5-7 individual dog and handler teams consist of teams participating in three different categories. The maximum number of routines presented by an NCO must be 8. • 1-3 dog and handler teams doing biathlon, i.e. competing in both freestyle and heelwork to music • 1-3 dog and handler teams doing individual HTM • 1-3 dog and handler teams doing individual FS



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### EVENT VENUE

The European Open Championship in Dog Dancing 2026 will be held at the Brinova Arena. You will find this venue in southern Sweden, in the city of Karlskrona. The address is Björkholmskajen 3, 371 36 Karlskrona.

### SCHEDULE

10 September 2026 - Training session and veterinary check

11 September 2026 - HTM team event

12 September 2026 - Freestyle team event

13 September 2026 - Finals

### THE COMPETITION RING

The competition ring is 20 x 20 meter and the surface is made of synthetic turf. The audience is seated on stands on three sides.

### JUDGES

Michelle Dodson (GB) Jette Hastrup (DK) Johanna Mamrelund (SE) My Kroon (SE)

### ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINES

Entry fee: 110 €.

Team registration will be open from 1 June to 15 July 2026.

If space remains, individual registration will be available from 16 to 31 July 2026.

CONTACT FOR TEAM LEADERS AND NATIONAL KENNEL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

For any information please write to:

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### MORE INFORMATION

Please visit [www.eoc2026.com](http://www.eoc2026.com) - the website is continuously updated.

Best regards,

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The Swedish Dog Freestyle Club

