



THE NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 – COMPETITION INVITATION

The Nordic Championships 2026 will be held in Turku at the Gatorade Center arena from January 30 to February 1, 2026. At the Competition the best teams from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland will compete against each other.

In the Nordic Championship competition, we also have divisions that don't compete for the Championship but get to compete with other Nordic competitors. These divisions will win the Nordic Open title.

Dates:

- Team registration will take place from September 1 to November 28, 2025.
- The competition schedule for teams will be published on December 5, 2025.
- Registration for Group Stunts and Pom doubles must be completed by December 15, 2025, at 8:00 PM.
- The competition schedule for Groups Stunts and Pom Doubles and the NM competition info will be published on December 19, 2025.
- The competition days are:
 - Friday evening 30.1.2026 for Group Stunts and Pom Doubles
 - Saturday 31.1.2026 Championship division semifinals and Nordic Open teams
 - Sunday 1.2.2026 Championship division finals and Nordic Open teams.

Changes to the competition lineup:

- You can add or remove participants from the competition lineup until December 29, 2025.
- Athlete changes must be made by January 15, 2026. Changes are not possible after this date.
 - Coach and team leader changes can be made up to the day of the competition.

Arena:

Gatorade Center Arena
Artukaisentie 8,
20210 Turku (Finland)

Rules:

The Competition will use ECU's rules for the year in which the competition is held, with the exception of age groups which will be as stated below.

- Youth 12-15 years (2011-2014 in 2026)
- Junior 14-19 years (2007-2012 in 2026)
- Senior 16 years+ (2010 and older in 2026)
- Masters 19 years + (2007 and older in 2026)

Registration:

Please fill out one form per club. Registration for the competition is done in the link below. The last date to sign up for teams is November 28th, 2025. Last date for group stunts will be December 15th, 2025.

Registration link:

<https://q.surveypal.com/Nordic-Championship-2026-registration-form>

You will find the template for the roster at our website:

<https://www.scl.fi/tapahtumakalenteri/tapahtuma/nordic-championship/>

Divisions:

The Schedules for the teams competing Saturday and Sunday will be released in 5th of December.

Championship divisions: (Semifinals saturday 31st of January and Finals Sunday 1st of February)

- Junior elite all girl and coed
- Senior premier all girl and coed
- Junior – performance cheer pom, performance cheer hiphop
- Senior – performance cheer pom, performance cheer hiphop

Divisions for Nordic Open: (one day, saturday 31st of January or Sunday 1st of February)

Cheerleading:

- Youth – median, advanced
- Junior – median, advanced
- Senior – median, advanced, elite
- Masters – median



Performance cheer:

- Youth – performance cheer pom, performance cheer hiphop
- Junior- performance cheer pom, performance cheer hiphop
- Senior- performance cheer pom, performance cheer hiphop

Divisions for Nordic Open Group Stunt and Pom Doubles: (Friday evening 30th of January) (max. 3 per country)

- Junior elite
- Senior premier
- Senior partner stunt
- Youth Pom Doubles
- Junior Pom Doubles
- Senior Pom Doubles

The schedule for Friday's competition on the 19th December.

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation must be made via email to the organizing federation, and it must be received no later than two (2) weeks before the competition or one month after the registration has closed. Cancellations can be made free of charge up to one month before the competition. If the cancellation is made 14–30 days before the event after the registration has already closed, 50% of the participation fee will be refunded. If the cancellation occurs less than 14 days before the event after the registration has already closed, participation fees will not be refunded. Clubs and teams should consider the minimum participation numbers as per the competition rules of each category and make proactive plans for participation if part of the team is unable to attend.

If the competition must be cancelled due to an insurmountable obstacle (such as a strike, war, or epidemic) and the cancellation is not foreseeable or attributable to the organizers, participation fees will not be refunded and any other damages resulting from the cancellation will not be compensated.

By ordering possible t-shirts or other competition products, the club commits to the purchase when sending the order form.

Number of athletes:

The Nordic Cheerleading Championship 2026 will have different rules regarding number of athletes performing compared to the ECU rules. The Championship divisions competing two days will have a minimum number of 12 athletes; the other divisions will have a minimum number of 10 athletes performing on the mat.



Dispensations:

There will be possible age exceptions in the age-limits in the Nordic Championships in categories that are competing for one day only. These exceptions in the age rules apply only for the teams that are not competing for the Nordic Championship titles. The teams that have 10-20 athletes can have 2 age dispensations and teams that have between 21-24 athletes can have 3 age dispensations. The age exceptions are allowed one year over and one year under the age-limits presented in the competition rules. Notice that in the youth category no athlete can be younger than the youngest age limit by the rules.

Music:

We'll send more info closer to the competition regarding sending the music.

Safety:

The principles of Safer Space are applied in all competitions under the federation. Each competition also has a designated point of contact for harassment, whose contact information will be provided in the competition information. During the competition, you can contact the harassment point of contact if you experience any inappropriate behaviour. Let's all ensure that everyone feels safe at cheerleading competitions. <3

Principles of a safer space

The principles and practices of a safer space aim to create an environment where everyone strives to build an equal, respectful, and open atmosphere and dialogue through their actions. Together, we take care of every member of the cheer family. We celebrate successes in competitions—both our own and those of others. The strength of the sport is encouragement and joy; let's be that for each other in the sports community.

- **Respect another person's personal physical and mental space.** Do not touch another person without asking for permission. Remember that you cannot know another person's boundaries without asking them.
- **Do not mock, discriminate, belittle, exclude, or embarrass** anyone with your words, behaviour, or actions. Do not judge anyone's appearance or speak of anyone in an unpleasant tone.
- **Apologize** if you have offended others intentionally or unintentionally. Speak openly if you have felt insulted. This allows others to ask for your forgiveness.

Source: implying <https://www.ykliitto.fi/turvallinen-tila>

Rates for competition:

40€ per person. (athlete, coach, team leader etc.)

If you have the same person in different roles in different teams, (for example: Coach in team X and an athlete on team Y the second role is 20€.) All persons



how will be with the team trough out the competition day (warm up, competition) need to be registered with the team and found on the team roster.

If you have 3 or more teams, and you want the same person in each team as a coach or team leader you can register that person as your Club leader, for 65€.

This person can go to warm ups and the competition area with all the teams with in that Club. When you have only 2 teams and you need the same person on each, it's cheaper to register that person just with both teams. (40+20=60)

The registration will be paid by invoice. The invoice will be sent out from the Finnish Cheerleading Federation. (SCL in Finnish).

Food:

You can pre order a hot lunch for the competition day/days for 16,50€/per person.

Lunch order form will be on our website in September and open until the end of November.

Competition T-shirts and Colleges:

We'll post the official competition T-shirt and collage, on our website and the pre order form during September and it will be available until end of November.

Tickets & live strem:

More information will be provided closer to the event.

Live strem will be on our FinCheerTV platform with live commentary.

<https://www.finceer.tv/>

Hotels/living arrangements:

Sokos Hotels Sales

Phone: +358 300 870 040

Email: sales.turku@sok.fi (Group bookings over 11 people)

Booking code: Cheerleading 2026

Room reservations should be made by 30.12.2025, 18:00 o'clock.

Original Sokos Hotel Kupittaa

29.1.-1.2.2026

102 EUR / 1prs standard

112 EUR / 2people standard

137 EUR / 2people standard + extra bed

162 EUR / 2people standard +2 extra bed (only for small children)

Original Sokos Hotel Wiklund

29.1.-1.2.2026



106 EUR / 1prs standard
116 EUR / 2people standard

We'll post about possibilities for school accommodation, hostels and other hotels in Turku, on our website.

Contact us:

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Our webpage for the competition:

<https://www.scl.fi/tapahtumakalenteri/tapahtuma/nordic-championship/>

