

17-25 OCTOBER 2026 ROTTERDAM AHOY





ALITTLE EXTRA!

It's really happening! The World Gymnastics
Championships are coming to Rotterdam Ahoy! We
are preparing for the largest and most spectacular
gymnastics world championships ever! It is an absolute
honour to be involved as tournament director for the
2026 Gymnastics World Championships here in the
Netherlands. Here at Rotterdam Ahoy, we will be hosting
a spectacular event that will inspire the entire gymnastics
community. With the theme of 'Building Bridges', this
event is about more than just sport. It's about connection:
connection between people, generations and cultures.
This theme will be reflected everywhere, from the toplevel sports at Ahoy to the recreational sports activities
in the city, and in the side events and campaigns bearing
the slogan #BuildingBridges.

When the Netherlands last hosted the World Championships in 2010, we demonstrated our ability to stage such an event. Now, in 2026, we are raising the bar even higher. Ahoy will once again be transformed into a temple of sport, where elite competition, entertainment and experiences converge.

In recent years, Dutch gymnastics has firmly established itself among the world's best. Orange successes are no longer the exception, which makes this World Championship even more special. Fans can expect excitement, emotion and, of course, that unique orange feeling that comes alive so intensely at Ahoy.

Gymnastics is magical and deserves the very best. We will provide this for the athletes, fans and partners during the World Championships. I'll be there. Will you?

Epke Zonderland

Olympic Champion and
Tournament Ambassador,
2026 World Gymnastics Championships

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics is performed on various pieces of apparatus, each with its own challenges and rules. Men compete on six apparatuses (floor, vault, rings, pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar), while women compete on four (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor).

The sport requires strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, and expression. Gymnasts perform their routines within a set time and are judged by a panel. They are evaluated based on difficulty (the 'D-score') and execution (the 'E-score'). Together, these determine the final score.

Every mistake — an unsteady step, a fall or extra support — costs points. The competition is not just about who can perform the most difficult routine, but also about who can perform it with the greatest control and elegance.

Gymnasts qualify for the finals through qualifying rounds: all-around (combining performances on all apparatus) or apparatus finals (specializing in individual events). It is here that the medals are decided, and often it is the smallest detail that determines the world champion.

In addition to the individual finals, this World
Championship also features a team final. The eight
best countries from the qualifiers in both the men's and
women's categories will compete in the team final. The
top three teams from these finals will qualify directly for
the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.







TEAMNL

Gymnastics is very popular in the Netherlands. Its combination of strength, elegance and technical difficulty makes it a globally popular sport. Epke Zonderland made history by winning Olympic gold on the high bar at the London 2012 Games, inspiring a new generation. Since then, several Dutch gymnasts have reached the top of the world rankings and won medals at the European and World Championships and the Olympic Games.



EXPERIENCE THE WORLD GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Invite your business contacts to a place where sports and business come together. The VIP experience at the World Gymnastics Championships offers a unique opportunity to build bridges against the impressive backdrop of world-class gymnastics.

A VIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

ASA VIP!

- Entrance ticket
- Reception in the World Gymnastics VIP lounge
- VIP seating access
- VIP catering, including a lunch or dinner buffet (excluding VAT).

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DAY	DATE	LOUNGE OPENING TIMES	PRICE*
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17	09:00 - 14:30 & 15:00 - 21:00	€175,-
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18	09:00 - 14:30 & 15:00 - 22:00	€175,-
MONDAY	OCTOBER 19	08:30 - 14:30 & 15:00 - 23:30	€175,-
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 20	17:30 - 23:00	€250,-
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 21	17:30 - 22:30	€250,-
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 22	18:00 - 23:00	€250,-
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 23	18:00 - 23:00	€250,-
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 24	12:30 - 19:00	€250,-
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 25	12:30 - 19:00	€250,-
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