

# Bergen Swim Festival - 2026



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21 nations

135 teams

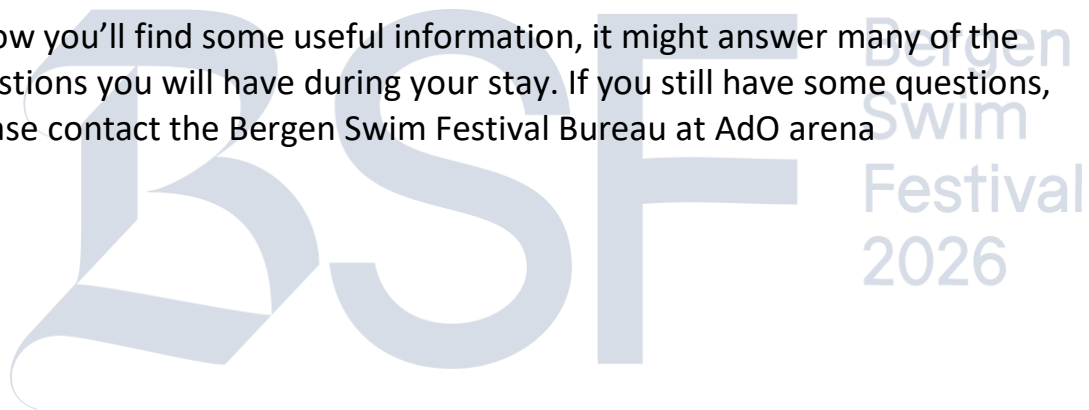
805 swimmers

# Information 2026

Welcome to Bergen Swim Festival 2026. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and one of the most beautiful cities in the world, framed by seven mountains and the UNESCO-listed Bryggen wharf. It is a city with a proud maritime tradition, and this week it opens its doors to 805 swimmers from 21 nations.

We have prepared this guide to ensure your experience is seamless from arrival to final. It covers accreditation, venue access, competition procedures, and everything you need to know during your stay. Please read it carefully, and do not hesitate to contact our team if you need assistance. We wish you a wonderful stay in Bergen and the very best of luck in the competition.

Below you'll find some useful information, it might answer many of the questions you will have during your stay. If you still have some questions, please contact the Bergen Swim Festival Bureau at AdO arena



## Warm up and meet office Thursday 16. April

- **Warmup starts at 14.00 – 20.00.**
- **Meet office will be open from 12.00 – 21.00.**

## Team leader meeting

Team leader meeting – 19.00 in AdO arena (Hans Tank auditorium)

2<sup>nd</sup> floor next to stairs, behind the grandstands.

## Competition start time

The competition will start 09.00 for A-flight

B-flight starts 12.30

**B-finals starts 17.00**

**A-finals starts 18.00**

B- and A-finals will start 30 minutes earlier on Sunday. (16.30 and 17.30)

B-flight starts 12.30

## Heatlists

All information will be available on the Swimify app and website , and with the electronic heat lists and results.

Following the team leader meeting on **Thursday, April 16th, at 19:00**, all necessary changes will be made to the heat lists. After this point, no further updates will be made, and swimmers will not be moved between A- and B-flights.

This policy ensures predictability for all athletes. Any changes made after the deadline will result in empty lanes in the affected heats.



## Withdrawals

Withdrawals for Friday's preliminary heats must be submitted by the team leader meeting on Thursday at 19:00.

For all other days, withdrawals must be made no later than **30 minutes** after the conclusion of the finals on the previous day.

Withdrawals for finals must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the respective session:

- **A-flight swimmers** must withdraw within **15 minutes after the A-flight**.
- **B-flight swimmers** must withdraw within **15 minutes after the B-flight**.

NOTE! Withdrawals from the finals must be given in person to the meet office or at the timekeeping table. Withdrawals from A and B flight can be made on the app.

## Para prelims, Para finals & Prize

50- and 100-meter events for para will be swum as a direct final in the A-flight when its 6 or fewer swimmers.

Events with 6-8 swimmers have a direct final in the A-final at night.

In the events with more than 8 swimmers there will be a dedicated prelim in the A-flight, and final for top 8 in the A-final.

50- and 100-meter Prize ceremony will be done directly following the event in the A-flight for events with 6 or fewer swimmers.

200 and above will be swum in the A-flight and be seeded with all other swimmers.

Events from 200 and up will not be presented with an award ceremony in the A- or B-flight, and medals can be collected in the meet office.

## Prize money.

Prize money will be paid out after the meet is completed and required information is received. Together with a list of each person and their earnings

All payments to BSF, such as starting fee, accreditation and hotels must be received before the prize money will be paid out.

For Norwegian teams the payment will be wired in Norwegian kroner and will have a fixed exchange rate.

BSF will do one reminder if payment information has not been received, after that the responsibility is on the teams to follow up. Payouts of prize money will not be done after 6 months after end of competition.

Clubs will receive a link to record bank details.

## Venue access

There are three ways to enter the competition venue: through the athlete entrance, the spectator entrance, or the changing rooms.

Athletes must use their personal entry band to access the changing rooms. This band is assigned to each swimmer individually and is non-transferable.

Spectators are required to present a valid ticket or entry band to access the grandstand. Designated spectator areas are located on the right side of the grandstand, with Mount Ulriken on the right. Athletes may use the left side of the grandstand, which is closer to the athlete entrance.

## Accreditation

All athletes and coaches must have their accreditation to access the competition venue. Accreditation serves as the sole valid verification for participation at BSF and must be always presented at the athlete entrance. The same requirement applies to coaches entering through the Coach's Corner—accreditation must be shown upon entry.

All accreditations, tickets, and entry bands are personal and non-transferable.

## Loss of accreditation badge

If an accreditation badge is lost, it must be reported immediately to the meet office and the Organizing Committee.

In case of a lost accreditation, a designated form must be completed, including details such as name, team affiliation, and a signature from the swimmer or coach receiving the replacement. This information will be registered with the organizers in the meet office.

A penalty fee of **200 NOK** will be charged for the reproduction of lost accreditation badges, which will be invoiced after the meet.

All coach and team manager names were submitted to BSF on March 25th, and no additional accreditations will be available at the meet office. Any request for extra accreditation for coaches or managers will follow the same procedure as a lost accreditation and will incur a fee of **400 NOK**.

## Anti-Doping

Urine and blood samples can and will be collected during the Bergen Swim Festival for the purpose of doping controls. The doping controls will be done in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping International Standards. The operations will be supervised and coordinated by the Norwegian Anti-Doping (Antidoping Norge, ADN)

## Green screen guidelines

Athletes are welcome to record their own video using the green screen. These videos will be displayed on the LED wall before the start of both preliminaries and finals. Athletes must use their accreditations as identification.

Open times

Thursday – 13.00-20.00

Friday – 09.00-13.00

All athletes must wear a t-shirt or official team apparel.

Creativity is encouraged; however, political statements, profanity, or inappropriate language, as well as offensive or unfriendly gestures, are strictly prohibited. Each video must feature only one athlete at a time, and group recordings are not permitted. Additionally, athletes may not use logos, caps, or other items representing teams other than their own.

## Coaches corner

The office located by the diving pool serves as the designated Coach's Corner. During the competition, coffee, snacks, and refreshments will be available for all coaches.

This space is reserved exclusively for coaches from all 135 teams, providing an opportunity to socialize, take a break, and network with colleagues. Please note that this is a shared common area, not a changing room for coaches.

Access to the Coach's Corner requires accreditation, which must be presented at the entrance from the hallway.

## International swimmers

This year's BSF will host a big group of international swimmers and highly profiled swimmers will be in the competition venue.

We kindly ask all coaches and team managers to inform and control their swimmers around them, especially the younger ones. Please respect the swimmer's privacy and give them their space to focus, train, and prepare for their events and finals.

They are more than happy to do selfies, autographs and to talk to them whenever there is time. We will also arrange autograph signings and other contact points for swimmers to meet their idols during the weekend.

## Mealtimes

### Scandic Ørnen:

Early breakfast is available at Scandic Ørnen. Please inform the reception at the hotel with how many swimmers will be eating early.

Breakfast: 06.30-09.30 (07.00-10.30\* Sat and Sun)

Lunch: 12.00- 14.30

Dinner: 18.30 – 21.30

### Scandic Bergen City

#### Wednesday, April 16:

Dinner: 18.30-21.30

#### Thursday, April 17:

Lunch: 13.00-15.15

Dinner: 18.30-21.30

#### Saturday, April 18:

Lunch: 13.00-15.15

Dinner: 18.30-21.30

#### Sunday, April 19:

Lunch: 13.00-15.15

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## **Beredt – AdO arena cafeteria**

Lunch: 12.30- 14.00\*

Dinner: 19:30 – 21.00 \*

May be changes following the A-finals.

## **25 % off Fløybanen**

All athletes and coaches receive a **25% discount** on the **Fløybanen funicular** during BSF. This is a great opportunity to experience Bergen's most breathtaking view and visit Norway's second most popular tourist attraction.

Take a break from the chlorine and enjoy a fun activity before the finals or during your free time. The same discount applies to families and spectators.

**Discount Code: SWIM26**

Don't miss this chance to explore one of Bergen's top sights at a special BSF rate.

## **Pizza**

Through our partner **Pizzabakeren**, we offer a special pizza deal during the Bergen Swim Festival. You can order pizza for AdO Arena through the meet office. Contact us at [Erik.halvorsen@bvsk.no](mailto:Erik.halvorsen@bvsk.no), and we'll take care of everything for you. Price: **225 NOK** per large pizza. This includes ordering, pickup, and delivery to **AdO Arena**.

Orders must be placed **by Saturday before 20:00**.

Menu is available at the meet office

### **Delivery times:**

**Saturday, April 18:** 12:00 - 20:00

**Sunday, April 19:** 12:00 - 19:00

This offer is perfect for **team dinners, pre-travel meals, or a quick bite before the finals**.

For orders, contact [Erik.halvorsen@bvsk.no](mailto:Erik.halvorsen@bvsk.no).

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## Notice:

We reserve the right for any errors or inaccuracies in this document.



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