



**ECA European Cheerleading Championships July 6/7th, 2024 Wiesbaden
Bulletin Nr. 1
(May 7th, 2024)**

1. Greetings of IFC President Mr. Setsuo Nakamura

Dear Cheerleading Community,

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming European Cheerleading Championships 2024 (ECC 2024), I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all participants, coaches, officials, and all others involved. With just four months remaining until the grand event, the excitement is palpable, and the stage is set for another spectacular showcase of talent and athleticism.

Building on the resounding success of the ECC 2023 in Wiesbaden, it is with great enthusiasm that the ECC returns to this vibrant city for a second time. The warmth and hospitality extended to all involved in 2023 were truly remarkable, and we are grateful for the continued support of the European Cheerleading Association (ECA), the German Cheerleading Association, and the city of Wiesbaden.

I extend my sincere thanks to the ECA for their dedication and organization of this event. The collaboration with the German Cheerleading Association and the hospitality extended by the city of Wiesbaden will be instrumental in making the ECC 2024 another premier competition on the international cheerleading calendar.

To the athletes, your dedication and hard work in preparing for ECC 2024 have not gone unnoticed. Your commitment to excellence is an inspiration, and I wish each of you success as you take the stage to showcase your talents.

Our appreciation also goes out to the national federations whose continued support strengthens the foundation of the European Cheerleading Association. Your commitment to the growth and development of cheerleading across the continent is invaluable.

In a world that is constantly evolving, the ECA has proven its resilience and adaptability. Acknowledging the changing environment, the organization continues to pioneer positive transformations, ensuring that cheerleading remains a dynamic and inclusive sport for all.

As we count down the days to ECC 2024, let us come together in the spirit of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and celebration. We look forward to witnessing the incredible performances, fostering new friendships, and celebrating the spirit of cheerleading in the heart of Wiesbaden.

Best wishes to all participants and may the ECC 2024 be a monumental success!

Warm regards,

Setsuo Nakamura
President
International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC)

2. Place, date and venue

The ECA European Cheerleading Championships will take place July 6th/ 7th , 2024 at Wiesbaden (Germany).

The competition venue is the “Halle am Platz der Deutschen Einheit“.

Address: Platz der Deutschen Einheit, 65185 Wiesbaden

3. Deadlines & Entry fees

The entry deadline is May 31st, 2024.

Payment of entry fees must be received by June 10th, 2024.

50 EUR (plus VAT if applicable) for each Competitor, Substitute, Spotter and Coach officially registered (per entry)

Coaches only needs to be registered one time. Spotters only needs to be registered if they are not already registered as competitor, substitute or coach. Legal guardians accompanying minors' needs to be registered as “others”.

4. Rules

Rules can be found on the ECA webpage:

<https://www.ecacheer.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/03/ECC-2024-Rules.pdf>

5. Allocation of competition categories

The current allocation of the competition categories is:

Saturday:

- Junior Cheer
- Master Cheer
- Junior Dance
- Master Dance

Sunday:

- Mini Cheer
- Senior Cheer
- Mini Dance
- Senior Dance

The competitions shall start on both days at 10.00 h. On Saturday the competition will last eventually in the evening. On Sunday the last category shall perform at 16.00 h.

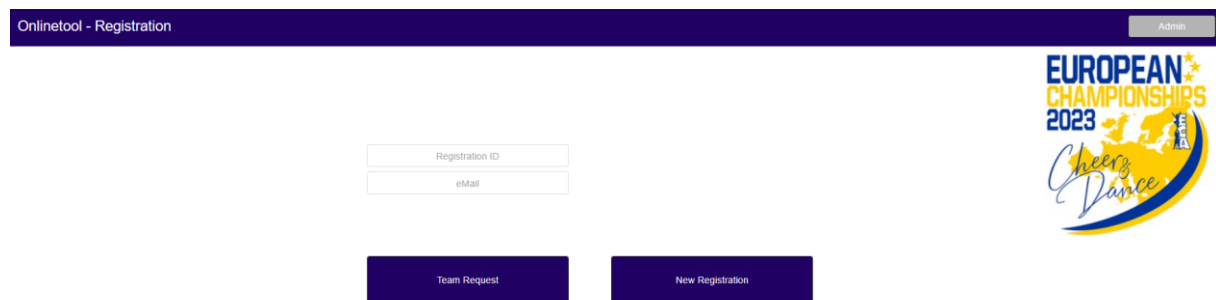
Please note that ceremonies such as opening, closing and medal ceremonies are not scheduled yet. The current draft schedule is subject of changes.

As the entry deadline will expire by May 31st, 2024, ECA will learn how many teams are competing in which category just after that day. Depending on the number of entries in each category modification might be necessary. But it is the intention to stick with that assignment – unless forced otherwise.

6. Registration

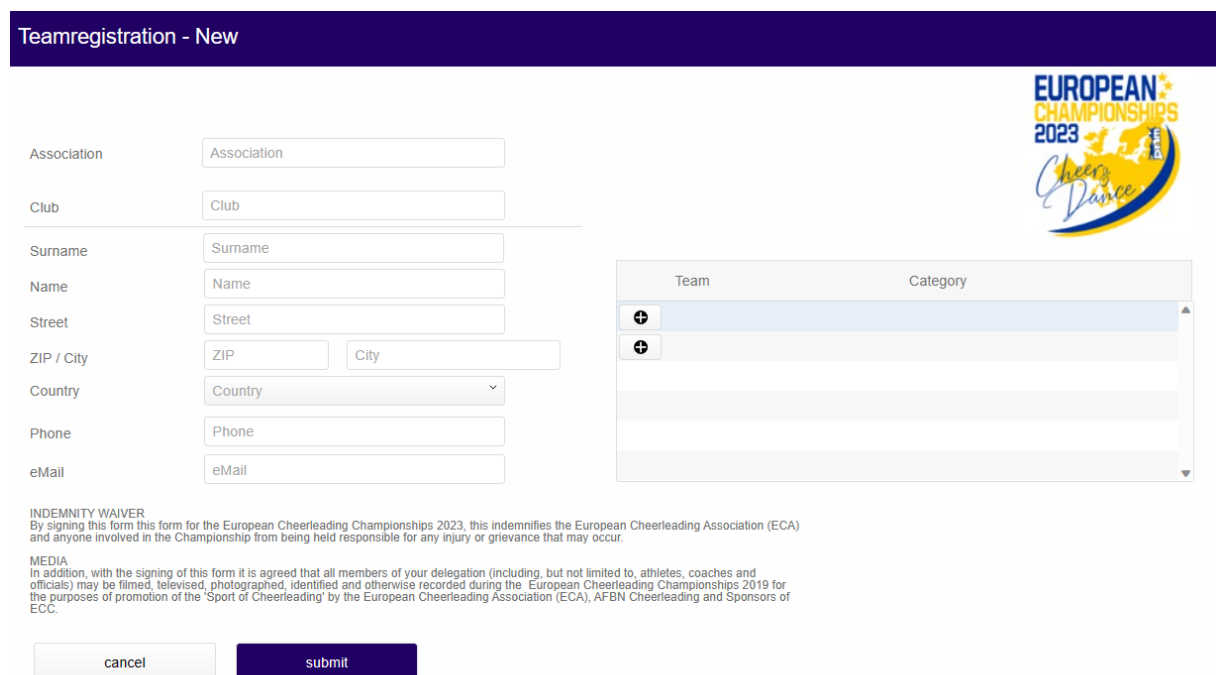
Click on <https://fms.cheercity-shop.de/fmi/webd/eca>

Not active yet – will be updated



The screenshot shows the top part of a web application. At the top left, there is a dark blue header with the text "Onlinetool - Registration". At the top right, there is a small grey button labeled "Admin". Below the header, there are two input fields: "Registration ID" and "eMail". Below these fields are two dark blue buttons: "Team Request" and "New Registration". On the right side of the page, there is a logo for "EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023" with "Cheer Dance" written in a stylized font and "Paris" in a small box.

Click on „New Registration“



The screenshot shows the "Teamregistration - New" form. The form has a dark blue header with the text "Teamregistration - New". On the right side, there is the same "EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023" logo as in the previous screenshot. The form contains several input fields: "Association", "Club", "Surname", "Name", "Street", "ZIP / City" (with separate fields for ZIP and City), "Country" (a dropdown menu), "Phone", and "eMail". To the right of these fields is a table with two columns: "Team" and "Category". The table has two rows, each with a plus sign in the "Team" column. Below the form, there is a small section for "INDEMNITY WAIVER" and "MEDIA". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "cancel" and "submit".

INDEMNITY WAIVER
By signing this form for the European Cheerleading Championships 2023, this indemnifies the European Cheerleading Association (ECA) and anyone involved in the Championship from being held responsible for any injury or grievance that may occur.

MEDIA
In addition, with the signing of this form it is agreed that all members of your delegation (including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches and officials) may be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during the European Cheerleading Championships 2019 for the purposes of promotion of the 'Sport of Cheerleading' by the European Cheerleading Association (ECA), AFBN Cheerleading and Sponsors of ECC.


Fill out the form. On the right-hand side, each team of the club is registered individually. Please do not click on submit until all teams have been created.

Important:

- The club's details and address will be used to create the invoice
- All further information will be sent to the e-mail address given here

Teamregistration - New

Club	<input type="text"/>
Teamname	<input type="text"/>
Category	Junior Cheer All Female
Team Contact	
Surname	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>
eMail	<input type="text"/>



On the team registration page, it is possible to enter a separate contact e-mail address for each team. This is important for information that only affects certain teams. Submit after every single team.

Please do not fill the number of your cheerleading license in the online tool. Please fill the number of the governmental issued picture idea (passport or another national-ID document approved by ECA).

7. Transportation

From Frankfurt Airport:

Frankfurt Rhein Main International airport is connected with Wiesbaden by public transport.

It takes 34 to 43 minutes depending of the lane and time. Trains depart every 15 minutes from "Frankfurt Flughafen Regionalbahnhof" to "Wiesbaden Hauptbahnhof".

Frankfurt airport has TWO train stations. One is for regional trains and S-Bahn ("S-Bahn" is the name for metro type fast trains). You need to take the S-Bahn line Nr. 8 or 9 with final destination "Wiesbaden Hauptbahnhof" (=Wiesbaden Central Train station).

The other train station is for far distance travel. That train station is on the 1st level. The regional trains depart underground.

Transportation schedule as by today is attached to this bulletin. Please note that the schedule might change until July.

Information about train schedule: <https://www.rmv.de/c/en/homepage>

Also available in German, Italian, Turkish, Spanish and French.

There are special discounts for groups 10 to 50 persons:

<https://www.rmv.de/c/en/fahrkarten/die-richtige-fahrkarte/tickets-overview/information-for-specific-passenger-groups/large-group-ticket>

Other destinations:

The Deutsche Bundesbahn (German Railway) offers plenty of tickets to Wiesbaden from all over Germany.

More information: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

Arrival by other airports:

Please note that there is the airport Frankfurt Hahn which is served by RyanAir.

That airport is 80 km travel distance east of Wiesbaden. So it might be an option to be considered if Ryanair serve that airport from your country.

There are shuttle buses available from Frankfurt Hahn to Mainz which is the neighbour city of Wiesbaden. From Mainz to Wiesbaden public transportation is available.

<https://www.flibco.com/en/lines/shuttle-bus-mainz-hahn-airport>

8. Hotels & accommodation

The OC has not arranged any mandatory or optional packages for this ECC.

So you are totally free in the choice which hotel or youth hostel you want to book.

In Wiesbaden hotels in all hotel categories are available as well as pensions, bed & breakfast or camping.

An overview can be found on the webpage of the Wiesbaden Tourism board:

<https://www1.wiesbaden.de/microsites/tourismus-en/index.php>

Also have in mind that in the Rhine Main-area a lot for accommodation exists around. You can stay at Mainz on the other side of river Rhine, at Frankfurt or in one of the towns between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden.

9. Transportation in Wiesbaden

The competition venue is close to the city centre.

The next bus stop to the venue is "Platz der Deutschen Einheit".

Time table: <https://www.eswe-verkehr.de/en/timetable.html>

Public parking garages are available around the venue versus a fee. Inside the city centre there is no free parking.

If you travel with your own bus please are aware that there is no bus parking available just around the venue.

There is a special bus lane just before the venue which is intended to be used for the public bus transportation system. The Wiesbaden public transportation company ESWE has informed us that

buses for teams may stop there to drop off participants. But that shall not disturb the circulation of the public busses. So if a public bus is there those buses have priority. Also the use of the official bus lane is not authorized by the authorities yet. We have asked for a special permit but that is still pending. So by today stopping on the bus lane is by own risk. The traffic police might charge a fine.

10. Catering for teams

There will be lunch boxes available for purchase through an online form.

11. Tickets

1 Day Ticket: 35 EUR

1 Day Ticket (discounted): 30 EUR

2 Days Ticket: 60 EUR

2 Days Ticket (discounted): 50 EUR

There is no fix place number reserved for you. Tickets are non-transferable and redeemable only once. All prices incl. VAT.

Discount available for: Juniors younger than 14 years, handicapped, volunteers in military service or Bundesfreiwilligendienst (you may be asked for a certificate of prove once entering the venue).

Ticketshop:

https://www.cheercity-shop.de/list/090103/eca_europameistersschaft.html

Group tickets (minimum quantity: 10 tickets):

1 Day Ticket: 25 EUR

2 Days Ticket: 45 EUR

Please use this order form:

Available soon.

Final order for group/ team tickets is June 15, 2024.

Order form group/ team tickets:

https://www.cheercity-shop.de/downloads/Grouptickets_ECA2024.pdf

Tickets will still be available for online purchase for the full duration of the event. But there will be no box office open at the venue. You need to buy your ticket online through the ticket sales webpage.

12. Accreditations & Registration

Accreditation and registration will take place at the welcome desk at the venue. The exact location of the welcome desk is not decided yet.

Each participant of the ECC needs to register only once. If you compete on both competition days you can manage the registration already on Friday or Saturday for both competition days.

Registration will be available (subject of confirmation):

July 5, 2024 (Friday): 17.-19.30 h (pre-registration)

July 6, 2024 (Saturday): 08.-11.00 h

July 7, 2024 (Sunday): 08.-11.00 h

The pre-registration is open for all groups which already arrive on Friday and who want to save time on Saturday or Sunday with formalities. Pre-registration is encouraged by ECA.

Please contact ECA at entries@ecacheer.org if you want to pre-register on Friday to arrange a suitable time window and avoid long waiting lines.

If your team miss those time windows, please contact the ECA staff at the welcome desk. ECA staff will than try to arrange an extra registration period, but ECA cannot guarantee that you will make it in time for your competition.

Currently it is planned to open the registration desk at the spectators' entrance. That entrance is in a platform on the first floor. First floor means it is the floor above the ground level. That entrance is assessable through stairs from both sides of the venue. The location of the desk might change but there will be signs to guide you to the desk. This is subject of confirmation.

Please try to be at the registration as whole group. In case some parts of your team arrive earlier and wish to register before the rest of the team arrives that is possible but priority is given to those groups who compete on that day. This might apply if some team members want to attend the even in Saturday as spectator while the performance is on Sunday. In that case you will be allowed to access the venue with your athletes pass.

Please do not arrive at the registration on competition days after 11.00 h and plan enough time for warmups before your competition starts.

Please have your governmental picture ID card ready. That ID card shall prove your citizenship.

If you change the ID card after the registration on May 31st, 2024 please bring your old ID card with you – even if the old ID card is not valid anymore – and the new ID card.

Once the registration is done each participant will received an accreditation credential.

That credential will grant you free entrance to the competition venue. You will have access to the locker rooms, warm up area and competition floor for the duration of you active participation.

Once you finished your active competition you are free to use any unused seat in the spectators' area.

The credential allows access to the venue on both competition days' nerveless if you compete on one or both days.

As credential wrist bands will be used. You will need to wear that wrist band at least the first time you enter the venue. Once you are in the venue you are free to remove the wrist band. In case you want to leave the venue and return later you will need stamp which you will receive at the check in counter as well. If the stamp can't be seen anymore please contact the check-in desk for renewal.

Staff, judges, media, guests and officials will receive credentials at the venue entrance for spectators at the welcome desk or in the ECA official hotel. Please check before arriving at Wiesbaden with ECA office (office@ecacheer.org) how you will receive your credential.

The judges and ECA room will be only accessed with a special accreditation. Please respect that these official area is only used for performing official duties and therefore access is limited.

13. Locker Rooms

The venue has only a limited number of locker rooms. Therefore locker rooms are solely for changing before the competitions starts. Once you have used the locker room you have to evacuate the room and you can't leave any belongings there. You can store you sports bags in the competition venue itself.

There will be signs who will tell you which locker room is assigned to your group.

14. Livestream

There is a livestream planned. More information will follow ASAP.

15. Event Shirt

There will be an event shirt available which will be provided by our commercial partner “Central Cheerleading Agency”.

Order information will follow

Please note that the sale of those event shirts is on behalf of CCA. ECA or LOC are not your contractor.

16. Warm-up Area

The warm-up area is behind the back-drop of the venue. There is no second indoor venue which can be used for warm-up. Warm-up take place in the same indoor venue as the competition itself.

The schedule for the use of the warm-up area will follow the starring order on the competition day and distributed at a later time.

17. Starting order

Not confirmed yet. Subject of change in cases of force majeure.

18. Opening, Closing and Award ceremony

There is ONE opening ceremony planned on Saturday at 13.00 h.

The award ceremony is scheduled on both competition days for 15.00 h. As the number of competitors on Sunday is exceeding the number of those on Saturday it might be that on Sunday will be some delay.

Closing ceremony will be held as part of Sunday’s award ceremony.

Times are subject to change.

Important E-Mail-Addresses:

Entries, accreditation & registration: entries@ecacheer.org
Rules questions: rules@ecacheer.org
General questions: office@ecacheer.org