

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Frankfurt am Main, Germany | 13–18 September 2026





WELCOME TO THE TFWC 2026

The Transplant Football World Cup 2026 brings the global transplant football community together in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, from 13–18 September 2026. Following the inaugural Transplant Football World Cup in Cervia, Italy, in 2024, the second edition will see 15 teams compete, celebrating football, friendship and the extraordinary possibilities of life after transplantation.

Which teams are competing in the TFWC 2026?

The 15 teams taking part are: Australia, Chile, Colombia, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Romania, Spain, USA, Wales.

Women's Showcase

TFWC 2026 will also mark another important step forward for transplant football, with a four-team Women's Showcase competition taking place from 16–18 September 2026.

Which teams are taking part in the Women's Showcase?

Australia, Germany, Great Britain & Northern Ireland, and WTGF Women's United.

1. Event Schedule, Opening & Ceremonies

When does the TFWC officially begin?

The tournament begins on Sunday, 13 September 2026. Participants should be at Roemer square by 16:30 for meeting and positioning. The Walk of Nations is scheduled for 17:30–18:30, followed by the Welcome Dinner at Bootshaus Frau Rauscher from 18:30–21:30.

What should teams wear for the Walk of Nations?

Teams should wear official national team uniform or team apparel and are encouraged to show their national colours. Teams should assign one person as a flag carrier; flags will be provided onsite.

What is the dress code for the Welcome Dinner?

Team/national apparel or smart casual clothing is appropriate. The evening follows directly after the Walk of Nations, so teams do not need to change into formal clothing.

Where will last-minute programme changes be communicated?

Official updates will be communicated through Team Managers and the designated tournament communication channels. Final details of the designated channels should be confirmed before publication.

2. Matches, Spectators & Live Streaming

Do spectators need tickets to watch matches?

No. Matches are free to watch. Family, friends, donor families,



supporters and members of the local community are welcome. Restricted team, changing and technical areas remain accessible only to appropriately accredited personnel.

Will matches be live streamed?

Yes. Matches will be live streamed through the official WTGF YouTube channels. Streaming links and schedules will be shared through official WTGF communication channels.

When are the competition days?

Main tournament matches run from Monday 14 September through Friday 18 September. Group matches are followed by knockout rounds. The final is scheduled for Friday 18 September at 13:00.

When are the Women's Showcase matches?

Women's matches are scheduled across Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September. Players should follow the final team and match schedule for exact timings.

Will National Anthems be played before every match?

No. To keep the schedule running efficiently, National Anthems will form part of the official protocol for the Semi-Finals and Final only. Teams must be ready for kick-off at the scheduled time.

What happens if a match is delayed or interrupted?

Tournament Management and match officials will determine whether a match is delayed, suspended, resumed or rescheduled. Teams must follow official instructions.

What happens with a kit colour clash?

WTGF has consulted with teams regarding kit colours. Final match-specific instructions regarding any kit colour clash should be confirmed through Tournament Management and the official tournament schedule/rules.

When must team sheets / starting line-ups be submitted?

Starting line-ups must be submitted by the Team Manager at least 15 minutes before each match on the WTGF Gateway registration system. Information and a 'how to' guide will be provided.

How do substitutions work?

Unlimited substitutions are allowed when the ball is not in play under the direction of the referee.

What happens if a player or team is late for a match?

Teams must be ready for kick-off at the scheduled time. The source material does not specify the formal late-arrival procedure; this should be confirmed in the official Tournament Rules before publication.

What happens with yellow/red cards, suspensions or tied knockout matches?

These matters should be governed by the official TFWC Tournament Rules. Team Managers and players should read the final rules before competition begins.



3. Training, Warm-up & Team Facilities

Will teams have training opportunities?

Yes the training will cost 50€ per hour on the DFB Campus from Friday to Sunday. Training is scheduled at the tournament venue on a separate schedule. The published programme shows training availability on Monday–Thursday until 14:00 and Friday until 12:00. Team Managers should follow their allocated training schedule.

Can teams use pitches outside their allocated training time?

No team should independently access tournament pitches outside allocated training or match times. Requests for additional training must be made through Tournament Management.

Where can teams warm up before matches?

Designated warm-up areas will be communicated at the venue. Teams must follow venue instructions and should not use competition pitches unless authorised.

How early should teams arrive before kick-off?

Teams must allow enough time to change, warm up, complete any required team-sheet procedures and be ready for kick-off at the scheduled time. A formal minimum reporting time should be confirmed by Tournament Management before publication.

Are changing rooms and showers available?

Yes. Some changing rooms are shared and showers are available. Teams must leave the rooms after the match once changing and showering are complete.

Can equipment or valuables be left in changing rooms?

A locked room will be provided and managed by a volunteer. There are no individual lockers. Participants remain responsible for their personal belongings.

Are footballs, cones and bibs supplied for training?

Balls bibs, and cones are available. But you have to give up a deposit of 100€ in cash.

4. Physiotherapy, Medical Support, Insurance & Recovery

Is there a physiotherapy room at the venue?

Yes. A dedicated physiotherapy room with four treatment beds will be available at the competition venue. Additional space will be provided for extra beds brought by teams.

Can team physiotherapists use the physio room?

Yes. Teams travelling with their own physiotherapist should liaise with the organisers regarding access and use of the shared physiotherapy room. Teams should coordinate and use the facility cooperatively.



Should team physiotherapists bring their own supplies?

Yes. Teams should plan to bring their own portable treatment equipment and routine consumables unless advised otherwise. Ice will be available.

Is ice available for injuries and recovery?

Yes.

Will there be medical support at the venue?

Medical provision will be in place during the tournament, including an on-site medical response vehicle and two paramedics. If hospitalisation is required, an ambulance will be called to transport the person to hospital.

What should I do if I feel unwell or am injured?

Tell your Team Manager, team medical representative, match official or Tournament Medical Team immediately. If further assessment is required, the medical team will advise on appropriate local care.

Who can declare an athlete medically unfit to continue?

This is a decision of the WTGF Medical Committee.

What medication should I bring?

Bring enough regular medication for the full trip, plus additional supply for unexpected delays. Essential medication should be carried in hand luggage.

Is there a recovery/rest area for athletes between matches?

Yes. A room will be available for people who do not feel well and need quiet and rest. Access can be provided from the help desk.

What happens if I need hospital treatment?

If hospital treatment is required, participants and Team Managers are responsible for activating the individual's own travel/medical insurance arrangements. WTGF and the LOC do not provide personal medical insurance or accept responsibility for an individual's hospital or treatment costs.

Is an EHIC sufficient for all medical and travel costs?

An EHIC may provide access to medically necessary state healthcare during a temporary stay, but it does not replace comprehensive travel insurance and does not cover every cost, including repatriation. Participants relying on an EHIC should understand its limitations and ensure they have appropriate cover.

What if my required medical documents have not been uploaded or



cleared?

All required medical documents must be uploaded and cleared in accordance with the registration requirements. Team Managers should check their teams' registration status before travel.

5. Meals, Food & Drink

Is lunch included?

No. Lunch is not included in the tournament package. There are catering and food options at the venue where participants and supporters can purchase lunch. Teams should plan meals around match and training schedules and allow enough time to eat, hydrate and return for their next commitment.

Should athletes bring snacks?

Yes. Athletes may wish to bring appropriate snacks and recovery nutrition, particularly on days with multiple commitments. Participants with specific dietary needs should plan accordingly.

Is water provided?

Yes. The Teams Package includes water during games for athletes, coaches and physiotherapists. The Women's Special Package also includes water during games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle. Tap water in Germany is safe to drink.

Which dinners are included in the full Teams Package?

The package includes the Welcome Dinner on 13 September, regular dinners on 14, 15 and 17 September, the Cultural Evening Dinner on 16 September, and the Gala Dinner & Awards on 18 September.

Where are the regular dinners?

Regular dinners on 14, 15 and 17 September are at Starnberger Wirtshaus from 18:00–22:00, with dedicated team time slots.

What about dietary requirements?

Dietary information submitted through registration has been consulted for event catering where applicable. Participants with serious allergies should still check ingredients directly with catering staff.

When is breakfast served at the hotels?

Ibis Budget: from 06:30 Monday–Friday. Hampton by Hilton: from 06:00 Monday–Friday. B&B Hotel: from 06:00 Monday–Friday.

6. Cultural Evening

When and where is the Cultural Evening?



Wednesday, 16 September, 18:00–21:00 at Starnberger Wirtshaus.

Is there a theme?

The Cultural Evening celebrates the countries and cultures represented at the World Cup and includes karaoke. Teams are encouraged to join in and have fun.

What should I wear?

National or traditional dress, national colours, team clothing or relaxed smart-casual clothing are all appropriate. Formal dress is not required.

Can supporters attend?

Supporters can attend only if they purchased as official supporter package.

7. Gala Dinner & Awards

When and where is the Gala Dinner?

Friday, 18 September, 18:00–21:00 in the FSV VIP Area.

What should I wear?

Suggested dress code is smart casual / celebration attire. National or traditional dress is also welcome. Formal black-tie clothing is not required.

Do registered participants need a separate Gala ticket?

The Gala is included only for participants who purchased official packages. Arrangements, availability and pricing for any additional guest tickets will be advised in due time.

What awards will be presented?

The tournament will recognise leading performances, including Golden Boot, Golden Glove and Player of the Tournament, for the Cup event and the women's competition where applicable.

8. Football Equipment & Technical Areas

What football boots are permitted?

The tournament is played on artificial surfaces. Artificial Ground (AG) boots are recommended. Suitable moulded FG boots and turf shoes may also be appropriate.

Are metal studs permitted?

No. Metal studs and screw-in metal cleats are prohibited.

Are shin guards required?

Players should bring shin guards as listed in the pre-travel checklist. The exact technical requirement should follow the official Tournament Rules.



Can players wear jewellery?

No. All jewellery must be removed before entering the field of play.

Who can be in the technical area?

Two coaches are allowed in the coaching zone. Any additional technical-area requirements should follow the official Tournament Rules.

9. Accreditation & Access

Where and when is accreditation collected?

Accreditation will be available at the hotels on the day of arrival. If you are not booked into one of the official hotels, please collect your badge through your Team Manager.

Must accreditation be worn?

Yes. Accreditation must be worn as instructed and is required for access to tournament areas and included dinners/events. Accreditation also acts as the public transport ticket and should therefore be carried at all times.

What happens if accreditation is lost?

Go to the Information Desk at the FSV area to receive a replacement.

10. Arrival, Transport & Accommodation

Is local transport included?

Yes. Tournament packages include a public transport ticket valid from 12 to 19 September for Frankfurt and the surrounding area, including Frankfurt Airport. The accreditation badge acts as the public transport ticket.

Is accommodation included?

No. Accommodation is booked separately. The accommodation options listed by WTGF include breakfast; participants should check their individual booking confirmation.

How do teams get to FSV Frankfurt?

FSV Frankfurt is the competition venue. Detailed public transport directions will be provided in due time.

Is airport transfer provided?

No.

What if I arrive late or I am not staying in an official hotel?

If you are not staying in an official hotel, accreditation should be collected through your Team Manager. A specific late-arrival procedure should be confirmed before publication.



11. Women's Showcase

When does the Women's Showcase take place?

The Women's Showcase takes place from Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 September 2026. Four teams will compete: Australia, Germany, Great Britain & Northern Ireland, and WTGF Women's United. Players should follow the final team and match schedule for exact timings.

How will Women's Showcase players know their team, kit and meeting arrangements?

The four participating teams are Australia, Germany, Great Britain & Northern Ireland, and WTGF Women's United. Final player allocations where applicable, playing kit, meeting points and Team Manager/contact arrangements will be communicated directly to Women's Showcase participants before competition.

What is included in the Women's Special Package?

3 Game Days (16–18 September 2026), the Cultural Evening Dinner (16 September 2026), 1 regular dinner (17 September), the Gala Dinner & Awards (18 September 2026), Ticket for public transport, and Water during games.

12. Supporters

Can supporters watch matches?

Yes. Matches are free to watch and supporters do not need match tickets. Restricted team, changing and technical areas remain accreditation-controlled.

Can supporters attend tournament dinners and social events?

Yes, only if they purchased an official supporter package.

Can additional guest tickets be purchased?

Availability and pricing for additional event or Gala tickets will be confirmed by the organisers in due time.

Can supporters use tournament public transport?

Participants whose tournament package includes the public transport entitlement should use their accreditation as their transport ticket.

13. Photography, Media & Communications

Will matches be photographed and filmed?

Yes. Official photographers and videographers will cover the tournament.

How can participants access official photographs?

Photos will be available for download after the tournament. Further details will be provided.



Can participants post their own photos and videos?

Yes, provided they respect other participants and do not film in restricted, medical or changing areas. Please tag the official tournament hashtags and WTGF social handles to help maximise reach: #TFWC2026 #WTGF #ReasonToGive #TransplantFootball.

14. Behaviour, Safety & Inclusion

What standards of behaviour are expected?

All players, coaches, officials, volunteers and supporters are expected to demonstrate respect and sportsmanship; respect referees, opponents, volunteers and venue staff; promote fair play and inclusion; represent their country and the transplant community positively; and remember that the event honours donors and donor families and promotes organ and tissue donation.

Are there formal WTGF behaviour guidelines?

Yes. WTGF governance and behaviour documents are available on the WTGF website. Participants should read the relevant Code of Conduct and tournament rules before attending.

How do I report inappropriate behaviour or a safeguarding concern?

A tournament hotline mobile number will be provided and monitored 24 hours. During daytime, the official information hotline will also be available via the Information Desk at the FSV area; nighttime use is for emergencies only. Team members should normally contact their Team Manager, who contacts the organiser (CSM) via the hotline; the organiser then informs WTGF and coordinates appropriate action. The actual hotline number must be inserted before publication.

What number should I call for a life-threatening emergency in Germany?

Call 112 for an immediate medical, fire or rescue emergency. For tournament operational or safeguarding matters, use the tournament reporting process and hotline once issued.

15. Venue Information

Where is the competition venue?

The competition venue is FSV Frankfurt.

Where is the Information Desk?

An Information Desk will operate in the FSV area.

Are Wi-Fi, accessible facilities and water refill points available?

Yes. For water refill - Tap Water is the most strictly controlled food product in Germany, however we hand out water bottles to full packages. (women and men)



16. Who Do I Contact?

Who should I contact before and during the tournament?

Before the tournament, participants should normally contact their Team Manager. During the tournament, team members should contact their Team Manager first for operational questions. Venue queries can be directed to the Information Desk. Medical concerns should be reported to the Tournament Medical Team. A tournament hotline will be provided for appropriate operational/safeguarding matters. For a life-threatening emergency in Germany, call 112.

17. Before You Travel – Quick Checklist

- Registration completed and approved.
- Required medical documents uploaded and cleared.
- Travel/medical insurance in place, including any required repatriation cover.
- Passport/visa and travel documents checked.
- Sufficient regular medication packed, with essentials in hand luggage.
- Arrival and departure details updated.
- Playing kit, suitable boots and shin guards packed.
- Team Manager has current contact details.
- Official programme, training allocation and match schedule checked.
- WTGF Code of Conduct and tournament rules read.
- Accreditation collection arrangements checked.
- Official tournament communication channels saved once issued.

Items to Confirm Before Final Publication

- Final official tournament communication channel(s). Tournament hotline number. There will be a phone number available from 7-23 o clock and the Email tfwc@transdiaev.de
- Formal minimum team reporting/arrival time before kick-off.
Arrival time 30 Minutes, at arrival go to help desk to get the changing room information, latest reporting time on the gateway platform: 15 minutes
- Late team/player procedure and relevant Tournament Rules. -> rule document
If team doesn't show up on time the match is awarded as a 2:0 win for the team which is on time
- Final kit-clash procedure following the completed draw.
Every team has to bring a light and a dark kit set. The team which is named first in the Match schedule has to play in the light kit and the 2nd named team in the dark kit
- Gala/additional guest ticket availability and price.
Additional guest tickets available Price 90€, can be bought



in cash at the help desk

- Detailed public transport directions from each official hotel to FSV Frankfurt. Google maps
- Late-arrival procedure.
As above
- Women's Showcase team allocations, kit, meeting point, contacts and full package inclusions. Same as mens, dinner inclusions from Wednesday to Friday
- Full FSV Frankfurt address, participant entrance, Information Desk location/opening hours, Wi-Fi, accessibility and water refill information.

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Information Desk open 7:30-15:00

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