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18th International Fire Brigade Competitions

A) Announcement

In accordance to the resolution passed by the CTIF Executive Committee on 22nd August 2025 we hereby announce the

18th International Fire Brigade Competitions

to be held in Eisenstadt, Austria, from 22nd July 2026 to 26th July 2026

A national organizing committee has been appointed to take care of all the local arrangements. Details of technical procedures and conditions concerning the Competitions are given below. All fire service organizations in CTIF member countries are hereby invited to take part in the 18th International Fire Brigade Competitions. The aim of the Competitions is not only to provide the participants an excellent opportunity to exchange their views and experiences but also to promote peaceful cooperation between fire brigades of all nations.

We hereby request all national fire brigades federations of the CTIF to take part in the 18th International Fire Brigades Competitions.

For the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services CTIF:

Milan Dubravac, President of the CTIF
Nedelko Vukalovic, Vice-president of the CTIF
Eduard Kammerer, International Competition Leader of the CTIF

Niederabsdorf, 2025

Ljubljana 2025

B) OFFICIAL BODIES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Patronage

The patronage of the 18th International Fire Brigade Competitions will be assumed by the Austrian Fire-Brigade Association in conjunction with the Austrian state Burgenland and the City of Eisenstadt.

2. The International Organizing Committee

2.1. Composition

The section “Fire Brigade Competitions of the CTIF” as organizer of the International Fire Brigade Competitions, in common consent with the Commission “International Fire Brigade Competitions of the CTIF” has appointed an international organizing committee, whose members are:

- 2.1.1. CTIF President Milan Dubravac, Slovenia
- 2.1.2. Vice President of CTIF Nedelko Vukalovic, Croatia
- 2.1.3. General Secretary Roman Sykora, Austria
- 2.1.4. Treasurer of CTIF Tom van Esbroeck, Belgium
- 2.1.5. President of the Austrian Fire Brigade Association, Robert Mayer, Austria
- 2.1.6. Burgenland State fire chief, Franz Kropf, Austria
- 2.1.7. International Competition Leader of the CTIF, Eduard Kammerer, Austria
- 2.1.8. Chairman of the Commission “International Fire Brigade Competitions” of CTIF, Klaus-Georg Franke, Germany

2.2. Duties

The duties of the International Organizing Committee are:

- 2.2.1 Announcing of the International Fire Brigade Competitions
- 2.2.2 Giving the order for the competitions to proceed
- 2.2.3 Establishing of competition conditions
- 2.2.4 Drawing up and sending out the rules of the competitions
- 2.2.5 Appointing a competition management to arrange the competitions
- 2.2.6 Invitation of guests and official guests of honor
- 2.2.7 Approval of the supporting events

3. National Organizing Committee

3.1. Composition

The members of the National Organizing Committee are:

Chairman:	Harald Josef Nakovich
Deputy Chairman:	Franz Kropf
Main secretary ÖBFV:	Raphael Koller
Financing ,Controlling:	Helmut Holzbauer
Interpreter:	Ludwig Laut
Accreditation / Infopoint:	Thomas Dienbauer
Public relations	Günter Prünner / Rene Fasching
Competition infrastructure:	R. Hübner / G. Klemenschitz
Competition equipment:	Martin Vogler / Daniel Benczak
Catering:	Adolf Binder jun.
Merchandising / Corporate Identity:	Harald Josef Nakovich
Accommodation:	Christoph Freiler
Reception of Mayor / referees:	Harald Josef Nakovich
Rescue service, security:	ÖRK / ASB
Personnel planning / logistics:	Nikolaus Erdt
Catering for spectators / program:	Rainer Schwarz
Sponsoring:	Franz Kropf / Richard Berger
IT/ Competition administration:	Philipp Werderitsch
Exhibition:	Franz Kropf / Helmut Holzbauer
Opening ceremony, announcement of winners:	Gernot Gruber
Event security service:	Department 15.1 BGLD-LFV
Back office:	Julia Ivancsics

3.2. Duties

The duties of the National Organizing Committee are as follows:

- 3.2.1 Appointing place and date of competitions in cooperation with the International Organizing Committee
- 3.2.2 Planning and managing of the supporting in cooperation with the International Competition Management
- 3.2.3 Organization of the external course of the competitions in cooperation with the International Competition Management
- 3.2.4 Providing accommodation and catering for all contestants and judges in cooperation with the International Competition

Management

- 3.2.5 Preparing the competition grounds in cooperation with the International Competition Management
- 3.2.6 Providing the necessary fire brigades equipment in cooperation with the International Competition Management
- 3.2.7 Invitation of the guests in cooperation with the International Organizing Committee

4. International Competition Management

4.1. Composition

The International Organizing Committee has appointed an International Competition Management to handle procedures during the International Fire Brigade Competitions. The management comprises the following members:

- 4.1.1 International Competition Leader of the CTIF, Eduard Kammerer, Austria,
- 4.1.2 Deputy International Competition Leader of the CTIF Hubert Silgoner, Italy, responsible for the International Fire Brigade Competitions
- 4.1.3 In addition, two and a substitute members of the International Fire Brigade Competitions, who by nomination of the CTIF Commission “International Fire Brigades Competitions” are delegated for the duration of the competitions (stipulation by the CTIF-Commission in March 2026).

4.2. Duties

The International Competition Management is responsible for procedures during the International Fire Brigade Competitions. These duties include:

- 4.2.1 Supervising of the competition
- 4.2.2 Final decisions on objections that cannot be settled by the management of the different competitions
- 4.2.3 Handling of the registrations; setting up the timetables of trainings and events
- 4.2.4 Division of judges and stewards
- 4.2.5 Controlling of trainings on the competition court, of the competitions and of the announcement of winners

C) COMPETITION PROCEDURE

1. General Conditions

1.1. Kind of Competitions

Teams taking part in the 18th International Fire Brigade may compete in the following events:

The International Fire Brigades Competition consists of:

Firefighting attack (dry) and

Obstacle relay race

1.1. Rules

The rules adapted for the 18th International Fire Brigade Competitions will be those contained in the 8th edition 2025 of the competition rules for the International Fire Brigade Competitions.

The competitions rules and additional explanatory statements/supplements are available at the website: <https://ctif2026.at>

1.3 Teams

1.3.1 A team for the International Fire Brigade Competitions consists of 12 competitors (including 1 reserve, 2 attendant).

1.3.2 Other participants per nation:

1 Delegation Leader

1 Attendant (trainer)

1 Masseur

1 Interpreter

Each nation must be able to communicate in the official competitions language (German). Interpreters are housed in the competitors accommodation, the entry fee has to be paid.

2. Kind of Competitions and Scoring Groups

2.1. International Fire Brigade Competitions

Teams competing in the Traditional International Fire Brigade Competitions have to execute a fire fighting attack (dry) and to take part in an obstacle relay race in accordance with the rules fixed for the International Fire Brigade Competitions (8th edition 2025).

The teams are divided in 3 scoring groups:

I. Scoring group Volunteer Fire Brigades

II. Scoring group Professional Fire Brigades

III. Scoring group Women

The Traditional International Fire Brigades Competition will be held in two scoring classes:

- Class A without age rating
- Class B with age rating

Teams are allowed to enter class B only if every team member is at least 30 years old (the same goes for the reserve man). Important for the age rating is the year of birth. Team members older than 65 years will only be counted with 65 years.

3. Apparatus and Equipment

3.1. Apparatus

According to the competition rules the fire brigade apparatus required for the performance of the competitions will be provided for all teams except the personal equipment of the firemen. For the International Fire Brigade Sporting Competitions the apparatus approved by the competition rules may be taken along.

3.2. Personal equipment

Personal equipment has to be taken along by every competitor. Details of the personal equipment are given in the competition rules.

4. Languages used for giving orders and directives

Each team will retain the language and wording customary for issuing orders and directives in their own language. A simultaneous start for all teams is performed at the firefighting competition of the Fire Brigade Competitions. Therefore, the combat order is spoken over loudspeakers (see 1.6 of the competition rules). At the Traditional International Fire Brigade Competitions obstacle race a starting pistol is used.

5. Training

5.1. Training grounds

To give all competitors a fair chance, the grounds will be made available for training three days before the competition is due to begin. There will be a sufficient number of referees available during these days to offer help and advice, in case language problems cause confusion about competition procedures.

5.2. Training timetable

Each country will be allotted to specific training periods which are laid down in a training schedule which will be drawn up as soon as all entries have been received. So for all teams an equal training time can be assured. Time study and judgment of training results will only be made on request of the respective teams.

6. Judging and Prizes

6.1. Judging

Competitors will be judged according to the established procedures.

6.1.1 Traditional International Fire Brigades Competitions

Scoring group I for Volunteer Fire Brigades
Class A (without age rating)
Class B (with age rating)

Scoring group II for Professional Fire Brigades
Class A (without age rating)
Class B (with age rating)

Scoring group III for Women Groups
Class A (without age rating)
Class B (with age rating)

Mixed teams (that means teams including men and women) are judged in category I or II.

6.2. Prizes

Medals and Competition bars will be issued in the traditional way.

- 6.2.1 All competitors, referees, trainers, team leaders, masseur and Interpreter.
- 6.2.2 All teams in all events and categories competing in the International Fire Brigade Competitions will receive the large International Competition medal. Teams ranging in the first third of overall scoring receive this medal in gold, the silver medal to those who are in the second third of overall scoring and the bronze medal to the rest.
- 6.2.3 Top three in each scoring group of the International Fire Brigade Competitions and are awarded a small medal in gold, silver and bronze.

7. Solemn Ceremonies

7.1. Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony will be carried in a solemn form and during this ceremony the competitors and judges speak their oath. Teams will march to the opening ceremony in alphabetical order according to the Austrian names of the competing countries. All teams of all nations will march up to the rostrum

side by side in serried ranks. Further information and competition plans will be passed to all teams and other official competitors in time.

7.2. Announcement of winners

All teams attend the 18th International Fire Brigade Competitions announcement of winners. Further details will be announced to the participating teams and any other official participants, together with the competition schedules, in due time.

All winning teams will be honoured by the Patron of the competition and the President of the CTIF.

8. Competition Entries

8.1. Number of competition teams

- 8.1.1 For the Traditional International Fire Brigades Competition up to 10 competition teams are allowed per nation in scoring group I and II and additional three teams in the scoring group III (women). The scoring group III (women) can be extended to max. 6 teams. However, in total, not more than 13 are allowed per nation. The organizing nation may send one additional team. Mixed teams (men and women) will count either in scoring group I or II.
- 8.1.2 Each group consists of 12 members (including 1 reserve man, 2 attendant).
- 8.1.3 Other participants per nation:
 - 1 Delegation Leader
 - 1 Trainer (attendant) International Fire Brigade Competitions
 - 1 Masseur
 - 1 Interpreter

Each nation must be able to communicate in the official Competitions language (German). Both interpreters (adults / Cadet-Corps) per nation are housed in the competitors accommodation, the entry fee has to be paid.

8.2. The pre-registration of the competition teams.

With this pre-registration you announce how many teams will probably take part in the competition in Eisenstadt, whereby the final number of teams may be determined later on.

Latest until January 15th, 2026

The pre-registration shall be done via this form:

<https://forms.gle/3sxrXYhmvRDgKiLd9>

For further information please contact the International Competition Leader:

Eduard Kammerer
Bahnstrasse 367
A-2272 Niederabsdorf, Austria
email: ctif.ifwk@feuerwehr.gv.at

8.3. The **final registration of competition teams**, the **registration of the delegation leaders**, the **names** of the **referees** (according to art. 10.1) for the 18th International Fire Brigade Competitions is to be done

from **February 1st, 2026** until **April 30th, 2026** at the latest!

Only by timely registration it is ensured that all lists of the competing categories can be made out and training and competition time tables can be made up in time. Substitution of individual competitors may be arranged later, if necessary, even upon arrival of the competitors in Eisenstadt.

For the final registration you will receive a respective link as soon as possible.

8.4. Competition Schedule and Program

Based upon the final entries (by April 30th, 2026) the competition schedule will be drawn up by the International Competition Leader. This competition schedules will show the days, times and tracks on which the teams will be competing. The competition schedules and a detailed competition program as well as course plans will be sent to the competitors.

9. Entry Fees

The fees for competitors and referees/judges are EUR 300.00 (EUR 288.00 entry fees per participant and EUR 12.00 administration charge for CTIF) for the duration of the competition. These fees include accommodation and catering from Wednesday, 22nd July 2026 (dinner) till Sunday, 26th July 2026 (breakfast).

Based on the actual competition entries, of a country, the nation has to pay the entry fee to the Austrian National Organizing Committee until

April 30th, 2026 at the latest.

Bank account at: Landesfeuerwehrkommando Bgld. »CTIF2026«
Hypo-Bank Burgenland AG
IBAN: AT37 5100 0910 1300 9903
BIC: EHBBat2EXX

Competition participants who arrive earlier or depart later must contact the National Organizing Committee directly regarding extended accommodation and additional catering.

see <https://ctif2026.at> or e-mail: ctif2026@lfv-bgld.at

10. Referees / Judges

The nations taking part send the following referees/judges in accordance with the proposal of the Commission “International Fire Brigade Competitions” of the CTIF:

10.1 International Fire Brigades Competition

Belgium	3 referees
Bulgaria	1 referee
Denmark	2 referees
Germany	20 referees
Finland	7 referees
France	6 referees
Italy	10 referees
Croatia	10 referees
Liechtenstein	1 referee
Luxembourg	6 referees
Norway	1 referee
Austria	20 referees
Poland	10 referees
Portugal	1 referees
Rumania	1 referee
Switzerland	1 referee
Serbia	4 referees
Slovakia	2 referees
Slovenia	10 referees
Czech Republic	8 referees
Hungary	2 referees
<u>Total:</u>	<u>125 referees</u>

10.2 International Organization Staff

In addition to referees / judges the International Competition Management will appoint up to 10 referees to meet the respective requirements.