



Newsletter of

World Rubik's Cube Championship 2009

**Düsseldorf, Germany
October 9-11, 2009**

Only a few days left until we meet in Düsseldorf!

If you cannot come to World Championship then please send an e-mail to ron@speedcubing.com.

1. Time schedule

Please check the latest time schedule at

<http://www.speedcubing.com/events/wc2009/events.html>

The 2x2 event used to be only 1 round, but now has a final on Sunday.

2. On-site registration

Every competitor must register on-site before his/her first event start.

There are three opportunities to register on-site:

- 1) On Friday from 9am - 14pm in the Youth Hostel.**
- 2) On Friday from 15pm - 20pm in the venue.**
- 3) On Saturday morning from 9am in the venue.**

Don't forget to bring your identification card.

During registration you will receive your gift bag. The bag will contain some WC 2009 memorabilia and a puzzle. If you register in the youth hostel, then you will receive your gift bag later, in the venue.

3. Registered competitors

There are currently more than 350 competitors registered from 34 countries. 34 competitors are female (9%). You can find a list of the competitors and the events they compete in at

<http://www.speedcubing.com/events/wc2009/competitors.html>

4. Waiting lists

Because of the large number of registrations for WC 2009, some competitors were placed on a waiting list for an event. If you are still on a waiting list for an event, then you did not qualify for the event. This means you will not be able to compete in that event.

5. Grouping per event

For all events on the main stage we will use *grouping*. Grouping means that competitors will be called to compete in groups of up to 40 people. Groups will be made based on your WCA ranking for the events. The lowest ranked competitors compete in the first group, the fastest competitors in the last group. So the excitement will build up during the round.

You will receive a list of your group numbers during on-site registration.

Please make sure you are near the main stage when your group is called for.

6. Overlapping Events

Some events on main stage and side stage overlap in the time schedule. It is your responsibility to ensure that you do not miss an event due to an overlap.

For the main stage you must be in time for your group. For the side stage you can compete anytime during the allocated time frame.

7. Guests

All guests must be registered. Registered guests have free access to the competition area of the venue. If you did not register your guests yet, then please inform us immediately, so that we can make badges for your guests.

Non registered guests are welcome in the public area of the venue. Entrance fee is 3 euro per day, children of 0-10 years old have free entrance.

Please remind your guests of the basic rules, such as no flash photography towards the stages, no mobile phones, no smoking.

8. Catering

We decided to change plans for catering. There will not be any vouchers anymore.

During the competition the bar/restaurant of the venue is available for competitors and guests to buy food and drinks.

Every competitor will receive 8 catering coupons. Each coupon gives you a 0.50 euro discount in the bar/restaurant.

On Saturday evening the WC 2009 party will take place in the youth hostel. The food will be free for competitors and guests. The drinks can be bought in the youth hostel bar.

9. Other activities

In the main hall of the venue you can find some tables where you can buy puzzles: [V-CUBE](#), [cubikon.de](#), [Joker AG](#) with the Touch Cube and a few more private sellers.

10. Judging and scrambling

If you are willing to help with scrambling or judging, then please let us know. Especially for scrambling we still need some support of experienced staff.

11. Promotion campaign

During the last few weeks before WC 2009, Jumbo Spiele and a group of German competitors have been active in a promotion campaign for Rubik's Cube and the World Championship.

See <http://www.zauberwuerfel.de/speedcubing-live-in-dusseldorf/> for some pictures of promotions in shops.

There are a lot of WC 2009 posters in the streets of Düsseldorf, see <http://www.speedcubing.com/events/wc2009/outdoorcampaign.pdf>.

12. Weather in Düsseldorf

Latest news on the weather in Düsseldorf can be found here:

<http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/10400.html>

13. Travel information

Coach service

The organisation team will provide a complimentary coach service at the beginning of the competition day and at the end of the competition day. The coach will ride from youth hostel to venue and back, every 30 minutes, 4 times in the morning/afternoon, 4 times in the evening/afternoon.

Friday from Venue: 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30

Saturday from Youth Hostel: 07:45, 08:15, 08:45, 09:15

Saturday from Venue: 18:30, 19:00, 19:30, 20:00

Sunday from Youth Hostel: 08:15, 08:45, 09:15, 10:00

Sunday from Venue: 16:45, 17:15, 17:45, 18:15

Make sure you bring your badge! This is your coach pass as well.

Public transportation

a. From Main station (Hauptbahnhof) to youth hostel

From Düsseldorf Main station (Hauptbahnhof) take line U70, U74, U75, U76 or U77 to station Luegplatz.

From there walk 7 minutes via Kaiser-Wilhelm-Ring to youth hostel.

[Link](#).

b. From Main station (Hauptbahnhof) to venue

From Düsseldorf Main station (Hauptbahnhof) take train S6 to Station Reisholz. From there it is around 7 minutes walking distance to venue.

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c. From airport to youth hostel

From Düsseldorf International airport take line RE1 (direction Aachen Hauptbahnhof) or S1 (direction Düsseldorf Hauptbahnhof).
From there use description a.

d. From airport to venue

From Düsseldorf International airport take train S6/S7 via Main station (Hauptbahnhof) to Station Reisholz. From there it is around 7 minutes walking distance to venue.

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e. From youth hostel to venue

Walk to station Luegplatz via the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Ring.
Take line U70, U74, U76 or U77 to Main station.
From there use description b.

14. Some fun facts

WCA currently has members from 77 countries.

The average age of the competitors at WC 2009 is 22 years 10 months.

How times have changed:

WC 2003: best time 16.53 seconds, winning average 20.00 seconds
Euro 2004: best time 14.40 seconds, winning average 16.19 seconds
WC 2005: best time 12.14 seconds, winning average 15.10 seconds
Euro 2006: best time 11.26 seconds, winning average 14.97 seconds
WC 2007: best time 10.59 seconds, winning average 12.46 seconds
Euro 2008: best time 8.66 seconds, winning average 11.71 seconds
WC 2009: ??????

SEE YOU SOON!