

WHOC – World Hoopers Open Championship Slovenia 2026

Official Event Map Guide

This guide has been created to accompany the official map of the WHOC – World Hoopers Open Championship Slovenia 2026.

Its purpose is to help competitors, accompanying persons, Team Leaders, spectators, and staff easily navigate the event venue by explaining the main routes, designated areas, and services available throughout the event.

The map has been designed to make movement around the venue simple and intuitive, ensuring an orderly flow of participants, the welfare of the dogs, and the smooth running of all sporting activities.

All areas described in this guide are clearly identified on the official map through dedicated symbols, colours, and signage.

Access to the Stadium

Access to the stadium is exclusively through the Main Entrance, which will also serve as the official exit throughout the event.

Wednesday – Vet Check and Registration

Once inside the stadium, the Office Area is located on the right-hand side.

The following activities will take place here:

- Official participant registration
- Veterinary document check (Vet Check)
- Organisational and logistical procedures

Upon completion of the registration and Vet Check procedures, bib numbers and all official event materials provided by the Organising Committee will be distributed at the Competition Office.

Services Outside the Stadium

A catering area will be available just a few metres from the Main Entrance in a dedicated pavilion, where participants and visitors will be able to purchase food and drinks throughout the day.

Opening hours will be communicated by the Organising Committee.

Additional food and beverage facilities are also available within the Rogla tourist area, located in the immediate vicinity of the venue.

Toilets (WC) are located outside the stadium and are easily accessible from the Main Entrance.

Services and Areas Inside the Stadium

Inside the stadium you will find:

- Bar Area
- Trade Stands
- Relax Area
- National Team Areas
- Athlete Flow Route
- Warm-Up Area
- Pre-Entry Position
- Four Pre-Ring Stations
- Official Competition Ring
- Daily Awards Area
- Official Medal Ceremony Podium for Sunday's Award Ceremony
- Two Official Photo Areas
- Designated Spectator Area for viewing the competition (access permitted without dogs only)
- Operational Staff Area
- Organising Office
- Waste Collection Areas

Staying Within the Stadium

Throughout the event, participants may move freely within the stadium while respecting the designated areas shown on the map.

The map clearly distinguishes areas accessible with dogs from those accessible only without dogs.

Each nation has its own National Team Area, where team members may set up gazebos, kennels, and personal equipment.

These areas are dedicated spaces where team members can gather, relax, and enjoy the competition together with the other members of their national team. Participants may choose to spend time in their National Team Area with their dogs or without them, according to their own needs and the welfare of their dogs.

Dogs may also be kept in other suitable locations, such as the bungalow, camper area, or other designated areas around the venue, provided that they are always managed safely and responsibly.

For those wishing to watch the competition from a position closer to the ring, a designated spectator area is available. Access to this area is permitted without dogs only.

The map clearly highlights all areas accessible with dogs and those reserved exclusively for people without dogs.

Athlete Flow Route

The Athlete Flow Route is highlighted on the map using white arrows with a black border.

This route guides competitors exclusively during the competition preparation phase.

Starting from their National Team Area, competitors may proceed with their dog to the Warm-Up Area, which is dedicated to pre-competition preparation.

They will then follow the indicated route to the Pre-Entry Position, from where they will progressively move through the four Pre-Ring Stations.

The four Pre-Ring Stations have been designed to ensure an orderly and continuous flow of competitors towards the competition ring, facilitating both course walking organisation and the smooth running of the competition.

From the final Pre-Ring Station, competitors will enter the competition ring through the designated entrance.

After completing their run, competitors must follow the exit route shown on the map before returning to the areas where dogs are permitted.

Competition Ring and Restricted Areas

The competition ring is clearly identified on the map.

A boundary line separates the areas accessible with dogs from those reserved exclusively for people without dogs.

Competitors and spectators may approach the ring using the designated viewing area, always without dogs.

Access to the competition ring is restricted exclusively to competitors who have been called to run and authorised staff members.

Staff-Only Areas

To ensure the smooth running of the event, two areas are reserved exclusively for staff members.

1. Competition Operations Area

This area is dedicated exclusively to the technical management of the competition and includes:

- Announcer (Speaker)
- Timekeepers and timing control
- Ring Assistants
- Judge Support Team
- Competition Control
- Competition Secretary

Access is restricted to authorised personnel only.

2. Organising Office

This area is dedicated to the organisational and administrative activities of the event.

Awards Ceremonies

Throughout all competition days, a dedicated area will be available for the presentation of awards for individual classes and competitions.

The Official WHOC Medal Ceremony will take place on Sunday at the dedicated Medal Ceremony Podium.

Photo Areas

Two official Photo Areas will be available:

- One located at the Medal Ceremony Podium
- One located adjacent to the Relax Area and Trade Stands

Both Photo Areas will feature the official WHOC branding.

Respect for the Venue

We kindly ask all participants to follow the information provided on the map, respect the designated routes, and use all areas appropriately.

The cooperation of everyone will help ensure a safe, organised, and enjoyable environment for participants, dogs, spectators, and staff alike.

The Organising Committee wishes everyone a pleasant stay and an excellent WHOC – World Hoopers Open Championship Slovenia 2026.