



EEDA Grand Slam 2026/27

The aim of the EEDA Grand Slam is to encourage more couples to participate in some of the smaller European Competitions. It is intended to be a fun way to increase participation and should not be seen as an overall league or ranking system. The competitions have been selected by the EEDA Board as being of a comparable standard and broadly aligned with EEDA competition rules.

Eligibility Criteria

The EEDA Grand Slam titles will be awarded to couples who compete in the same category in at least three of the following competitions:

- [Equality-Herbst-Turnier](#) – 26th September 2026, Cologne, Germany
- [UK Equality Open](#) – 24th October 2026, Burgess Hill, UK
- [Grand Open de Metz](#) – 1st November 2026, Metz, France
- [Nordic Open](#) – 30th December 2026, Copenhagen, Denmark
- [Pink Jukebox Trophy](#) – 20th February 2027, London, UK
- [Rendez-Vous de Paris](#) – 10th April 2027, Paris, France
- [Berlin Open](#) - 26th June 2027, Berlin, Germany

The titles will be awarded in the following categories:

- Male/male identifying Latin
- Male/male Identifying Standard
- Male/male identifying Combined
- Female/female identifying Latin
- Female/female Identifying Standard
- Female/female identifying Combined

All competitors must be at least 16 years old.

For each category, the couple must consist of the same two people in all three competitions used to calculate the couple's results. One dancer could however have different partners in different categories (e.g. dance in standard in three competitions with one partner, and in Latin in three competitions with another partner).

Couples can choose to compete in more than three of the Grand Slam competitions, in which case their best three results will be taken for the calculation of the Grand Slam results.

To be eligible for the Grand Slam, couples must be European couples as defined in Appendix 1.



The organising and running of the individual competitions in the Grand Slam remains wholly the responsibility of the respective competition organisers. Any disputes around the results of individual competitions must be resolved with the organisers of the relevant competition.

The eligibility of couples for each discipline at the individual competitions is entirely a matter for the organiser of each competition.

Calculation of the Grand Slam results

For each competition, the results for each discipline will be ranked, regardless of A-D categories, from the highest placed couple (usually the winner of A class) to the lowest placed couple. All A class dancers will be ranked higher than B class, who will be higher than C class etc.

As one of the main aims of the Grand Slam is to encourage people to participate in some of the smaller competitions, the scores are not weighted by the number of couples participating in any one competition. There is therefore an intentional advantage in the Grand Slam scoring for couples attending the smaller competitions. As couples will be scored on three competitions, however, the advantage is likely to even out somewhat.

The highest placed European couple (see Appendix 1) in a competition will receive one point, the next two points and so on.

Couples in a final will be ranked according to their position in the final. Couples in the earlier rounds will be ranked according to the number of marks they received from the judges in the elimination rounds.

Where couples received the same number of marks in an elimination round, they will receive equal ranking.

In each discipline, each couple's three highest ranking scores will be added together to give an overall rank.

We recognise that in some competitions, there is a second classification round to help ensure couples are placed in the correct class. For other competitions, the winner of one class is then permitted to dance in the next class up. Both of these systems are used in the competitions in the Grand Slam and it is not possible to ask all competitions to use the same system. In most cases, across the three competitions, couples will dance under both systems at some point. Given that the Grand Slam scoring ranks couples regardless of class, the difference between the two systems will be minimal in most cases. For the Grand Slam, if the winners of a particular class are able to dance up into the next highest category, and choose to do so, the result after dancing-up is used to calculate the Grand Slam points.



For the combined disciplines, the combined ranking shall be determined for each competition separately and the rankings for each competition added together to give the overall ranking.

Where two or more couples have the same overall score, the class in which the couples danced will be taken into consideration. For example, if Couples One and Two have the same overall score, but Couple One danced twice in A class and once in B class and Couple Two danced twice in B class and once in A class, Couple One would be placed higher than Couple Two.

Where the couples tie both on overall score and the class in which they danced, their placing in each of the dances will be added together and the couple with the lowest dance place total will receive the higher Grand Slam placing. For example, if Couples One and Two have the same overall ranking score and both danced all competitions in Class C with the results shown below, Couple One would receive the higher Grand Slam placing.

Couple	Competition One			Competition Two			Competition Three			Total
	W	T	QS	W	T	QS	W	T	QS	
One	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	15
Two	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	16

If after applying the rules above, there is a still a tie, the final placing shall be determined by the EEDA Board or a panel appointed by the Board. The decision of the Board, and the underlying reasoning, will be made public and may be incorporated into future versions of the Grand Slam rules.



APPENDIX 1 Eligibility criteria to be considered a European couple

1. To be eligible to enter the EEDA Grand Slam, couples must comply with one of the following requirements:
 - a. Both partners hold a European Passport; or
 - b. One partner holds a European Passport and the other partner, not holding a European Passport, has habitually and continuously resided in a European Country for a period of not less than one year prior to the date of the first competition the results of which will count towards their Grand Slam result; or
 - c. Neither partner holds a European Passport but both have habitually and continuously resided in a European Country for a period of not less than two years prior to the date of the first competition the results of which will count towards their Grand Slam result.
2. For the purposes of the eligibility criteria, “European” comprises the following countries, including their overseas territories and dependencies: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, North Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom.