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XXV.
International Youth Fire Brigade Gathering
&
World Championship of Youth Fire Brigades in the
traditional CTIF disciplines
from 13 – 18 July 2026 in
Šumperk / Czech Republic



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Call for applications XXV International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting

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A) General

The announcement of the 25th International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting (IJFB) is made after a decision by the International Youth Leaders Commission and after approval by the Executive Council of CTIF.

The 25th IJFB will take place from Monday, July 13 to Saturday, July 18, 2025 in Šumperk (Czech Republic), under the leadership of CTIF's International Youth Leaders Commission (IJLK).

The local organisation is entrusted to the National Association of Volunteer Fire Brigades of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia by commissioning the Czech National Committee CTIF.

The organisation for CTIF will be led by the Chair of the International Youth Leaders Commission, Jörn-Hendrik KUINKE.

The International Competition Director for the IJFB, Michael Wagner, Austria, has been commissioned by CTIF to direct the competition.

Information on the technical implementation of the International Youth Fire Brigade Competitions can be found in the International Competition Regulations for Youth Fire Brigades in the current version as well as the regulations on the occasion of the 2025 evaluator training.

In the event of differences in the interpretation of the competition provision, only the **GERMAN VERSION shall be** valid.

The invitation is extended to all National Fire Brigade Associations of CTIF and it is hoped that as many associations as possible will send youth groups to the meeting.

B) Organization

1. National Organising Team

The National Organizing Committee of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia under the leadership of **Mayor Monika Němečková** is responsible for organizing the Youth Fire Brigade Meeting.

2. Organizing Committee of the International Youth Leaders Commission of CTIF

- Member of the CTIF Executive Council responsible for the Youth Fire Brigade **Nedeljko Vukalović**
- Chairman of the International Youth Leaders Commission **Jörn-Hendrik Kuinke**, Germany
- Competition manager for the international youth fire brigade competitions **LFR Michael Wagner**, Austria
- Camp Director of the International Youth Camp **Uroš Leskovar**, Slovenia
Andrea Dopitová, Czech Republic
- Presentation of the nations **Teresa Tiszbierenk**, Poland
Milena Sobotková, Czech Republic
- Exhibition of Nations **Christian Patzelt**, Germany
Milena Sobotková, Czech Republic
- Camp Olympics **Jens Tegengren**, Finland
Martina Leváková, Czech Republic

C) Information about the competition, registration and costs

1. General Provisions

- 1.1. At the 25th IJFB, the International Competition Regulations of the Youth Fire Brigades apply in the current version. According to the age limits set out in these rules, **those born between 2010 and 2016, and younger age groups can also participate in this competition by decision of the IJLK**, however, these are calculated at an age of 10 years.
- 1.2. The competition consists of the **fire brigade obstacle exercise** and the **400 m relay race**.
- 1.3. The **team strength** of a group consists of **10 young people** (including 1 reserve member) and **2 youth workers**.

Mixed competition groups (boys and girls) are allowed to participate, but are not listed as a separate classification class.

With the decision of the IJLK and in coordination with the fire brigade, it is possible to send an additional group for each nation – **exclusively girls** – so that a maximum of 3 groups per nation can participate. These 3 groups must include either 2 boys' or mixed groups and 1 girls' group, or 2 girls' groups and 1 boys' or mixed group, but not 3 boys' groups, 3 girls' groups or 3 mixed groups.

This is intended to give the girls' groups appropriate opportunities, so that the national deployment of girls' groups is not at the expense of the boys' or mixed groups. This additional sending of a group is only possible if the organising fire brigade has accommodation facilities.

The following participants per national fire brigade association are admitted to the international youth fire brigade meeting:

- **three youth groups** (see above for the breakdown)
- **a youth delegation leader**
- **a youth coach**
- **a masseur youth**
- **a young translator**

A maximum of 40 people per nation can be accommodated in the youth camp

The nation that provides the last winner of the Vetter Cup may compete in the competition with an additional competition group - as the defending champion - of this nation (according to point 1.3. max. 12 people, 10 youth + 2 coaches).

The nation that provides the last winners of the Lappeenranta Cup may compete in the competition with an additional girls' team - as the defending champion - of this nation (according to point 1.3. max. 12 people, 10 youth + 2 coaches).

According to the decision of the Executive Council of 25 and 26 March 1994, the **host country (Czech Republic)** will be given the opportunity to send **four competition groups (including at least one girls' group)** to the competition.

2. Devices and equipment

- 2.1. The competition groups are selected by the National Organising Committee and the intern. Competition management, the competition device specified in accordance with the competition regulations, provided for the competition.
- 2.2. The competition equipment can be viewed on the homepage: www.ctif.cz .
- 2.3. Each participant must bring their own personal equipment.
The usual work suit (no sportswear or tracksuit) of the youth fire brigade (uniform), as well as a safety helmet for the fire brigade obstacle exercise are required. During competition and training, the customary work suit (no sportswear or tracksuit) and footwear (as uniform as possible). The wearing of spikes or cleats is not permitted during competition and training.

The clothing of the competition participants must be worn at the training as well as at the competition be identical.

3. Command and Command Language

- 3.1. Commands and commands can be given in the respective national language.
. The start of the fire brigade obstacle exercise is carried out by a **Signal whistle to bring along**, as well as an announcement with a start signal.
- 3.2. In the relay race, the starting signal is given by the attack command.

4. Training

- 4.1. In order to give all competitors equal opportunities, the competition groups can train on two days before the actual competition on the competition ground in the same stadium.
- 4.2. The training and competition plan will be handed over to the Youth Delegation Leader when the nation registers. Each group receives the same amount of training time.

5. Festive events

The opening ceremony of the youth fire brigade meeting will take place on **tuesday, 14 july, 2026** in the courtyard of the "Pavlinin dvůr" in the town of Šumperk.

The line-up at the ceremonial opening of the 25th International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting on 14 July will take place in alphabetical order, using the Czech spelling of the country names.

The nations will wear their name plaque at the top of the opening ceremony and at the award ceremony and their national flag behind it, which will be provided by the host country.

The table bearer is provided **by the host country** and the flag bearer is provided **by their own nation**.

The youth groups are allowed to take their own flags/pennants with them at the opening ceremony and at the award ceremony in their group.

For the ceremonial announcement of the winners on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, all youth groups will compete in the same order as at the opening of the youth camp.

6. Registration for participation

- 6.1. In order to be able to carry out the preparations in a timely manner, it is necessary to **make the** pre-registration by 31 December 2025 **and the definitive registration of participants with naming by** 30 March 2026 at the latest.
- 6.2. Pure boys' and girls' groups as well as mixed groups are permitted. From three groups of girls, there is a separate evaluation.
- 6.3. After receipt of all registrations, the competition plan will be drawn up, from which it is clear on which day, at what time and on which competition track the groups compete in the competition.
- 6.4. For the training sessions as well as on the day of the competition, a valid passport or a valid identity card must be presented to the calculation committee for each participant when registering at the training / competition ground.
- 6.5. By registering to participate in the 25th IJFB, it is confirmed that: the competition regulations are recognised.
- 6.5. The pre-registration per nation until **31.12.2025** is made with the attached table.

7. Participation fee for competition participants

- 7.1. The participation fees are payable for the following participants:
 - Competition participants
 - Head of Delegation Youth
 - Youth Coaches
 - Translators' Youth
 - Masseur Youth
 - Evaluator Youth,
 - Bus driver

The participation fee is **€ 312,-- per participant** for the entire Duration of the event:

from 13 July dinner (packed lunch) to 18 July lunch and packed lunch

The participation fee must be paid by **April 30** are paid into.

Each participating nation will receive an invoice from the organizer (Czech Republic), according to the details of the registration.

- 7.2. We would like to point out that for organizational reasons, **no groups can arrive before July 13, 2026**.

According to the **18. July 2026** for organisational reasons **not possible**.

8. Reviewer

The evaluator's staff is made up of firefighters from the national fire brigade associations that send groups to the 24th IJFB.

According to the competition regulations, the number of evaluators is **3 evaluators per nation.**

The registration of the evaluators must be done by **February 28, 2026** via the LINK:

[Registration Judges – Fill out the form](#)



Only evaluators who have participated in the evaluator training in November 2025 in Linz/Austria are to be sent.

The **participation fee** according to point 7 is **to be paid for** each nominated evaluator.

9. Prices and Evaluation

As part of the 25th International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting, the Cousin Cup and the Hiking Prize of the City of Lappeenranta will also be awarded.

In the Vetter Cup, all competing groups are scored together, the first three groups receive cash prizes.

The Lappeenranta Hiking Prize is intended for the first group of girls.

Each competition group receives a medal, each competition participant a competition badge.

The Supervisor Youth, Delegation Leader Youth, Coach Youth, Translator Youth, Masseur Youth, Evaluator Youth, Members of the IJLK, Advance Command, as well as the local Supervisor Youth. Organisational staff will receive the competition clasp.

D) Information about the youth camp

1. Accommodation

For the 25th International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting there are sufficient accommodations available in the local schools in Šumperk.

The accommodation of the youth groups and supervisors, delegation leaders, masseurs, coaches is carried out in school classes. Camp beds will be provided for each participant. Bedding must be brought along, toilet and shower facilities are available.

The youth evaluators are accommodated in shared rooms (student dormitory). The rooms are equipped with sleeping beds, toilet and shower. The bedding is available for youth evaluators.

Drivers of crew transport vehicles (MTF) can be accommodated in the school. They must be registered correctly in the registration form. You will also have to pay the participation fee.

Coaches are parked in a parking lot outside the schools (youth camp). We recommend that the bus driver bring a bicycle or scooter.

A maximum of 2 team transport vehicle drivers are permitted per registered team.

- 1.1. Delegation leader youth, trainer youth, masseur youth, interpreter youth, drivers of MTW and coaches can stay overnight in a hotel at their own expense or association costs, but the Head of Delegation is responsible for his delegation, i.e. he cannot hand over his responsibility to another person. **The participant fee for hotel accommodation including meals is € 562.00. Registration must be made by 31.12.2025.**
- 1.2. Supervisors and young people have to be accommodated in the youth camp. It can be only the young people who are registered in the registration form will take part in the competition.
- 1.3. On the day of arrival, a **deposit of € 200.00** per youth group must be paid. The deposit serves as a guarantee that all furnishings will be handed over properly and in complete condition on the day of departure. The deposit will be refunded on departure, provided there have been no defects.

2. Program

The detailed programme for the 25th IJFB will be sent to the nations after group registration. Training and competition times will be created after the groups have registered.

2.1. Exhibition of Nations

The Exhibition of Nations will take place in the Central Park on Friday morning, July 17, 2026. The nations are to involve the population and youth groups through a hands-on activity in order to arouse interest in youth work and promote exchange among the nations. For this exhibition, each nation has an area of approx. 3 by 3 meters at its disposal. Each nation is provided with a wooden hut.

Posters, posters, photos, maps, flags and customary exhibits must be brought along for the design.

In general, no alcoholic beverages may be served. If this regulation is not observed, the stand can be closed.

2.2. Presentation of the nations

Each nation has to perform a performance (folklore) lasting between 3 and 5 minutes with young people and supervisors who take part in the International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting. A performance by persons not registered for the youth fire brigade meeting is not permitted.

The young people should be actively involved in the planning. The performances were to be innovative and different from the previous youth encounters.

The presentation of the nations will take place on Friday afternoon, July 17, 2026, in the courtyard of the "Pavlínin dvůr" in the town of Šumperk.

2.3. Camp Olympics

The camp Olympics will take place on a grass area (stadium grounds) after the competition (Thursday).

2.4. Overview of the schedule

Monday	13.07.2026	Arrival / Registration
Tuesday	14.07.2026	Training / opening event, parade, reception of the heads of delegation by the mayor
Wednesday	15.07.2026	Training
Thursday	16.07.2026	Competition / Camp Olympics
Friday	17.07.2026	Exhibition and presentation of the nations
Saturday	18.07.2025	Closing ceremony in the stadium / Departure

E) Other information

1. For the translators who are brought by the nations, the official Language GERMAN. This is required for participation in the International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting.
2. For more information, [see www.ctif.cz](http://www.ctif.cz)
3. Official e-mail address for organizational inquiries on site:
info-ctifsumperk@dh.cz
4. Bengal fire is prohibited at the event (youth camp, stadium, venues).
5. Each nation will receive a national supervisor SUPERVISOR in English, who will solve all organizational and necessary matters (e.g. doctor's visits) with the head of delegation. The national coaches are available to each team 24 hours a day.
6. There is a strict ban on smoking and prohibition of alcohol in the presence of children and young people.

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