



WORLD SNOW FESTIVAL

2026 REGULATIONS

Organizer

Grindelwald Tourism

Participants

Teams of different countries are invited to participate in the competition. Only one team per country will be officially admitted.

The teams consist of 4 persons (minimum age 18 years).

Theme

Theme of the Competition: „Myths and legends“

Program

January 18 - 6.00 p.m.: Welcoming, draw of snow blocks

January 19 - Begin of works

January 20 - working day

January 21 - working day & evening activity

January 22 - working day

January 23 - 12.00 a.m.: end of works

January 23 - 6.00 p.m.: Award ceremony

January 23 & 24 - Works of art are illuminated in the evening

Work of the competition

Every team will get a snow block of 3.5m x 3.5m x 3.5m (width x depth x height).

The use of additional snow is not allowed.

The work has to be finished within the given time. All surfaces have to be worked out.

Maximum dimensions of the snow sculpture: must not interfere with the workspace of surrounding artists.

For the construction, only snow and water are allowed. The use of accessories, dye and any supports (visible or invisible) is not allowed.

Tools

The tools are provided by the organizer.

Any additional tools for the completion of the sculpture (e.g. knives, hatchets) have to be provided by the teams. The use of electric or fuel driven drills, saws and milling machines are not allowed.



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Working hours

- Monday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- Tuesday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- Wednesday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- Thursday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- Friday 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.

Costs of accommodation and meals

The accommodation costs and meals of competitors (4 per team) from Sunday evening to Saturday morning will be covered by the organizers (except beverages).

Judgment

Every team will judge other teams on **Friday 23 January** between 12.00 a.m. and 3 p.m. Additionally, there will be a public judgment directly on site from Thursday morning, 8.00 a.m. and Friday afternoon, 4.00 p.m.

If 2 teams have the same number of points, a team from Männlichen (mountain) will have the deciding vote.

Insurance

Participants are responsible for adequate travel insurance.

Mountain Teams

The Sculptures of these Teams will be made at Männlichen out of a pile of unspecified dimensions. Tools have to be provided by the teams. Electric or fuel driven tools are not allowed. The sculptures on the mountain are not part of the competition.