



English Translation of the conditions of participation of the European Shoemaker competition 2026

European Shoemaker Competition 2026

In 2026 the European Shoemaker competition will be held. The organisation is in the hands of the Dutch Shoemakers Organisation (NSV) in cooperation with the Dutch Shoe Academy.

Conditions of participation for the European Shoemaker Contest 2026.

1. Goal of the competition

The goal of the European Shoemaker competition is to demonstrate and compare the technical knowledge included in our craft on a European level.

At the same time we can promote our products and services with the European Shoemaker competition. We can build up the image, reputation and the quality of the shoemakers and shoe repairers trade.

2. Organizer

The organisers of the European Shoemaker Contest 2026 are the Dutch Shoemakers Organisation (NSV) in cooperation with the Dutch Shoe Academy in Utrecht.

3. Participants

All shoemakers qualify to participate in the competition.

4. Competition groups

There are four competition groups, the second one is divided in target groups.

I. Competition group "custom-made shoes"

Cannot use half manufactures, but is made entirely by yourself. You can use a standard last.

II. Competition group "repair work"

(Only repaired or **worn shoes** are allowed to be sent in for this group)

Target group A = Employers/ self-employed and employees

One pair of gentlemen's shoes with leather half soles. Heels of your choice.

AND

One pair of gentlemen's shoes or ladies' shoes of which only one shoe has been repaired. The repaired one must have one leather half sole or one leather long sole, you can choose for yourself. The other shoe is not allowed to be repaired. Heel of your own choice. Both shoes have to be sent in.

(Attention! Only this target group is to submit a double pair.)

Target group B = Students 1st year.

One pair gentlemen's shoes, leather soles glued. Heels of your choice.

Target group C = Students 2nd year and higher.

One pair gentlemen's shoes, leather soles glued. Heels of your choice.



5. Competition piece

Each competition piece consists of one pair of shoes. The exception to this rule is the competition group IIA, for this group a competition piece consists of two pairs of shoes.

6. Admission

Anyone who meets the conditions provided in the conditions of participation is admitted to the competition.

The jury decides about the final admission. This decision is conclusive and not-contestable

Statements

- 1. The participant certifies on the application form that the submitted competition pieces are so far not exhibited or submitted at a shoemaker competition.**
- 2. The participant certifies on the application form that the submitted competition piece is manufactured by the participant self.**

The employers/self-employers have to fill in the registration number of the chamber of commerce on the application form.

Employees have to register on the application form where they are employed, and the application form has to be co-signed by their employer.

Students have to register on the application form the year of their education, and the application form has to be co-signed by their teacher.

The application form and the participation fee have to be in the possession of the secretariat before the 31st of December 2025. The competition piece has to be in the possession of the secretariat of the Dutch Shoemakers Association before 17th of January 2026.

7. Entry

The entry of the competition pieces for the contest must be done by filling in the application form in threefold, that are enclosed with these conditions of participation.

One copy of the application form (sent in separately) has to be in the possession of the secretariat of the European Shoemaker Competition on **December 31, 2025**.

The address of the secretariat is:
Secretariat European Shoemaker Competition
Havenstraat 41 A
1736 KD Zijdewind
The Netherlands

Each application can contain one competition piece. If you want to apply with more competition pieces, please register for each competition piece separately and all other conditions apply as well.



8. Expense contribution

The participation in the contest will cost € 75,00 exclusive of VAT, including VAT € 90,75, for each application/competition piece. Students receive a reduction of € 10,00 exclusive of VAT, on the applicable price.

Foreign participants pay € 50,00 extra outside Europe and € 20,00 for Europeans. This is a surcharge for the fact that the return sending costs a lot more.

Competition pieces for which the expense contribution and the postage fee is not paid properly will be refused.

The expense contribution has to be in our possession before December 31, 2025.

The fee can be transferred to our bank account:

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BIC:RABONL2U

Under: The Ned. Schoenmakers Vereniging

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PayPal is also possible, there is an extra fee for costs. Please check our website. When you withdraw after December 31 2025, your fee **will not be reimbursed**.

9. Submission of competition pieces

The competition piece, together with the second copy of the application form, has to be in the possession of the secretariat of the European Shoemaker Competition before January 17, 2026.

Once more to the address:

Secretariat European Shoemaker Competition

Havenstraat 41 A

1736 KD Zijdwind

The Netherlands.

Please use only post parcels and make sure you sent it in correctly. The organizer will not pay any customs fee.

10. Return of competition pieces

The entries for the competition will be returned after the exhibition as a normal post packet.

Addresses for the returning of the competition pieces can be enclosed at the entry.

11. Jury

The evaluation by the jury is done by a point allocation system. The jury's decision is not contestable. Members of the jury may not participate in this competition.

Exclusion from participation

Members of the jury cannot participate in the competition.

12. Awards

All accepted competition pieces will receive a certificate of application. Besides that, depending of the allocated points, competition pieces can be rewarded with gold, silver and bronze.

For special performing extra honorary prices will apply. The jury decides about the awarding.

13. Exhibition

All competition pieces, as far as they are found to be suitable by the jury, will be exhibited on march 16 2026. The participants are obliged to hold the competition pieces 14 days after the official closing of the exhibition available for the exhibition management.



14. Insurance

During the time of the dispensation by the rightful claimant, the jury and the exhibitor, the competition pieces have to be insured against loss or damaging by the participant itself.

15. Urgent advice

We advise to not send in any shoes of a customer. Firstly, you cannot display them indefinitely in your store when you win a prize. Secondly, the shoes will be in our (NSV) possession for too long. Additionally, so not use shoetree. These are only meant for short term. The jury period for the competition is too long, during which the shoes can loose their shape. You can fill in the shoes with different material. Package the shoes carefully and keep in mind that the shoes will be taken out and into the box multiple times.

16. Further information

For more information about the European Shoemaker contest please go to the website www.vakwedstrijd.nl or www.shoemakercompetition.eu