

Rules of International Choral Competition Ave Verum

Baden - Austria • May 08th – 10th, 2026

PARTICIPANTS

1. This competition is for children's, youth, female, male and mixed choirs.
2. Only amateurs may participate (except conductors)
3. Choirs must not have more than 48 but at least 16 singers.

ARTISTIC PROGRAM

1. All music pieces must be performed a cappella (no instrumental accompaniment).
2. The net time of singing in part A as well as in part B (Grand Prix) should be min 12 to max 15 minutes. In case of overtime the performance can be stopped by the jury president.
3. Secular and sacred pieces are allowed.
4. **Compulsory program part A** must at least contain the following music pieces:
 - piece composed before 1945
 - a piece composed between 1945 and 2000
 - a piece composed after 2000
 - the unison compulsory song (compulsory song will follow soon)
5. **Compulsory program part B „Grand Prix Ave Verum“:**
Free program of wide-spread repertory. **One choral piece chosen in part A may be repeated optionally in part B.** The performance must consist of a cappella works of at least **three different styles/periods**.
6. All choral pieces performed should follow your repertory list. Any changes of this order or key changes must be reported to the jury assistant **before** the competition.
7. **Long Night of Choral Music**
 - Every approved choir is committed to take part at the „Long Night of Choral Music“. A varied program of max 12 minutes may also contain choreography and instrumental accompaniment (piano available).
 - During these concerts the audience will vote on the **audience prize**

REGISTRATION

1. Fill in and send your non-binding online **REGISTRATION** along with 2-3 audio files (mp3) of your choir not older than 6 months (no payments needed!) to officeaveverumbaden@gmail.com. **Deadline of online Registration: November 30, 2025.**
2. After your non-binding REGISTRATION you will get the **ICC AV APPROVAL or DISAPPROVAL**.
3. In case of approval fill in the binding **APPLICATION FORM**, scan it and send it per email to officeaveverumbaden@gmail.com by latest **December 15th, 2025**. In addition send the filled in and signed APPLICATION FORM by postal service to:

International Choral Competition Ave Verum

Marchetstr. 50/1/3
2500 BADEN
Austria/Europe

4. Along with your binding application, please send **by email**:

- a short description of the choir and its activities (highlights),
- a short CV of the conductor (max 50 – 60 words)
- a current photo of the choir and the conductor (high resolution, jpg or png, min 1600x1200pxs)

5. Pay the **competition fee by latest December 31st, 2025**. See "PAYMENTS" below for details.

PROGRAM/SCORES

Any program changes must be reported by email to officeaveverumbaden@gmail.com by **March 1st, 2026** latest.

Send by email by March 1st, 2026 latest:

- one pdf score of each music piece in part A and B
- for the **Long Night of Choral Music** send a repertory list only, **no scores** are needed.
- English translation of choral pieces where texts are written in other languages but German, English or Latin.(in pdf form)
- **In accordance with the Copyright Act the exclusive use of purchased sheet music is strongly recommended.** Choirs must have the number of purchased sheet music equal to the number of singers in the choir. Music that has not been published must show a confirmation by the composer for use. Licensed sheet music purchased online must show a match between purchased sheet music and the number of singers in the choir. In any case of problems with the before mentioned please contact the ICC AV artistic director.

PAYMENTS

Competition Fee

1. please send your competition fee of **€ 450,00** per choir (**non refundable, expect in case of cancellation of ICC AV**) to

the ICC AV account by international bank transfer **by latest December 31st, 2025**. (NO credit cards accepted!)

2. bank charges will be at the expense of the choir.

3. travel costs, room and board must be covered by the choir

ALL PAYMENTS TO:

International Choral Competition Ave Verum

bank: SPARKASSE BADEN

Hauptplatz 15

2500 Baden/Austria

IBAN: AT63 2020 5015 0000 6075

BIC: SPBDAT21XXX

CANCELLATION

The **cancellation of participation** has to be sent to ICC AV in **written form** signed by the chair or conductor of the choir (scan) by email.

PRIZES

ICC AV- Part A:

1st prize € 3.500,-

2nd prize € 2.500,-

3rd prize € 1.500,-

Special prizes € 500,00 each:

- Best interpretation of a choral piece composed before 1945
- Best interpretation of a choral piece composed between 1945 and 2000
- Best interpretation of a choral piece composed after 2000

- Best interpretation of the unison compulsory song
- Best repertory
- Promotion prize for the best conductor
- Prize of the audience (non-cash prize)

ICC AV-Part B: Grand Prix Ave Verum € 4.500,-

JURY AND EVALUATION

1. The jury will consist of internationally renown choral experts
2. Each jury member evaluates the choir's competitive program up to 100 points.
3. Jury evaluation will be based on:

- **Technical performance:**

- intonation, rhythm, phrasing, accuracy with respect to the written notes, articulation and

- **Artistic performance:**

- timing, agogics, dynamics, text-interpretation, balance, accuracy of style, choral sound, stage awareness/performance, programming (variety, assessment of choir's potentials)

4. The 5 choirs with the highest score in part A are approved to take part in part B, the GRAND PRIX AVE VERUM

5. The winner of the „Grand Prix Ave Verum" will be the choir with the highest score of competition part B.

6. The notification of awards and the ranking will only take place at the official awards ceremony.

7. All decisions by the jury will be final. Jurisdiction by court is excluded.

Every participating choir will receive a written conclusion of the jury evaluation.

EVALUATION KEY

97 - 100 points GOLD SUPERIOR

90 - 96 points GOLD

80 - 89 points SILVER

70 - 79 points BRONZE

69 and less CERTIFICATE of PARTICIPATION

ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation(room and board) and travel costs must be arranged and covered by the choirs.

We recommend to book a hotel/pension directly in Baden or close to Baden not to lose time and energy by driving long distances by bus. Please be aware that the program of the competition is very tough.

For accommodation or bus transfers during the competition, please contact our partner MONDIAL REISEN. For discounts please refer to AVEVERUM!

[Accommodation and transport](#) – here you will find helpful information and contact details for your travel arrangement.