

Press Release

International Horse Racing on Lake St. Moritz

47 Horses from Four Countries at White Turf Opening on Sunday

St. Moritz, February 6, 2026 – White Turf St. Moritz kicks off its first race weekend: 47 horses from four countries will compete on Sunday on the frozen Lake St. Moritz in the disciplines of gallop, trot, and Skikjöring, battling it out in six races for a total of 104,000 Swiss francs in prize money. The weekend will be launched on Saturday with an Opening Day featuring a program for young and old alike. This year also introduces several new features, including live coverage of the third day of racing on Swiss free-to-air broadcaster Swiss Sport TV.

Six horse races are scheduled for the first race Sunday. In the flat races, the fields feature two races with eight starters each and one race with nine starters. In the two trotting races, seven and eight horses respectively will compete for the top honors. The Skikjöring field comprises seven horses. All races are endowed with at least 12,000 Swiss francs in prize money – the renewed increase in total prize money to 104,000 Swiss francs once again underlines the sporting significance of The White Turf in 2026.

«Conditions on Lake St. Moritz are good. Due to the low levels of precipitation, we have produced artificial snow and prepared it on the racetrack. Final preparations are now in full swing to ensure the athletes have the best possible surface,» says Dennis Schiergen, Head of Racing at White Turf St. Moritz.

Final Dress Rehearsal for the Grand Prix and High Tension in Skikjöring

The 1,300-meter sprint forms the highlight of the first race day. The fastest thoroughbreds will compete for 25,000 Swiss francs in prize money on each of the three White Turf Sundays. With Rogue Spirit and the Hungarian guest Surprise of Easter, last year's sprint winners will face strong competition, including the German snow specialist Scipio as well as the two Swiss newcomers Tyson and Beau Gars.

Particularly popular with the public is Skikjöring, St. Moritz's world-exclusive discipline. In a top-class field, experienced snow specialists and ambitious newcomers will battle for the title. Two-time defending champion Valeria Schiergen, with five-time season winner Alpenjäger, is among the favorites to secure a hat trick as «Queen of the Engadin». She will be challenged, among others, by Almacado Gree with Valeria Selina Walther, among other internationally experienced horses.

International competitors also add extra excitement to the two trotting races. Bavarian serial winner Fourteenth of July will face several challengers from Switzerland and abroad in the elite race. In the second trot, another strong guest, Icelander, will line up to challenge the proven snow trotters Kiss Forever H.C. and Classic Chrono.

White Turf Live on Free-to-Air TV

White Turf is further strengthening its media presence: the livestream has been completely revamped and will be broadcast on all race days. On the third race day, the races will also be shown live on Swiss free-to-air television via Swiss Sport TV. Additional international reach is secured through a partnership with the Japanese platform Netkeiba, allowing audiences in Japan to follow the action on Lake St. Moritz live.

Aston Martin Named New Car Partner

In 2026, White Turf St. Moritz benefits from prominent support on four wheels: Aston Martin is the new Car Partner of White Turf 2026 and will provide the official support vehicle on the lake. In addition, the British luxury sports car brand will sponsor a trotting race on each of the three race weekends. Aston Martin and White Turf share a long-standing tradition and passion for sport and precision.

White Turf Opening Day and Family Days

The popular White Turf Family Days are once again on the program this year and will take place on Saturdays, February 14 and 21, 2026. Even earlier, on February 7, White Turf invites families to an Opening Day – including behind the scenes insights. At 12:00 p.m., a guided tour of the racecourse begins, followed by a panel discussion at 1:00 p.m. with Thomas Walther (President of White Turf), Dennis Schiergen (Head of Racing), and Michel Molettieri (Head of Construction). At 2:00 p.m., there will be a guided tour of the VIP area. The day will be complemented by pony rides, live music, PonyCycle horse fun, arts and crafts, and glitter tattoos for the youngest visitors. Once again, guests can also look forward to performances by the Ice Princesses on the ice rink, organized by ISC St. Moritz.

On the Family Days during the second and third weekends (February 14 and 21), there will additionally be the mounted UBS Kids Skikjöring race over 800 meters as well as UBS Skikjöring Taxi rides for children aged 4 and above. Entry and all guided tours are free of charge, and the grounds open at 10:30 a.m.

Fine Dining on Ice: Pop-Up «Atelier 6»

With the pop-up «Atelier 6,» White Turf gains a new culinary destination in 2026. Top chef Niklas Oberhofer, together with Zurich based branding agency Marc WHO?, is launching a fine-dining concept on Lake St. Moritz from February 7 to 23, 2026, making its debut at White Turf. «Atelier 6» offers seating for up to 80 guests indoors and outdoors. As the only restaurant directly on the lake, the pop-up also features a Chef's Table. Opening hours on race weekends: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GAMMACATERING: 35 Years as a White Turf Partner

Trusted partner GAMMACATERING celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For 35 years, GAMMACATERING has been the official catering partner of White Turf, welcoming over 1,000 guests to the VIP area of the elegant tent city on Lake St. Moritz each race weekend. In addition, GAMMACATERING provides daily lunch for around 350 volunteers throughout the White Turf event.

Tickets for White Turf St. Moritz 2026 are available online at www.whiteturf.ch/tickets. Only a few VIP tickets remain available for the first and second race days, while the third race day is sold out. Grandstand tickets for the first race day are also sold out; only limited seats remain in Grandstand B for the second and third race days. Tickets for the inner oval and standing areas are still available.

Journalists, media representatives, and bloggers or influencers are kindly asked to accredit themselves via <https://www.whiteturf.ch/presse>.

High-resolution images from the upcoming race weekends will be made available at [this link](#). Please use the photo credits as indicated in the captions.

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About White Turf

The White Turf, which has been held annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, fine catering, attractive music and art performances set against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. White Turf 2026 will take place on February 8, 15, and 22, 2026. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, while the main partner is UBS. www.whiteturf.ch

**UBS – Main Partner of White Turf**

UBS is a leading global wealth manager and the leading universal bank in Switzerland. White Turf is not only a special highlight for St. Moritz and Switzerland as a whole – international guests also celebrate this unique winter sports event each year in February. UBS is the main partner of the traditional event and title sponsor of the UBS Skijöring Trophy. In addition, UBS supports the Family Days, an experience program for families with children.