

Premiere in Greven-Bockholt: the stage is set for the first Hippoevent Para Spotlight competition

We proudly present... the first Hippoevent Para Spotlight event, taking place from **July 3–5, 2026 in Greven-Bockholt, Germany**, making a strong statement with **€1,000 special prize money for the combined classification**, the **Hippoevent Para Spotlight Trophy**, winner's blanket and honorary prizes, as well as a modern promotional concept dedicated to the para driving sport.

With the international initiative **Hippoevent Para Spotlight**, Hippoevent launches a new chapter in international para driving in spring 2026. The response so far has been remarkable, marked by highly motivating feedback, growing interest from the community, and increasing international attention, clearly underlining the relevance and necessity of this initiative.

We are therefore especially proud to have secured **Greven-Bockholt** as one of the most renowned and experienced organizers in the sport as our partner for this premiere.

Greven-Bockholt has stood for top-class equestrian driving events for decades and has earned an outstanding reputation as a host of world championships and major national and international driving competitions. The venue combines sporting tradition, organizational excellence, and a genuine passion for the sport.

Particularly noteworthy is its long-standing commitment to para driving, which has been given the recognition and platform it deserves for many years. Greven-Bockholt is therefore considered one of the true pioneers of the discipline, making it an especially meaningful and deliberate choice that the very first Hippoevent Para Spotlight event will take place here.

The Hippoevent Spotlight para driving competition will be held as part of the national driving event in July 2026 in Greven-Bockholt, alongside the German Four-in-Hand Championships, creating an exceptionally high-level sporting environment. In addition, the weekend will feature the final German selection trial for the Youth European Championships in Romania, the finals of Albert's Kids Cup, and a ranking event for the Münsterländer Team Cup.

This combination creates ideal conditions to present para driving to a broad audience and to further integrate it sustainably into established competition structures. At the same time, the para event serves as a test competition for the planned international Hippoevent Para Spotlight series, which is expected to launch in 2027.

Greven-Bockholt 2026 will therefore become a true stage for para driving, placing para athletes consciously into the spotlight. In addition to attractive prize money, high-quality awards such as the Hippoevent Para Spotlight Trophy are designed to visibly honor the outstanding achievements of para driving athletes. This is complemented by a modern and targeted promotional strategy, giving the competition additional visibility and setting new impulses for the discipline. Overall, an environment is created that combines sporting excellence with recognition and public awareness.

The invitation is open to all para driving athletes and explicitly also to participants from neighboring countries, ensuring a diverse and highly competitive field. Greven-Bockholt thus sends a clear message of openness, international cooperation, unity, and the continued development of the para driving community.

The sporting format is fully aligned with international FEI para driving standards. The dressage test will be the FEI Driven Dressage Test CPEAI on an 80 x 40 meter arena. The marathon phase will include six obstacles (A to F), and the cones competition will consist of 20 obstacles driven at a speed of 240 meters per minute.

This format allows para driving athletes to perform at the highest level and to qualify for upcoming international championships, even in non-World Championship years.

For the Hippoevent team, this event marks a significant milestone as it represents the first real-world implementation of the Hippoevent Para Spotlight initiative. Being able to realize this together with such a committed, experienced, and para-sport-supportive organizer is of great importance and highly motivating for our team.

A special thank you goes to the team in Greven-Bockholt for their conviction, dedication, and genuine enthusiasm in helping to develop para driving and giving it the attention it deserves. Greven-Bockholt impressively demonstrates what lived inclusion in elite sport can look like, sending a strong message for the future: para drivers belong in the spotlight – and that is exactly where they will be in Greven-Bockholt 2026.