

Privacy Notice – YMS Composition Competition 2026

Background

This notice provides you with information about how we may collect and use your personal data in connection with your participation in the YMS Composition Competition 2026.

This notice sets out how we respect your rights regarding your personal data.

The data controller for the purposes of this collection and processing of your personal data is Yamaha Music Europe GmbH along with its Branches. In this privacy where we refer to "**we**" this means the data controller(s) listed here. ("Yamaha")

Collection and use of personal data to invite you and if you participate in the Composition Competition 2026

We will use certain information about you in order to conduct the competition and your participation. We process data to administer the Competition (receive entries via YMS operators, provide audio files to judges, select winners, send prizes to YMS operators) and to communicate results via YMS operators.

We will collect and use the following contact information about you if you register for, or if you attend the launch event:

- Participant data: first name, last name, age, YMS location, composition title, audio file
- Parent/guardian: first name, last name, contact details (for under-18s)

This participation in the composition competition will be conducted via the competition website <https://ymscompetition.com/>. As such, you will be required to confirm your participation via a Yamaha online platform in order to participate in the competition.

Why do we collect your personal information?

We collect your personal information in order to:

- Conduct the competition and administer your participation in the Competition, including receiving your entry through Yamaha Music School (YMS) Operators and ensuring that your submission is complete and eligible for judging.
- Facilitate the judging process, which includes providing appointed judges with only the information necessary to evaluate your entry—specifically your name, composition title, audio file, and YMS location—via email. We do not have direct contact with Participants.
- Coordinate Competition operations, including enabling Yamaha staff, appointed judges, and YMS Operators to fulfil their roles in running the Competition efficiently and fairly.
- Arrange delivery of prizes, which are sent to YMS Operators for presentation to Winners.
- Manage publication of winning compositions, where you have provided consent, which may require retaining related materials for as long as the publication remains available.

Our legal basis for processing your personal data

Your attendance at the Yamaha Composition Competition 2026 event is voluntary. The legal basis for processing your personal data for the purpose of administering your participation in the Competition is Article 6(1)(b) GDPR, as the processing is necessary for the performance of the contractual relationship arising from your Competition entry. Where we may publish the winning composition, we rely on consent via a separate release form (Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR).

How long we will retain your personal data

Personal data that we will collect relating specifically to your participation in the Yamaha Composition Competition, as far as there are no statutory retention obligations, will be deleted immediately after the Promotion has been completed. Participants are entitled to object to the processing of their data.

[Direct marketing](#)

[The Competition does not involve direct marketing. If you previously consented to Yamaha marketing and wish to unsubscribe, please contact us at \[dataprotection@contact.europe.yamaha.com\]\(mailto:dataprotection@contact.europe.yamaha.com\).](#)

Further information

Please follow this link for our full [Privacy Notice](#) which contains further information about how we process your personal data. This includes further information about:

- Third party recipients of your personal data
- Any international transfer of your personal data
- Details of your rights regarding your personal data and how you can exercise them
- Your right to complain to data protection supervisory authorities
- Contract details for us

Your rights

Participants (and parents/guardians where applicable) have the following rights under the GDPR:

- Right of access (Article 15 GDPR)
- Right to rectification (Article 16 GDPR)
- Right to erasure (Article 17 GDPR)
- Right to restriction of processing (Article 18 GDPR)
- Right to object (Article 21 GDPR)
- Right to data portability (Article 20 GDPR)

You can exercise these rights by contacting the Data Protection Officer at the email address provided above. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority (Article 77 GDPR).