

Australian Rubik's Cube World Champion Breaks Five Records in One Weekend

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Australian Feliks Zemdegs, 20, smashed five world 'speedcubing' records at the European Rubik's Cube Championship (<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/Euro2016/>) held in Prague, Czech Republic.

In a sports hall in Radotín, south-west Prague, hundreds of speedcubers competed to see who would become Europe's Rubik's Cube Champion. Two-time World Champion Feliks Zemdegs, although unable to win prizes at the event for European competitors, appeared to have stolen the show by setting new world records in five disciplines:

- 3 x 3 cube one-handed: average solve time of 10.70 seconds
- 5 x 5 cube: average solve time of 49.32 seconds
- 6 x 6 cube: average solve time of 1 minute 43.21 seconds
- 7 x 7 cube: average solve time of 2 minutes 25.06 seconds
- 7 x 7 cube: single solve time of 2 minutes 20.66 seconds

Feliks had the fastest average 3x3 solve time in the competition, averaging 7.07 seconds in the finals. The official top five average times in the 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube final were as follows: Philipp Weyer (Germany), 7.88 seconds; Mats Valk (Netherlands), 8.06; Dario Roa Sánchez (Spain), 8.25 seconds; Alexandre Carlier (France), 8.88 seconds; Cornelieus Dieckmann (Germany), 8.91 seconds.

Philipp Weyer of Germany won the European crown for the 3 x 3 cube with an average solve time of 7.88 seconds on Sunday 18 July. The new European Champion took home the gold medal, a range of Rubik's prizes and a cash prize of €1,000.

The fastest single solve of the competition was performed by Mats Valk of the Netherlands, who managed to complete the iconic puzzle in a European record 5.13 seconds (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4raKiH0jio>).

Other notable results were:

- Jakub Kipa of Poland won the feet-only competition with an average time of 33.66 seconds
- Oleg Gritsenko of Russia memorised and solved 19 out of 20 cubes blindfolded in a time of 54 minutes and 34 seconds

There were 18 different events at the 2016 European Rubik's Cube Championship, including:

- 2 x 2 Rubik's Cube
- 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube
- 4 x 4 Rubik's Cube
- 5 x 5 Rubik's Cube
- One-handed 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube

- Blindfolded 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube
- 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube (fewest moves)
- 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube with feet
- 4 x 4 Rubik's Cube blindfolded
- 5 x 5 Rubik's Cube blindfolded
- 3 x 3 Rubik's Cube multiple blindfolded

There have been seven European Rubik's Cube Championship competitions, running every other year. In total, 525 people from 43 countries competed in the 2016 European Rubik's Cube Championship.

To see a full list of results, please go to the official website at (<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/Euro2016/>)

To find out more about the Rubik's Cube, visit the website at www.rubiks.com, Twitter feed @RubiksOnline (<https://twitter.com/rubiksonline>) or official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Rubiksonline>).

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Mats Valk's 5.13 second solve Mats Valk's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4raKiH0jio>)

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