



Greetings: Honored GSBA Country Directors, Martial Arts Schools & Fellow Eskrimadors

Subject: Invitation to the 5th GSBA European Championship

As the current Country Director of Germany and Chairman of the Company Sports Association of the Federal Office of Agriculture and Food e.V., I have the privilege of hosting the 5th GSBA European Championships in Bonn this year.

We hope you are all doing well and we look forward to the European Championships with great anticipation.

I would like to invite all Eskrimadors to attend and compete against top competitors from around Europe including France, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Italy, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland and of course Germany.

The GSBA 2023 European Championship will be held at the sports gym of school Centre Tannenbusch.

Tournament dates are July 28th – July 30th.

We look forward to seeing you and a team representing your country in this upcoming European Championship.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact us via email at director@gsba-germany.com or betriebssportgemeinschaft@ble.de.

Best Regards,

Viko Schönmann

Director of the official association GSBA Germany e.V.



PAYMENT and REGISTRATION

ATHLETES FEES Pre-registration 1 (before June 30th, 2023)

- € 50,00 Registration (includes one event+1 t-shirt)
- € 20,00 Additional Events
- € 20,00 Additional T-shirts

Discount for competitors under 18 years of age

20 % of the whole Registration !!!

ATHLETES FEES Late registration after June 30th, 2023

- € 80,00 Registration (includes one event+1 t-shirt)
- € 25,00 Additional Events

BANQUET/ DINNER

Due to the current situation, we are not yet able to announce prices and the venue for the joint dinner. As soon as there is information about this, we will inform everyone.

REGISTRATION:

<https://www.gsba-germany.com/en/tournament-registration-em2023/>

Please transfer the amount within 72 hours after the registration to the following account:

Betriebssportgem. der BLE e.V.
IBAN: DE 3166 0908 0000 0487 4609
BIC: GENODE61BBB

In order for us to be able to organize your transfer better, you must state the

Important instructions:

- All Tournament fees are non-refundable.
- If no assignment can be made, you may incur additional costs of 15 € when registering on July 27th - 28th, 2023.
- **If payment is not received within 72 hours, your registration will be considered invalid and you will need to register again.**

Expense allowance:

In order to keep the organizational effort on the fight week as low as possible and to organize a smooth competition, the following changes must be reported by e-mail to betriebssportgemeinschaft@ble.de by July 18th at the latest:

- Change of disciplines (no late entry of additional disciplines)
- Change in weight class

If the report is made after July 18th or during registration, an expense allowance of 15 € per change must be paid.

GSBA 2023 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE FROM LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

**Please take time to review this form. To compete, you will be required to sign a copy at
Registration on July 27th – 28th.**

1. **Voluntary Application:**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Global Stick and Blade Alliance (GSBA) European Championships hosted by GSBA Germany e.V. and Betriebssportgemeinschaft der BLE e.V.

2. **Assumption of Risk:**

I am aware and understand that in general, competition involving Eskrima, Kali, and Arnis martial arts are inherently dangerous and hazardous activities. I am voluntarily and of my own free will assuming all risks, of any nature, associated with this tournament with full knowledge, acceptance and understanding of the hazards involved.

3. **Health Advisory and Condition:**

I hereby acknowledge and understand that participating in this event involves extremely strenuous physical activity and heavy physical contact, and that I have been advised to consult a physician before commencing and undertaking such activity. I hereby represent that, to the best of my knowledge, I am in good physical health and condition, sufficient to undertake this dangerous and hazardous competition. I agree that I will notify tournament officials if I am injured or become ill and not participate in the tournament if injured.

4. **Medical Assistance:**

I grant permission, in case of injury, to have medical personnel at the tournament provide me with medical assistance or treatment for such injury. This treatment will be of “first aid” nature only and your injury may require you to seek additional medical treatment beyond that administered at the tournament.

5. **Photo/Video:**

I further consent that any pictures, video or film furnished by me or taken of me in connection with this tournament may be used by the GSBA promoters or directors for publicity, promotions, or advertisement via social media, television, magazines or any other manner they may deem necessary. The undersigned specifically waives any intellectual property rights to those images or videos which would be taken during the tournament, waives any and all claims, of any nature, which might arise out of the use of these images and video by GSBA and also waives any and all compensation in regards to any images or videos.



6. No Involuntary Execution:

I acknowledge that I have read this Release from Liability and I fully understand the meaning and importance of its contents. I release, in advance, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns and estate, any claim for liability against GSBA Germany e.V. and Betriebssportgemeinschaft der BLE e.V., as well as any participant, official, referee, coach, and staff from any claim for liability of any nature arising out of my participation in the tournament. I further agree to hold those entities and persons harmless and to indemnify them from any claim and agree to indemnify them, including for payment of actual attorney fees or costs of defense. I acknowledge that any claim involving my injury or death would be brought before the Bonn District Court under the laws of Germany, which is the only jurisdiction and venue in which an action may be maintained. I acknowledge that I have received good and adequate consideration for the purpose of executing this document and I agree that I have full legal capacity to be bound by this Release.

Competitor Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian (for competitors 18 years of age and younger)

_____ Date: _____

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE *

Date	Time	Event
Thursday July 27th	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	- Registration & Weigh-in - GSBA International Board Meeting
Friday July 28th	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 10:00 AM – Noon	- Registration & Weigh-in - Judges & Referee Mandatory Meeting - Opening Ceremony
	Noon – 3:00 PM 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Forms - Live Stick Competition - Awards Ceremony
Saturday July 29th	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM	- Live Stick Competition Continues - Team Fighting Competition
	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Awards Ceremony
Sunday July 30th	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	- Padded Competition - Awards Ceremony
	7:30 PM – 11:00 PM	- Banquet
* Note: Tournament Schedule is subject to change in order to better facilitate the flow of the competition.		

Announcement of Demo use of a Shield in Padded „Mixed Weapon“ Competition:

Dear participants,

in Germany any use of nunchucks is forbidden by law, so that we can still offer a varied tournament, the Mixed Weapon Division will only be held as a demo.

Because we want to introduce a shield at the European Championship to get feedback from the participants.

The rules are the same except that the nunchaku is replaced with a shield. The shield can be combined with a Padded Stick (28 inch/ 71.1 cm) or a Long Padded Stick (36 inch/ 90 cm).

The rules for using the shield are simple. It may only be used for defense. For security reasons, attacks of any kind with the shield are forbidden.

Product information "Round shield made of foam" for the Demo Mixed Weapon division:

Training shield made of foam with a synthetic leather cover.

The shield was specially developed for HEMA training and practice fights.

The shields are provided by the organizer and have the following dimensions:

Diameter approx: 48 cm / 19" inch

Weight: 1070g

Example: <https://www.trainingschwerter.de/training/practical-weapons/softtop/2650/rundschild-aus-schaumstoff>



Preferred Hotel

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E-mail: bonn@acora.de

The apartment hotel acora Bonn Living the City comprises a total of six houses with 177 beds. Last renovated in 2015, the complex is suitable for both business travelers and leisure guests. Whether single or double room, apartment or studio: we offer versatile accommodation for every occasion. All rooms are equipped with satellite TV and direct dial telephone. Our multilingual service staff at the reception desk, which is occupied 24 hours a day, will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Most of the rooms have a practical kitchenette with hotplates, refrigerator and microwave, which allows you to prepare your own meals. Of course, you can use the available WiFi free of charge in your room as well as in the entire house. This gives you the greatest possible independence and flexibility. For long-term stays, you also receive exclusive long-stay discounts and thus stay particularly cheap and comfortable.

If you prefer to fully enjoy the comforts of life during your time at the apartment hotel acora Bonn Living the City, you can also take advantage of our rich breakfast buffet on request. A small shop, where you can buy all the things you need for your daily life, is also part of our facilities. If you would like to wash and dry your clothes, this is possible without any problems. Simply use the coin-operated washing machines and dryers in the house. You can easily park your car directly on site, either in the parking lot or in the underground garage.

In Germany the most price is per room and that means double = 2 adults. I think you can add one adult in some rooms but you have to ask the hotel and if possible you have to pay more.

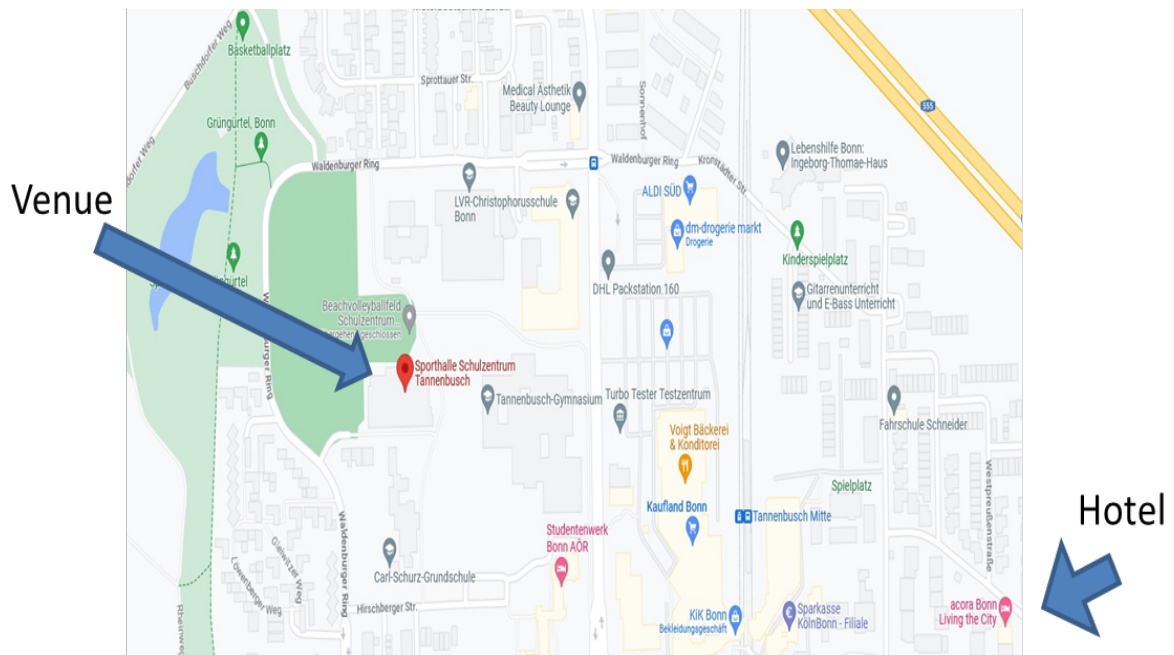
Breakfast is included.

Children under the age of 12 are free, including breakfast. For children under 12 there is a sofa bed or a cot for babies.

Tournament Venue:

Sporthalle

Address: Schulzentrum Tannenbusch, Hirschberger Straße in 53119 Bonn



Acora Bonn Living the City

Westpreußenstraße 20-30, 53119 Bonn

Connectivity to Bonn

- Cologne Bonn Airport (CNG) is the international airport of Germany's fourth-largest city Cologne, and also serves Bonn, former capital of West Germany.
- Cologne Bonn airport is only 49 km (30 mi) south of larger Düsseldorf Airport, the main airport of Rhine-Ruhr, and also competes with Frankfurt Airport, Germany's major international airport, which can be reached from Cologne within 47 minutes by the ICE high-speed train.

Train

Platforms at Cologne/Bonn Airport station

Cologne/Bonn Airport station is a 4-track railway station on a loop off the Cologne–Frankfurt high-speed line that connects Cologne Bonn Airport to long-distance trains at least once an hour per direction, most of them ICE services.

The station lies directly across both terminals under a large glass roof and features direct connections to the basement of Terminal 2 as well as the check-in area at Terminal 1-C. The S-Bahn line S 13 as well as regional train line RE 6 connects the airport station with Minden (Westf), via Cologne Main Station, Neuss Main Station and Düsseldorf Main Station with an hourly frequency.

RB 27 also stops here and continue to Cologne and Mönchengladbach or Bonn-Beuel and Koblenz.

Car/ taxi

The airport has its own exit (named Flughafen) on motorway A59 which links it to the city centres of Bonn as well as the Ruhrgebiet.

Bus

Local bus lines also connect the airport with Cologne (route 161) and Bonn (route SB60). On 28 October 2015, a new coach terminal opened and is used for remote bus services to other German cities and many other European countries.

Facts of Bonn

The Federal city of Bonn is a city on the banks of the Rhine in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, with a population of over 300,000. About 24 km (15 mi) south-southeast of Cologne, Bonn is in the southernmost part of the Rhine-Ruhr region, Germany's largest metropolitan area, with over 11 million inhabitants. It is famously known as the birthplace of Ludwig Van Beethoven in 1770. He spent his childhood and teenage years in Bonn.

Founded in the 1st century BC as a Roman settlement, Bonn is one of Germany's oldest cities. From 1597 to 1794, Bonn was the capital of the Electorate of Cologne, and residence of the Archbishops and Prince-electors of Cologne. From 1949 to 1990, Bonn was the capital of West Germany, and Germany's present constitution, the Basic Law, was declared in the city in 1949. The era when Bonn served as the capital of West Germany is referred to by historians as the Bonn Republic. From 1990 to 1999, Bonn served as the seat of government – but no longer capital – of reunited Germany.

Because of a political compromise following the reunification, the German federal government maintains a substantial presence in Bonn. Roughly a third of all ministerial jobs are located in Bonn as of 2019, and the city is considered a second, unofficial, capital of the country. Bonn is the secondary seat of the President, the Chancellor, the Bundesrat and the primary seat of six federal government ministries and twenty federal authorities. The title of Federal City (German: Bundesstadt) reflects its important political status within Germany.