



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

**Subject: Invitation to the 6th GSBA World Championships**

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 6th GSBA World Championships in Bonn in 2026.

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

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

The GSBA 2026 World Championship will be held at the Hardtberghalle. This venue is one of the largest and most modern of the Bonn sports halls.

Tournament dates are August 11–16; we have secured a limited number of rooms at a discounted rate. Therefore, we encourage you to book your room at Motel One Bonn-Beethoven or the Dorint Hotel Bonn. The hotels are located in the center of Bonn, and we will offer a bus shuttle from there to the venue. A small fee will be charged for the bus shuttle. We look forward to seeing you and a team representing your country in this upcoming World Championships.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact us via email at [director@gsba-germany.com](mailto:director@gsba-germany.com) or [betriebssportgemeinschaft@ble.de](mailto: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 May 25th, 2026)**

- **€ 55,00** Registration (includes one category+1 Eventshirt)
- **€ 20,00** Additional categories each
- **€ 20,00** Additional Eventshirts each

### **BANQUET/**

### **DINNER**

Information will be coming soon.

### **ATHLETES FEES Pre-registration 2 (before June 25th, 2026)**

- **€ 65,00** Registration (includes one category +1 Eventshirt)
- **€ 30,00** Additional categories each
- **€ 20,00** Additional Eventshirts each

### **Bus shuttle**

Information will be coming soon.

### **ATHLETES FEES Late registration after June 25th, 2026**

- **€ 80,00** Registration (includes one category +1 Eventshirt)
- **€ 45,00** Additional categories each

### **Special price for children and juniors (17 years or younger):**

Entry fees + 1 Eventshirt are only € 60, no extra fees for additional categories.

### **REGISTRATION:**

<https://www.kihapp.com/tournaments/23960-6th-gsba-world-championships>

Payment could be done at the registration via stripe.

If payment is not received within 72 hours, your registration will be considered invalid and you will need to register again.

#### **Important instructions:**

- All Tournament fees are non-refundable.
- The registration fee includes one Eventshirt.  
Please send us your T-shirt size and your name **by July 15, 2026** to [director@gsba-germany.com](mailto:director@gsba-germany.com)

Otherwise, we cannot guarantee that your size will be available for the tournament.

#### **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 can be done via kihapp.com:

- Change of disciplines
- Change in weight class

Please note that this will incur additional costs, which must be paid online after the change is made.

## GSBA 2026 WORLD 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 August 10th.**

**1. Voluntary Application:**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Global Stick and Blade Alliance (GSBA) World 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:**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Legal Guardian (for competitors under 18 years of age)**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE \*

Date	Time	Event
Monday August 10th	Noon – 6:00 PM 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	- Registration & Weigh-in - Judges & Referee Mandatory Meeting - GSBA International Board Meeting
Tuesday August 11th	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 10:00 AM – Noon	- Judges & Referee Mandatory Meeting - Opening Ceremony
	Noon – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Forms - Awards Ceremony
Wednesday August 12th	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Padded Stick Competition - Awards Ceremony
Thursday August 13th	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Padded Stick Competition Continues - Awards Ceremony
Friday August 14th	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Live Stick Competition - Awards Ceremony
Saturday August 15th	9:00 AM – 5:30 PM 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	- Live Stick Competition Continues - Awards Ceremony
Sunday August 16th	9:00 AM – Noon Noon – 1:30 PM	- Team Fighting Competition - Awards Ceremony
	7:00 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 World Championship to get feedback from the participants.

The rules are the same except that the nunchukus 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.trainingsschwerter.de/training/practical-weapons/softtop/2650/rundschild-aus-schaumstoff>



# First Preferred Hotel

Motel One Germany Betriebs GmbH  
c/o Motel One Bonn-Beethoven  
Berliner Freiheit 36  
53111 Bonn  
E-Mail: [bonn-beethoven@motel-one.com](mailto:bonn-beethoven@motel-one.com)

- **Rates:** **single room á 89 €**  
**double room á 89 €**
- **Length of stay:** **The minimum length of stay is 7 nights. 10.08 – 17.08.2026**
- **Keyword:** **555.214.454**

The special rates are quoted per room and night, including applicable statutory VAT and service. (Overnight stay 7%, all the other performances 19%). Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the price include all taxes (e.g. VAT) in affect at the time of the conclusion of contract. This does not include locally levied taxes, which are owed by the guest himself according to the particular municipal law, e.g. visitor's tax (Kurtaxe).

If the value added tax (VAT) is changed or if local taxes concerning the rooms and services are newly introduced, changed or abolished after these have been contractually agreed upon, the prices will be adjusted accordingly.

The Breakfast amount is with 17,90 € per person; it is not included in the room price!

The city tax of Bonn is not included in the room rate and has to be paid on top. The reserved rooms will be available from 3 PM on the arrival date and are to be vacated and handed over by 12 AM on the day of departure.

## General Terms and conditions for the hotel

### Reservation deadline / Cut off:

At the **-19.06.2026-** 100% of the non-picked up rooms will go back to the hotels free sales.

After the **-19.06.2026-** reservations will be confirmed on request and availability.

### Payment:

The hotel is entitled to demand a deposit payment of 100% from the arriving guests until 2 weeks before arrival date.

Payment should be made as a bank transfer. The guest gets a deposit invoice with bank details in time. If this deposit payment is not transferred in time, the hotel is entitled to withdraw from the contract.

The guests are responsible for room payments incl. breakfast and other expenses at departure.

**In Germany the price is per room and that means double = 2 adults.  
I think you cannot add one adult in the rooms.**

**Breakfast is excluded.**

**Children under the age of 12 are free. Breakfast for Children the age of 6 is free, from 6 till 12 years it costs 8,95 Euro. One child under 12 can sleep in bed of the parents or a cot for babies.**

**Please remember:**

**The offer that we negotiated is not available on the hotel website.  
It is a special offer just for us. So you have to contact the hotel by email or phone and give the keyword, then they should know.**

**Please write to me if you or any of your team have any problems.  
([betriebssportgemeinschaft@ble.de](mailto:betriebssportgemeinschaft@ble.de))**

## Second Preferred Hotel

Dorint Hotel Bonn  
Berliner Freiheit 2  
53111 Bonn  
E-Mail: [reservierung.bonn@dorint.com](mailto:reservierung.bonn@dorint.com)

- **Rates:** single room á 109 €  
double room á 129 €
- **Length of stay:** The minimum length of stay is 7 nights. 10.08 – 17.08.2026
- **Keyword:** GSBA WM 2026

The special rates are quoted per room and night, including our breakfast buffet, applicable statutory VAT and service. (Overnight stay 7%, all the other performances 19%). Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the price include all taxes (e.g. VAT) in affect at the time of the conclusion of contract. This does not include locally levied taxes, which are owed by the guest himself according to the particular municipal law, e.g. visitor's tax (Kurtaxe).

If the value added tax (VAT) is changed or if local taxes concerning the rooms and services are newly introduced, changed or abolished after these have been contractually agreed upon, the prices will be adjusted accordingly.

The Breakfast amount is with €9,00 per person and night packaged in the rate. Please note that breakfast cannot be canceled or refunded, even if it is not eaten.

If you do not wish to have breakfast, please inform the hotel at least two weeks before the guests' arrival so that they can reduce the quoted rate accordingly.

The city tax of Bonn is not included in the room rate and has to be paid on top. The reserved rooms will be available from 3 PM on the arrival date and are to be vacated and handed over by 12 AM on the day of departure.

### General Terms and conditions for the hotel

#### Reservation deadline / Cut off:

At the –31.03.2026- 100% of the non-picked up rooms will go back to the hotels free sales.

After the –**31.03.2026**– reservations will be confirmed on request and availability.

#### Payment:

The hotel is entitled to demand a deposit payment of 100% from the arriving guests until 2 weeks before arrival date.

Payment should be made as a bank transfer. The guest gets a deposit invoice with bank details in time. If this deposit payment is not transferred in time, the hotel is entitled to withdraw from the contract.

The guests are responsible for room payments incl. breakfast and other expenses at departure.

**In Germany the 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. For more details, please ask the hotel.**

**Parking slots:**

**The underground parking garage has 112 spaces. They cannot guarantee that parking spaces will be available. The cost per vehicle is €28.00 per 24 hours. Please note that they do not reserve parking spaces.**

**Please remember:**

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**Please write to me if you or any of your team have any problems.**

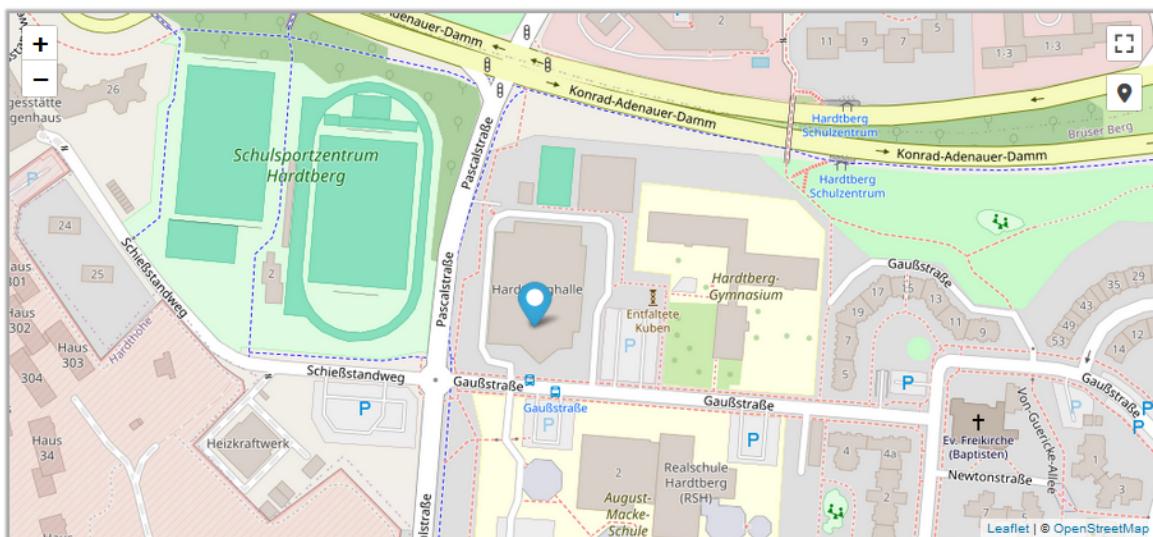
**Tournament Venue:**

**Hardtberghalle** is an indoor sporting arena that is located in Bonn, Germany.

**Address:** Gaußstraße 1, 53125 Bonn



## Hardtberghalle



## Adresse und Zugang zur Halle:

Gaußstr. 1, 53125 Bonn (Hardtberg)

## 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 continues 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.