

GSBA

European Stick Fighting Championships

1-3 August 2025

Hi Everyone,

As GSBA Director for Team Ireland and Northern Ireland it is a great honour and privilege to welcome and invite: my fellow GSBA Directors and their teams, Martial Artists and practitioners of stick fighting to the 2025 European Championships.

The GSBA 2025 European Championship will be held in the sports gym of Ashfield School for Girls in Belfast from the 1st to 3rd of August 2025. We look forward to seeing you all and your respective teams representing your country at this upcoming European Championship. This will be an opportunity to rekindle friendships and make new ones whilst sharing the art we love. Should you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact us via email at hello@raptrmartialarts.uk

PAYMENT and REGISTRATION

ATHLETES' FEES

Pre-registration before 30th June, 2025 - £50 (includes one event+1 t-shirt)

Additional Events - £20

Additional T-shirts -£20

Late registration after 30th June 2025

Registration £66.00 (includes one event+1 t-shirt)

Additional Events -£30

REGISTRATION: A electronic payment link and registration form will be provided and forwarded in due course.

Terms and Conditions:

- All Tournament fees are non-refundable.
- Registration will close 2 weeks before the Championships. Closing date is 18th July 2025.
- You will not be considered registered without completing and submitting forms and payment.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

All competitors aged of 18 and over will be required to sign a copy of the “GSBA 2025 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE FROM LIABILITY WAIVER FORM” as part of electronic Registration.

All competitors aged 17 and under will need to bring a hard copy signed by a parent or someone with legal parental responsibility. The responsibility of the authenticity of this is the responsibility of the National Director. This must be handed to the safeguarding officer at weigh in.

GSBA 2025 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE FROM LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Global Stick and Blade Alliance (GSBA) European Championships hosted by GSBA Team Ireland&Northern Ireland.

I am aware and understand that full contact competition involving Eskrima, Kali, and Arnis martial arts are inherently dangerous and are 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.

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.

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 the injury may require me to seek additional medical treatment beyond that administered at the tournament.

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 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.

Parents and those with legal parental responsibility for competitors 17 years and younger please fill in the spaces below to confirm that you have read, understood and consent to your child or young person taking part in the GSBA 2025 European Championships

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| Child's full name (print) | |
| Child's age | |
| Legal Guardian's full name(print) | |
| Legal Guardian's signature | |
| Full Address of Legal Guardian (print) | |

Championships venue and Hotel/ accommodation

Championships venue:

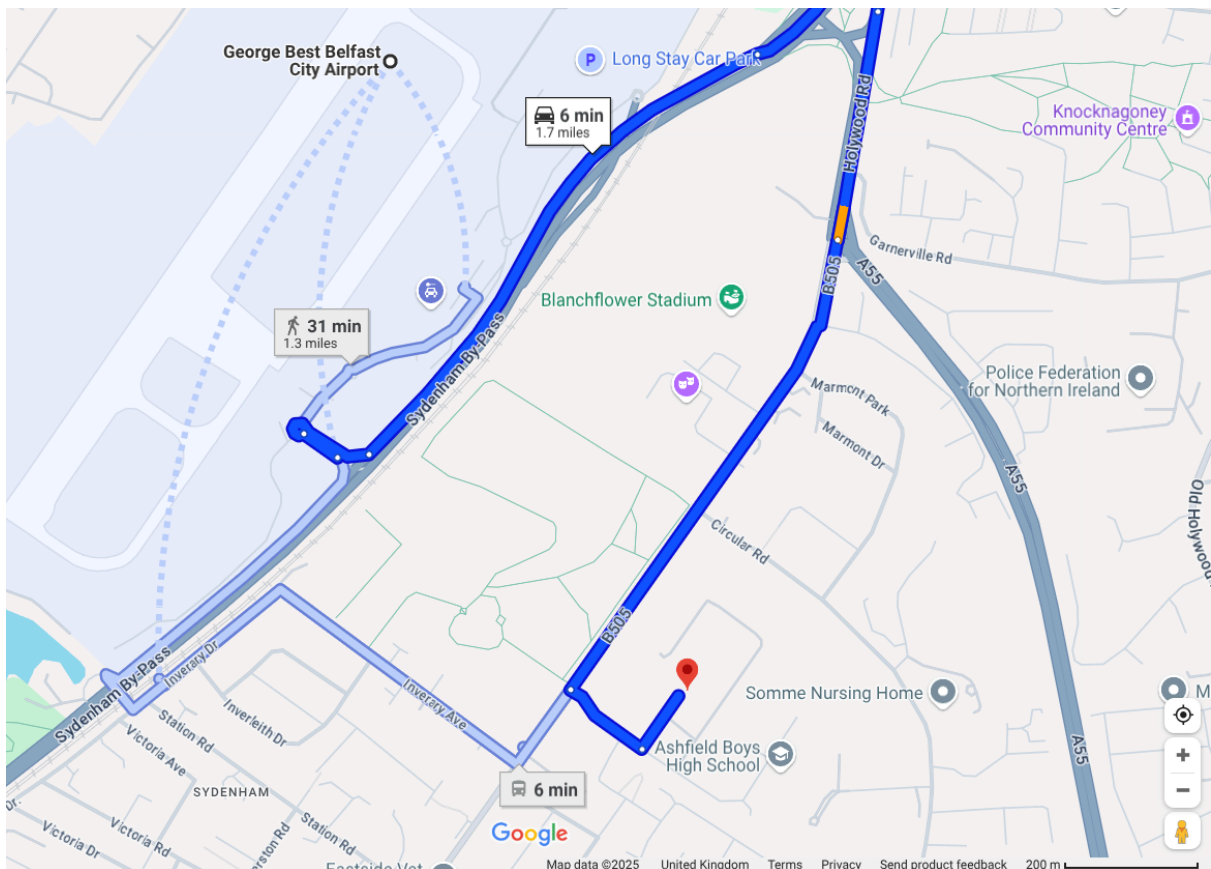
Ashfield School for Girls

397 Holywood Rd,

Belfast

BT4 1RT

The school is only a few minutes drive from the George Best Belfast City Airport. The School is located on the Holywood Road (B505). Please note that Ashfield School for Boys is located beside the girls school which sits in front of the boys school.



This is not an exhaustive list so please do your own research in relation to your own budget, requirements and how far you are prepared to travel to and from the venue.

Stormont hotel

<https://www.stormonthotelbelfast.com/>)

This would be a high end hotel for those of you wanting a bit of luxury during your stay. It faces the historic Stormont Castle and Parliament buildings where the Belfast or Good Friday Agreement was signed. There are beautiful walks to be had in the grounds of Stormont Castle.

Titanic Guest House

<https://www.titanicguest.com/>

This is a popular guest house with about 15 rooms

Hilton Belfast

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bfshitw-hilton-belfast/?SEO_id=GMB-E MEA-TW-BFSHITW

Close to one of the major roads in and out of the city centre to and from the venue, you will be close to all the things the city has to offer in the evening and close to a major road to and from the venue.

Premier Inn Belfast Titanic Quarter hotel

https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/northern-ireland/antrim/belfast/belfast-titanic-quarter.html?cid=GLBC_BELTIT

Close to the venue (15mins) by taxi and close to all the sites of the city at night. Walking distance to the famous Titanic Exhibition a must see when staying in Belfast. <https://www.titanicbelfast.com/>

AC Hotel Belfast

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bfsac-ac-hotel-belfast/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Again you will be close to one of the major routes in and out of the city centre to and from the venue, you will be close to all the things the city has to offer in the evening and close to a major route to and from the venue.

Connectivity

When flying into Belfast please be aware that there are 2 airports

The Belfast International Airport is NOT actually in Belfast and is a 45 min (minimum taxi ride) into the city in good traffic. This could cost in excess of £50 to your accommodation and/or the competition venue.

Details of public transport to and from the City to the airport can be found here in the following link.

<https://www.belfastairport.com/to-from/by-buscoach>

It is highly recommended to fly into the George Best Belfast City Airport <https://www.belfastcityairport.com/> This airport is minutes from the venue and is 10 to 15 minutes from most of the accommodations listed above and minutes from the Venue.

All public transport is provided by <https://www.translink.co.uk/>

Suggested attractions

Titanic Belfast A MUST!!!

<https://www.titanicbelfast.com/>

Located beside the *Titanic* Slipways, the Harland & Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock – the very place where *Titanic* was designed, built and launched, Titanic Belfast tells the story of *Titanic* from her conception, through her construction and launch, to her maiden voyage and subsequent place in history

Ulster Folk Museum

<https://www.ulsterfolkmuseum.org/>

Great for a day out if the weather is good and you like your history

Crumlin Road Gaol

Highly recommended.

<https://www.crumlinroadgaol.com/>

Discover over 150 years of history and follow in the footsteps of over 25,000 prisoners as you make the journey through Northern Ireland's only remaining Victorian Era prison.

Explore the building's colourful past and gain a unique and memorable insight into the daily lives and routines of both prisoners and prison officers over the Gaol's existence.

Learn about the Gaol's history including when women and children were imprisoned, the executions that were carried out, and its more recent history and learn about why the decision was taken to close the prison.

You will have access to all aspects of the Gaol from the Tunnel linking the courthouse on the other side of the Crumlin Road to the Hanging Cell, the Historic Holding Cells, Centre Circle, C-Wing and Graveyard.

The Crumlin Road Gaol Experience is open to the public and operates between 10:00am and 4:00pm daily.

Saint George's Market

Great food and often live music show off Belfast's multicultural side.

<https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/stgeorgesmarket>

SS Nomadic

<https://www.titanicbelfast.com/explore/ss-nomadic/>

SS Nomadic is a former tender of the White Star Line, launched on 25 April 1911 at Belfast, that is now on display in Belfast's Titanic Quarter. She was built to transfer passengers and mail to and from the ocean liners RMS *Olympic* and RMS *Titanic*. She is the only surviving vessel designed by Thomas Andrews, who also helped design those two ocean liners, and the last White Star Line vessel in existence today.

Belfast City Hall BEAUTIFUL worth a look!

<https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/visitcityhall>

Ulster Museum

Has a great exhibit on the history of The Troubles and art from local artists. <https://www.nationalmuseumsni.org/>