



Official Information Guide
For Schools, Clubs, Teams and Organizations



GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship 2027

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1. Introduction

The history of the GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship began in 2018 at the World Championship in Lisbon. It was there that the Swiss team first made contact with our friends from Germany; a connection that grew, over the following years, into close partnership, as well as numerous shared competitions and training sessions.

Since then, the Swiss team, consisting of members of Hybrid FMA and Arnis Uster, has grown continuously. Together we have participated in numerous national and international tournaments, resulting not only in sporting success but also in long-lasting friendships.

An important milestone in this cooperation was the first Swiss-German Championship held in Ebikon in 2024. Given its success, we decided to hold a cooperative championship in Switzerland every three years. The GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship 2027 will therefore take place for the second time.

With this event, we would like to warmly invite schools, clubs, teams and organizations to discover the sporting and competitive side of Filipino Martial Arts. Regardless of style or federation, the championship is intended to provide a platform for exchange, connection and friendly competition.

We look forward to welcoming you to Uster
on 15-16 May 2027.



2. About the Championship

The GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship 2027 is an international event for practitioners of weapon-based martial arts and combat sports. It provides a platform for sporting competition, personal exchange and shared learning.

The main focus is on Filipino Martial Arts. At the same time, schools, clubs, teams and organizations from other martial arts disciplines are warmly welcome. These include Kendo, HEMA, Historical Fencing, Kobudo and other martial arts and combat sports involving weapons.

The championship includes several competition disciplines in Forms and Sparring and offers both experienced competitors and newcomers the opportunity to gain valuable experience and discover new perspectives.

In addition to the sporting aspect, the event aims to promote exchange between different schools, systems and organizations. By bringing together practitioners across style and federation boundaries, we to learn from one another, strengthen existing friendships and establish new contacts within the martial arts community.



2. About the Championship

The GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship 2027 also serves as an official qualifying tournament for national and international GSBA competitions. Successful athletes can therefore qualify for future championships and international events.

As a continuation of the successful cooperation between Switzerland and Germany, the championship aims to contribute to the development of competitive weapon-based martial arts while promoting the values of respect, fairness and mutual support.

♦ Who can participate?

- Members of all FMA styles
- Individual competitors and teams
- GSBA members and non-members
- Schools, clubs, teams and organizations
- Beginners and experienced competitors
- Kendo, HEMA, Historical Fencing, Kobudo and related systems



3. Competition Disciplines

The GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship 2027 offers a varied selection of competition disciplines suitable for experienced competitors as well as school and clubs taking part in GSBA tournament for the first time.

Competitions

Live Stick: The Live Stick categories represent the full-contact division of the championship. The main focus is on technique, precision, timing, control and tactical behaviour.

Padded Stick: The Padded Stick categories are contested using padded training weapons and are suitable for experienced competitors as well as beginners.

Forms: Traditional Forms
Open Forms

Team Event: Two teams consisting of three athletes each compete against one another. Teamwork, communication and tactics take centre stage.

Detailed regulations regarding disciplines, categories, scoring criteria and safety requirements are contained in the official GSBA Competition Rulebook.



4. Why Participate?

The 2nd GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship is much more than a competition. It is a platform where schools, clubs and martial artists from a wide variety of styles can meet, learn from one another and help shape the future of weapon-based martial arts together.

Our goal is to create a sporting environment based on respect, fairness and mutual appreciation. The term “Cooperative” is deliberately part of our championship's name: schools and clubs see one another as partners rather than competitors.

The championship offers the opportunity to establish international contacts, exchange ideas, gain competitive experience and qualify for future GSBA events.

We look forward to welcoming you to Uster in May 2027.



5. Championship Preparation

A fair and successful competition begins long before the first match. Therefore, two official preparation seminars will be offered.

These seminars cover the GSBA Competition Rulebook, competition disciplines, protective equipment, scoring system, competition procedures, practical training methods and supervised sparring sessions.

If there is sufficient interest, referee seminars will also be offered.

The dates and contents will be announced in late August or early September 2026.



6. Venue

The 2nd GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship will take place in Uster, in the Canton of Zurich.

As the third-largest city in the Canton of Zurich, Uster combines a central location with excellent transport connections.

The event will be held at the Bildungszentrum Uster (BZU) and with Switzerland's position in the heart of Europe, it's an ideal setting for international exchange.

We look forward to welcoming you to Uster in May 2027.

 Krämerackerstrasse 15, 8610 Uster



7. Closing

The 2nd GSBA Swiss-German Cooperative Championship stands for friendship, respect and a shared passion for Filipino Martial Arts and other traditional martial arts.

We hope to welcome you to our preparation seminars and look forward to welcoming you to Uster on 15-16 May 2027.

See you on the mats!

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