



INVITATION

UNOFFICIAL

1st EUROPEAN HISTORICAL

FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kalundborg (Denmark)

1st to 2nd of February 2025

Dear Historical Fencing Family,

It is with great honour and joy that I extend to you an invitation to participate in the first European Championship in Historical Fencing which will take place in Kalundborg.

The city has a rich history from the time of the crusades and forward. You must walk only 100 meters from the venue, and you will be in the old city with the unique 5-towered Church of Our Lady, built in 1170, and the venue was built on the remnants of the old castle of Kalundborg. This city is indeed an appropriate setting for a Championship in Historical Fencing.

This championship is under the auspice of the European Fencing Confederation (EFC). This means that it is not an official European Championship as other European Championships under the EFC.

In time we aim to be provided the official sign of recognition by the EFC. The EFC has the administrative infrastructure to reach the smallest nations in the HEMA community and have the experience of executing competitions with high transparency and fairness on the playing field. We are very grateful for the EFCs trust in our work and appreciate their commitment for this Championship and for the future of Historical Fencing.

The former President of EFC Giorgio Scarso, together with the EFC working group for Historical Fencing is the reason we today can invite you to the first European Championship in Historical Fencing. Thanks for the vision and for the great work.

Also great thanks to the Italian Fencing Federation, who has made a crucial contribution to the birth of this Championship and is a valued partner in the execution of the event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the HEMA society throughout Europe to unite in a common love for the sport of Historical Fencing. The goal is that this event will strengthen the bond in Europe and be a chariot for the prosperity for the sport under the guidance of the EFC. We aim for that in the future HEMA European Championship will be as integrated in the EFC as the Olympic fencing, and that it will be a guiding touchstone for Historical Fencing societies all over the world.

With your participation you will contribute to building the future of HEMA in Europe and indeed the World.

We are joyous that you will take an active part in making this event a celebration of Historical Fencing and for helping these European Championships to develop into a continuous success for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Jan Sylvest Jensen

President

Danish Fencing Federation

I – Officials

No.	Surname	Name	Country	Function
1.	Tesch	Pascal	LUX	President EFC
2.	Slupski	Jacek	POL	Secretary General EFC
3.	Sylvest	Jan	DEN	President DFF
4.	Azzi	Paolo	ITA	President FIS
5.	Gotti	Roberto	ITA	President of Directoire technique
6.	Flohr	Nicolej	DEN	Member of Directoire technique
7.	Lodà	Francesco	ITA	Member of Directoire technique
8.	Penso	Jacopo	ITA	Member of Directoire technique
9.	tbd			Member of Directoire technique
10.	Gotti	Roberto	ITA	Referees official (Head referee)
11.	Flohr	Nicolej	DEN	SEMI official
12.	tbd			Medical official
13.	Eriksen	Mads	DEN	Organizing Committee

II –Referees

No.	Country	Surname	First name	Weapon
1.	tbd			Rapier and Dagger
2.	tbd			Rapier and Dagger
3.	tbd			Military Sabre
4.	tbd			Military Sabre
5.	tbd			Longsword
6.	tbd			Longsword
7.	tbd			Sword and Buckler
8.	tbd			Sword and Buckler

III – Programme of the event

Friday 31.01.2025

begin	end	
15:00	16:00	Meeting of the Directoire technique on the venue
16:30	18:30	Initial weapon control and Accreditation all categories
18:30	19:30	Dinner
20:00	21:00	Meeting of the referee delegate and the main referees

Saturday 01.02.2025

07:30	08:30	Weapon control and Accreditation Sword and Buckler
08:30	09:30	Weapon control and Accreditation Long Sword
09:00	09:15	Posting of poules Sword and Buckler
09:30	11:30	Poules matches Sword and Buckler
10:00	10:15	Posting of poules Long Sword
10:30	12:30	Poules matches Long Sword
12:30	15:30	Elimination matches Sword and Buckler
13:30	16:30	Elimination matches Long Sword
16:30	17:00	Opening ceremony
17:00	18:00	Semifinals
18:00	18:30	Finals
18:30	19:00	Medals ceremony
19:00	20:30	Dinner

Sunday 02.02.2025

07:30	08:30	Weapon control and Accreditation Military Sabre
08:30	09:30	Weapon control and Accreditation Rapier and Dagger
09:00	09:15	Posting of poules Military Sabre
09:30	11:30	Poules matches Military Sabre
10:00	10:15	Posting of poules Rapier and Dagger
10:30	12:30	Poules matches Rapier and Dagger
12:30	15:30	Elimination matches Military Sabre
13:30	16:30	Elimination matches Rapier and Dagger
16:30	17:30	Semifinals
17:30	18:00	Finals
18:00	18:30	Medals ceremony

General information of the Championships

The competitions follow the EFC decision to not allow any Russian and Belarusian nationals to participate in the event. The current rules are uploaded at:

<https://www.faegtning.dk/hema/>

Entries

Entries by National Federations by mail to mads.eriksen@faegtning.dk

Please inform federation, name, age, category(s)

Only federations that are members of the EFC can make entries.

Participants do not need to have an EFC-license.

Entry fee per category 80€ first category, second category 40€ and additional categories 40€

DEADLINE for entries is 3rd of January 2025 at midnight CET.

Each country can participate with 2 athletes for each weapon. In case of absence of athletes to reach the numbers necessary for the competition, a third athlete (reserve) per country can compete.

Participants

After the closing of registration, the DT will, no later than 5th of January 2025, nominate additional fencers (reserve participants) for participation, based on S.9.2 in the ruleset. The nominated participants have until 8th of January to accept the nomination.

If the number of participants in any category at that time is not to the satisfaction of the DT, the DT has the right to fill up the categories at their own bidding with no restriction.

Participants must be 18 years old before the competition starts.

The competitions are open for all genders.

Changes in the names of participants from the national federations can be made until midnight Thursday 30th of January 2025.

Referees and Judges

Each match will be judged by one referee and 4 judges.

Referees:

All participating federations must provide one mandatory Referee if they participate with more than 3 participants.

The referees must attend the referees meeting on Friday.

There will be appointed a minimum of 8 referees in total, at least 2 in each category.

The referees are allowed as participants in other weapons.

Judges:

Participants in each category are required to function as judges for the other poules in the same category.

When the participants are eliminated, they are still obliged to function as judges in the elimination matches.

The judges will be instructed by the referee on their function as judges.

Equipment control

For initial equipment control the fencers should present following items as decided by the DT:

- Mask with back-of-the-head-protector
- Gloves
- Jacket and trousers
- neck protector
- weapons

Equipment Control will mark each approved item with a stamp.

The requirement for the equipment is stipulated in the ruleset book M.

Prior to each match, the referee will conduct an equipment check: the correct stamp on the checked items, and that the following items are in use and conform to the ruleset:

- Elbow Protectors Knee Protectors
- Shin Guards
- Shoes

- Socks
- Groin Protector (for male fencers)
- Chest Protector

Formula:

Each category will have up to 20 participants divided in up to 4 poules.

First round with up to 4 poules.

There will be promoted 8 participants to the second round.

Second round with 2 poules with 4 participants in each poule. 4 participants will be promoted to final round.

Final round with one poule of 4 competitors.

Seeding and ranking:

No seeding for first round. Separation by country only.

Ranking after poule rounds is based on results across all poules.

In order to avoid mistakes, DT will publish results of pools and list of qualified and eliminated participants after poules. Any complaint should be brought to DT within a deadline of 5 minutes after published results.

Accommodation:

The organizing Committee has made an agreement with the local youth hostel, that is within walking distance of the Venue.

Kalundborg Youth Hostel, Stadion Alle 5, 4400 Kalundborg

<https://www.danhostel.dk/hostel/danhostel-kalundborg>

We have prebooked a number of rooms but cannot guarantee that they will have enough room. Booking should be done as soon as possible and no later than 12.01.2025.

We have made a package deal which includes check-in Friday afternoon and checkout Sunday 10.00 AM, accommodation 2 nights in bunk rooms (4-6 persons per room), including bedsheets, dinner Friday and Saturday, breakfast and sandwich for lunch Saturday and Sunday. The price is 200€ per person.

Please fill out the form for reservation: <https://forms.office.com/e/4vJWc2wUd0>

Payment:

Entry fees to be paid by card payment only at the venue or in advance by bank transfer.

Accommodation only to be paid in advance by bank transfer. Booking is only valid when paid in full.

Bank information:

Den Danske Bank 1551 2026295

IBAN-nummer: DK3930000002026295

SWIFT code: DABADKKK

News for the Championship will be announced in English on the Danish Fencing Federations homepage

<https://www.faegtning.dk/HEMA/>

Organizing Federation:

Danish Fencing Federation <https://www.faegtning.dk/>

Share your thought and spread the word about the European Championship in Historical Fencing using the hashtag #EuroHistFenc2025

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566587107177&sk=about>

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Transportation

Venue is appr. 1 hour by car and 1½ hour by train from Copenhagen, and 10 minutes' walk from the Kalundborg train station.