

Ex Cineribus Tournament Ruleset.

Belgian Buckler Open 05.07.2025

Tournament and Open sparring

Date and location	<p>6th July 2026</p> <p>Schedule: 10.00u Doors. 10.30u Registration. 10.50u Briefing. 11.00 start of tournament. 12.00 Lunchbreak. 12.45 gathering + briefing. 13.00 part 2. 14. End of tournament. 14.15 ceremony.</p> <p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In case of sunny weather: <i>Outdoor training location:</i> Guldendal 20, 1850 Grimbergen• In case of rain: <i>Indoor training location:</i> Lage Steenweg 77, 1850 Grimbergen <p>These two locations are approximately 1 km apart. Participants will be notified of the final location by email three days before the event.</p>
Fee	<p>Open sparring: Free</p> <p>Tournament 8€</p>
Entery level:	<p>Sparring: all levels</p> <p>Tournament: Not for complete beginners. Participants should have basic sparring experience and be familiar with safety and control.</p>
Setting	<p>There are 2 settings at this event. :Open sparring and Fair play Tournament.</p> <p>1. Open Sparring:</p> <p>This is an inclusive sparring opportunity open to all participants, regardless of experience level. While the format is more relaxed than a formal competition, safety and mutual respect remain our top priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Controlled techniques only — no excessive force.○ Protective gear is optional and left to the discretion of each participant..○ Supervision will be present to monitor all rounds.○ Friendly attitude and sportsmanship are expected at all times.

	<p>2. Tournament These are official matches held under stricter rules and regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a minimal equipment tournament. Only allowed protective equipment are: Fencing helmet + overlay, throat protection, light gloves, groin protection. Fighting styles has to be appropriate to this setting. Aggressive fighting will not be tolerated and will lead to exclusion. ○ Participation is by registration only. ○ Participants must follow the rulesets at all times. <p>Important Notes for All Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety first: reckless behavior will not be tolerated. • Respect your sparring partner: this is a learning and growth environment. • Listen to event staff and referees at all times. • Have fun and help us maintain a positive and supportive atmosphere.
Tournament	<p>Format: Fair play, All-Fight-All, Round-Robin, one match a time. Self-refereed.</p> <p>This tournament offers a structured and organized <i>free-for-all</i> format, with participants fencing one opponent at a time.</p>
Check in and registration:	On site at registration table.
Tournament price	Honor, glory and a small trophee.
Insurance	Ex Cineribus Grimbergen is partially insured for this event. This means: accidents occurring during the seminars are covered. Light/ small Injuries sustained during the tournament are also insured. However, accidents resulting from dangerous, risky, or unsafe behavior will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Make sure your own insurance is up to date.
Breefing	At registration table on site.
Judging	This is an auto-referee tournament. There will be no official referees or judges. Every participant is his/her own judge. Fairplay is key in this setting and every participant is assumed to engage in fairplayness. There will be supervision by officials where participants can ask their questions or file complaints. Players are required to report their own counterpoints, even if the adversary did not notice.

Duration of a fight	No time-bound. Fight ends at 5 points. See points.
Equipment:	Minimal equipment fencing setting
Minimal equipment:	We value technical fencing and sparring. It has been show that full equipment in tournament and research jeopardizes technical fencing. Research shows that fencing in sparring and tournament settings with less protective equipment still can be performed safe if done with the right mindset. Therefore, we encourage people to fence technical in minimal equipment in a controlled and safe setting. Open sparring is free of equipment choice.
Buckler	Round Buckler max 46 cm diameter. No spikes or sharp corners allowed. Square bucklers (Longest side 46 cm) should have sufficient rounded corners. In case of doubt, the final decision rests with the event organizers (Ex Cineribus Grimbergen).
Sword	Total length: Max105 cm. Total weight: 800-1200grams Blunt edges, rounded or spatulated point, no “pointy-blunt” point allowed. No Burrs. No sharp or pointy pommels or parrying guard/quillon. No any other dangerous aspects.
Medium equipment	Fencing mask + back of the head protection, Throat protector, light to medium fencing gloves,
Recognisability and visibility	Participants will be wearing a band or ribbon on one of the arms.
Check in and Gear check	During After Breefing.
Tournament format	Fair play, All-Fight-All, Round-Robin, one match a time. Self-refereed.
Challenging	All participants can challenge each other. Fencer 1 can challenge fencer 2-10 (in case of 10 participants)
Rematch	Rematches are allowed as long as both parties agree. There is no limit to the number of rematches that can be conducted. However, in cases of suspected fraud or "I-win-you-win" collusion, both parties will be disqualified.
Refusing of fight	It is always possible to refuse fighting with any of the participants. Refusing a first fight with another participating fencer will result in a loss of the challenged match for the refusing party, and a win for the challenger. Refusing a rematch does not result in a loss.

Points	<p><u>Fencing bouts</u> are up to 5 points. The first who reaches 5 points wins.</p> <p><u>Double hits:</u> count as no points</p> <p><u>Afterblow counts as double.</u> Respect the Abzuch.</p> <p><u>Points counting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head hit (Cut, slice, thrust): 2 points • Torso Thrust: 2 points • Rest of the body: 1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Torso slice/cut ○ Arm slice/cut/Thrust ○ Leg slice/cut/Thrust ○ Hand hits, Foot hits <p>Note: Medium equipment setting allows hitting the whole body, but only with mild intensity.</p> <p><u>Allowed</u> but no points ONLY UPON AGREEMENT BY BOTH FENCERS!!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kicks • Punches • Clinching and holding <p>ONLY SOFT AND MEDIUM INTENSITY KICKS ARE ALLOWED ONLY TO DISORGANISE AND DISORIENTATE THE ADVERSARY AND NEVER TO HURT.</p>
<u>Forbidden techniques</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groin hits by any kind • Back of the head hits by any kind. • Strong kicks and punches • Throwing, joint locks, chocks and grappling of any kind • any other dangerous behaviours. <p>ANY OF THESE ACTION CAN BE CALLED AS A WARNING BY THE FENCING PARTER AND CAN LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION OF THE TOURNAMENT AND EXCLUSION OF THE EVENT WITHOUT REFUND OF THE FEES.</p>
Warning/ Exclusion	<p>Any of the following can give either a Warning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfair play • Showing the back of the head • Violent fighting and behaviour in either full equipment of minimal equipment setting. • Psychological intimidation • Physical intimidation • Any other action that is not in the spirit of a fair play tournament.

	<p>Or Exclusion of the tournament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Forbidden technique • 5 Warnings • Any other dangerous action that is not in the spirit of a fair play tournament.
Fairplay/technical points	Each participant is allowed to hand out 1 fair play/technical point to each other fencer. These fair play points count in favour, in case of an ex aequo.
Winning:	
Winning a fight.	<p>If a fight is won, the winning adversary attends at the registration table to register his fight. Losing party does not have to do anything.</p> <p>Every fight won will give 1 point in the tournament scoring system</p>
Tournament	The winner of the tournament is the participant with the most matches won. In the event of a tie, the participant with the highest number of fights will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest number of fair play points.
Why this setting	This is a try out setting to encourage controlled, technical fencing in a amical technical tournament setting. The rulesets are made to encourage and promote fighting rather than winning alone.
GDPR	<i>Photos may be taken during the event for non-commercial use (e.g. event report, community sharing, promotion of future editions).</i>

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