

Combat Wombat Clash 2026

Practical info

Register here: <https://forms.gle/G5rNYix7B6PQcMDV8>

What?

Cordial beginner HEMA Longsword tournament for all Belgian and Dutch clubs, organized by Invirtus.

Who?

HEMA Longsword beginners who want to get more experience sparring with people outside of their clubs and try out a tournament setup and ruleset in a relaxed, not-so-competitive setting.

You decide yourself if you are a “beginner”; we don't want to be overly restrictive. However, do please “play fair”...

Some possible guidelines to help you assess if this might be a tournament for you:

- You've been doing HEMA regularly for 1-3 years
- You haven't participated in many (1-2) tournaments outside of your club
- You haven't made a top 8 yet (*including Combat Wombat Clash 2025's top 8 ;)*)
- You have your own gear or can loan some from a fellow club member
- You have enough control over your movements to not hit overly hard/fast and to stop in time before you might hit an illegal target
- You think durchwecheln is a type of German sausage (and thought that was funny)

The tournament is limited to a maximum of 40 fencers.

Per club chapter/location, 4 fencers will be allowed (to prevent 1 club from taking over the tournament). Note, this is per chapter: if your club has multiple chapters/locations (for example, Invirtus itself has 3), you can have more than 4 fencers in total for the club as a whole. If more people register, we will work on a first-come, first-served basis.

This will be a mixed gender tournament, **welcoming all**.

Next to fencers, we welcome any volunteers from other clubs (for example trainers, experienced members) to help with judging and administrative duties during the tournament. Do note that the sportshall is not super large, so don't show up with 4 fencers and 20 volunteers per club please :)

Participants are required to have their own medical/sports insurance and/or be covered by their club's. Invirtus VZW itself cannot be held accountable for any and all accidents that occur during the event. We will of course provide first aid on location.

Participants are expected to bring their own gear (protective gear and steel fencers, see ruleset for details). There will be NO loaner gear available on site except for nylon longsword.

Participants have to be over 18 years of age.

How much?

€20 per fencer (to cover location cost and some prizes for the winners). Volunteers can (of course) join for free.

Within a week after filling out the registration form, you will receive a confirmation email to inform you on whether you can attend as a fencer / volunteer or whether you will be on the reserve list. Those who can attend will also receive instructions on how to pay the fee at this moment.

If you do not receive a confirmation email and/or if you don't pay the registration fee as a fencer, you are not officially registered.

If you can not attend anymore after having paid, you're expected to inform us via events@invirtus.be **by 26/04/2026 at the latest**. This way we can still find a replacement fencer from the reserve list. We won't be able to guarantee a refund for a cancellation after this date. If you find yourself in this position, you are allowed to resell your ticket. Please do contact us via events@invirtus.be if this is the case.

When?

Saturday 2 May 2026

13:45 - 20:00

13:45 - 14:00: hall opens, arrivals

14:00 - 14:30: gear check, make sure everyone understands the ruleset

14:30 - 16:00: phase 1

16:00 - 16:15: rest :)

16:15 - 17:15: top 32

17:15 - 17:45 : top 16

17:45 - 18:15 : top 8

18:15 - 19:00 : finals

19:00 - 20:00 cleanup, hall closes

Where?

Sporthal Fitlink, Universitaire Campus, 3590 Diepenbeek, Limburg, België

[Precise location via Google maps](#)

The location has separate gendered dressing rooms and showers.

There is some limited free parking right next to the venue itself. There is plenty of free parking a short walk away as well, at [the large Hasselt University parking](#) or [the small Hasselt University parking](#).

The venue is best reached by car. Alternatively, you can take a bus from Hasselt station (about 20-30 minutes travel time).

The venue is open to friends/family who want to come and watch. However, there will be NO seating provided and space inside the sport hall might be limited, so you may be asked to wait outside of the hall for the busier parts of the tournament (phase 1).

There are sadly **no cafeteria or other catering options at walking distance**. For the duration of the tournament, fencers, volunteers and spectators should bring their own drinks and food. There will also be some free water and limited fruit/snacks provided by the organization available on location.

Afterwards, there are several restaurant options in the vicinity. [At the nearby Kinopolis site](#), there is ample free parking and a Burger King, a Belgian brasserie, and an Italian restaurant. [In the center of the nearby Diepenbeek](#) there is also some free parking and a wide variety of restaurants. You can also head into the center of Hasselt, but free parking is very limited there. We recommend parking at [the paid Dusart parking](#) and heading into the city from there ([the main restaurant area](#) is very close).

Anything else?

Since this is a beginner tournament with some experimental rulesets, the results will **NOT** be submitted to HEMA ratings.

Personal information provided via the registration form is subject to [our privacy policy on our website.](#)

Contact us at events@invirtus.be if you have more questions!

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