



BERNE WORLD CUP

INVITATION LETTER

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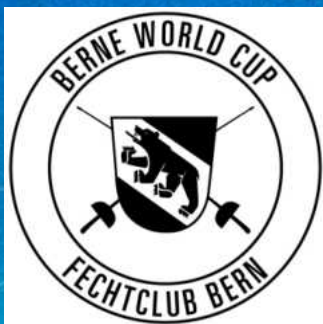


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FIE – WORLD CUP INVITATION LETTER

Name of Competition: Berne World Cup 2026

Type of Competition: Men's Epee Individual and Team

City, Country, dates: Berne, Switzerland, 22.-24.05.2026

Website: <https://berneworldcup.ch/>

Dear Fencing Friends,

On behalf of the Fechtclub Bern we are pleased to invite you to the Berne World Cup 2026 taking place in Bern, Switzerland from 22.-24.05.2026.

Below you will find all essential information for your planning and participation.

With best regards,
Berne World Cup Local Organising Committee



ORGANISER

Host Federation: Swiss Fencing

Full Name of the National Federation: Swiss Fencing

Address: Talgut Zentrum 27, 3063 Ittigen b.Bern, Switzerland

Email: info@swiss-fencing.ch

COMPETITION VENUE

Name of the Venue: Mobiliar Arena

Full Address access information: Rohrmattstrasse 12,3073 Muri bei Bern, Switzerland

By Car

Motorway A6, exit **13-Muri**. Turn right and follow «**Muri/Gümligen**». Immediately afterwards turn left in the direction of «**Gümligen/Gümligenfeld**». At the roundabout take the second exit onto the street «**Feldstrasse**». You will enter now **Muri bei Bern**, continue on the street «**Tannackerstrasse**» for about 1km, finally turn left onto the «**Rohrmattstrasse**». On your right-hand side you will find the venue. Parking is available for a fee.

By Airplane

Zurich (ZRH) Airport is at 130 km of the competition venue. The transfer to Bern can be done by train

By Train

Take the SBB train to **Bern**. Then take the **S1** towards **Thun** or **S2** towards **Langnau i.E.** and stop at **Gümlingen** (3rd stop):

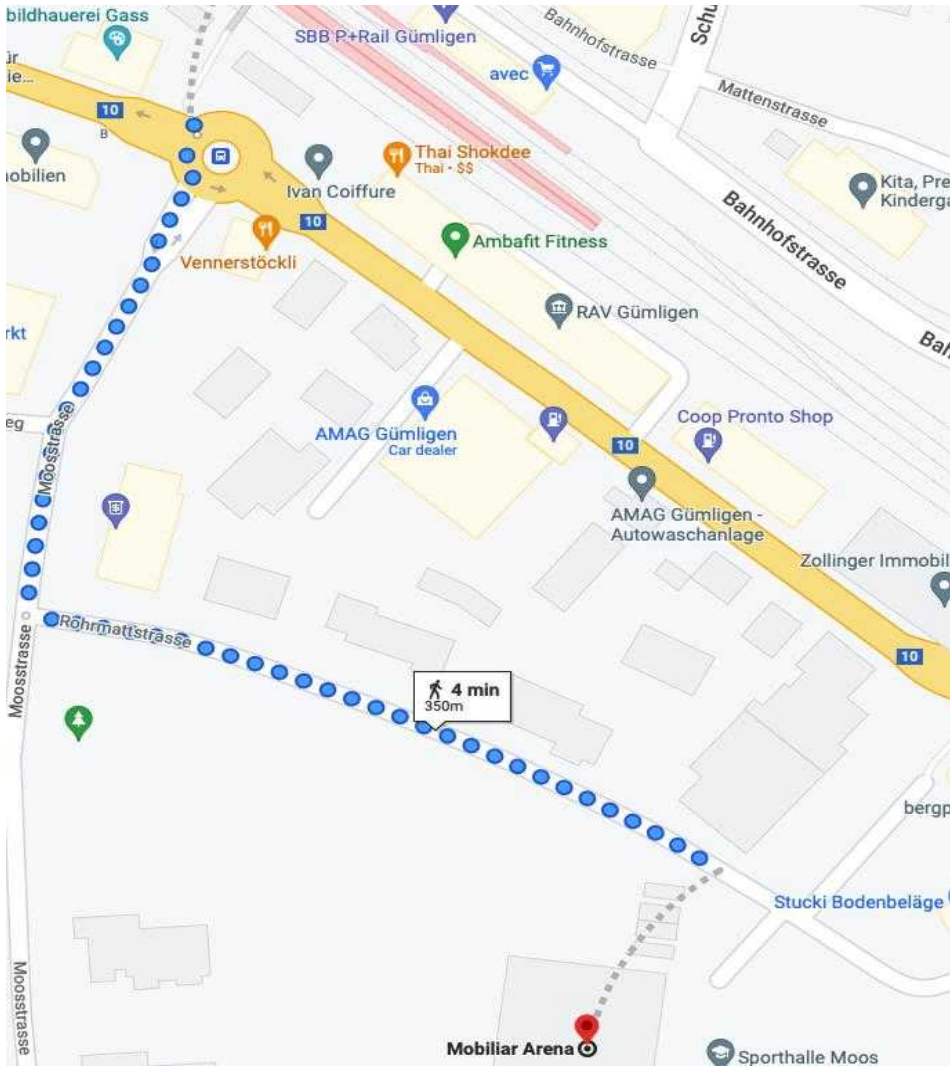
	train S2		train S1	
	direction Langnau i.E.		direction Thun	
	S2	S2	S1	S1
● Bern Bahnhof	#.12	#.42	#.16	#.47
● Bern Wankdorf	#.15	#.46	#.19	#.50
● Ostermundigen	#.18	#.49	#.22	#.53
● Gümligen	#.22	#.53	#.25	#.56

The first connection from *Bern Bahnhof* station departs at 5.42 am (S2, direction Langnau i.E.), then every hour as above.

Afterwards 4 min walk to the venue (see plan below).

As a hotel guest you will receive the Berne Ticket (Zone 100/101) for free use of public transport after the Check-In. Ask at reception of the hotel for the Bern Ticket.





COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Detailed day by day schedule

Jeudi, 21.05.2026		Thursday, 21.05.2026
14:00 – 18:00	Contrôle des armes, accréditation et paiement des frais d'inscription (individuel et équipe) dans la salle de compétition	Weapons control, accreditation and payment of entry fee (individual and team) in the competition venue
17:00	Réunion des chefs de délégation	Head of Delegation's Meeting

Compétition individuelle – jour 1 / Individual competition – day 1

Vendredi, 22.05.2026		Friday, 22.05.2026
06:30	Admission	Admission
07:00-08:00	Contrôle du matériel, accréditation et paiement des frais d'inscription (individuel et équipe)	Weapons control, accreditation and payment of entry fee (individual and team)
07:30	Réunion des arbitres	Referees meeting
08:00	Début de la compétition individuelle (poules) La composition des poules sera publiée sur le site officiel de la coupe du Monde de Berne et sur le site de la FIE à partir de 16:00 la veille de la compétition.	Start of the individual competition (pools) The poules construction will be published on the official website of the Berne World Cup and on the FIE website at 16:00 the day before the competition

Compétition individuelle – jour 2 / Individual competition – day 2

Samedi, 23.05.2026		Saturday, 23.05.2026
06:30	Admission / Contrôle du matériel	Admission / Weapons control
07:30	Appel des athlètes à se rendre dans la chambre d'appel	Call for the fencers to come to the callroom
08:00 - approx. 16:00	Compétition par élimination directe de 64 à 4 tireurs	Competition by direct elimination from 64 to 4 fencers
16:00	Demi-finale et finale (cérémonie de prix ensuite)	Semi-finals and final (followed by the prize-giving ceremony)

Compétition par équipe / Team Competition

	Dimanche, 24.05.2026	Sunday 24.05.2026
07:00	Admission	Admission
08:00	Début de la compétition par élimination directe	Beginning of competition with direct
15:00	Début des finales match pour la 3 ^{ème} place	Beginning of finals fence-off for 3rd place
à partir de / not before 16 :00	Début du match pour la 1 ^{ème} place, suivi de la cérémonie de remise des prix.	Beginning of match for the 1st place followed by the prize-giving ceremony

PARTICIPATION

Individual Event

- Each federation may enter up to 12 fencers.
- The organising country may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools (local fencers only).
- 30 fencers for World Cups outside Europe
- Team Event
- Open to all federations, with one team per weapon per country.

ENTRIES

Entries for fencers and coaches must be made strictly via the FIE website (www.fie.org), in accordance with FIE Rules and regulatory deadlines.

Notes:

Coaches must be entered via the FIE website and must have a FIE license valid for the current season.

Eligibility:

- All participants must hold a FIE license valid for the current season.
- Minimum age: No fencer may obtain an FIE license, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13th birthday.

ENTRY FEES

Fees may be paid: onsite before competition starts.

Individual: 80 € / 80 CHF

Team: 400 € / 400 CHF

Credit cards accepted.

REFEREE OBLIGATION

Referees are appointed by the FIE.

Referees must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered and a FIE license valid for the current season

Delegations do not have to provide referees.

RULES AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

Competition and equipment control in accordance with all FIE rules.

COMPETITION FORMULA

Individual Event

By direct elimination with a mixed system consisting of one round of eliminating pools and a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

Team Event

The first four teams are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by drawing of lots in pairs. The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table and will be separated by drawing of lots. The table will be drawn up based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

- All places up to 16th are fenced
- Seeding per FIE team ranking

MANDATORY

Competition results/management software

Fencing Time is the FIE official and mandatory competition results/management software.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping control must be done according to FIE rules which can be found on:

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/37/185549-2.1.FIE%20Anti-Doping%20Operational%20Instructions%20-%202025%20%20ang.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Official hotels, transport, and special rates:

Please use the booking link below to get the preferred rates, then you can select the hotel you would like to book: <https://hotelmap.com/M6JC8>

Accommodation name	Stars	Address
Harry's Home Hotel	4	Bernstrasse 25, 3072 Ostermundigen
Hotel Bären am Bundesplatz	4	Schauplatzgasse 4, Bern, 3011
Hotel Ibis Bern Expo	2	Am, Guisanpl.4, 3014 Bern
Hotel Ibis Budget Bern Expo	1	Am, Guisanpl.4, 3014 Bern
Hotel Moxy Bern Expo	1	Trüsselstrasse 4, 3014 Bern

The prices shown via the link are per room and per night, with breakfast *included*. The city tax (approximately 6.00CHF per person and night) will be charged extra. Preferential prices to be booked **before 19.04.2026**.

Hotel Bären am Bärenplatz:

Take tram no. 6, 7, 8 or 9 from Bern Bärenplatz station to Bern Bahnhof (runs every 3 minutes)

Ibis Bern Expo / Ibis budget Bern Expo:

Take tram no. 9 from Bern, Guisanplatz station towards Bern Wankdorf station (runs every 5 minutes). Change to Train S1 or S2 at Bern Wankdorf station as above

Moxy Bern Expo:

The hotel is located directly at Bern Wankdorf train station.

Harry's home Bern-Expo

The hotel is located directly at Ostermundigen train station.

As a hotel guest you will receive the Bern Ticket (Zone 100/101) for free use of public transport. Ask at reception of the hotel for the Bern Ticket.

- Accommodation email: bern@kuonitumlare.com
- Deadline: 19.04.2026

VISA SUPPORT

The Organizing National Federation declares that its national authorities guarantee the granting of visas to all the participants of the member federations of the FIE.

To avoid delays, all delegations are required to submit their visa requests no later than 19.04.2026.

Participants who require a visa are kindly requested to begin the application process as early as possible.

To facilitate visa issuance, the Organizing Committee will provide official invitation letters upon request.

Please send the following information for each applicant to info@berneworldcup.ch:

- Full name (as in passport)
- Nationality
- Date and place of birth
- Passport number
- Passport issue and expiry dates
- Role at the event (athlete, coach, referee, official, staff, etc.)
- Dates of arrival and departure
- Copy of the passport (photo page)

For any questions related to visas or entry requirements, please contact:

- The organizing committee: info@berneworldcup.ch
- Federations requiring visa support should send passport copies and travel details to: info@berneworldcup.ch
- Deadline: 27.04.2026

CONTACT INFORMATION

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