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FLEMISH OPEN
28TH EDITION

MEMORIAL IGNACE CORTEYN
MEN'S SABRE 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

MEMORIAL MARCEL VAN LAECKE
WOMEN'S EPEE 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

BELGIAN NATIONAL CIRCUIT
ALL DISCIPLINES 12-13 SEPTEMBER 2026

TOPSPORTHAL
Zuiderlaan 14, 9000 Gent



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28th “FLEMISH OPEN”

F.I.E. SATELLITE
SABRE MEN & EPEE WOMEN
NATIONAL CIRCUIT
EPEE, FOIL & SABRE CADETS & SENIOR

Saturday 12/09/2026	Flemish Open [National Circuit] Epee Men & Women Seniors Foil Men & Women Cadets	Flemish Open [National Circuit] Sabre Men Seniors Sabre Women Cadets
Sunday 13/09/2026	Memorial Marcel Van Laecke [FIE satellite] Epee Women Seniors Flemish Open [National Circuit] Epee Men & Women Cadets Foil Men & Women Seniors	Memorial Ignace Corteyn [FIE satellite] Sabre Men Seniors Flemish Open [National Circuit] Sabre Women Seniors Sabre Men Cadets

Venue: Topsporthal Gent, Zuiderlaan 14 – 9000 Gent – Belgium

Money Prizes FIE Satellite: Winner: € 500 – second place: € 250 – third places: € 100



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Saturday September 12th 2026

Individual Epee competition: National Circuit tournament Men Senior

Appel: 8:30

Scratch: 8:45

Competition start: 9.00

Individual Epee competition: National Circuit tournament Women Senior

Appel: 10:30

Scratch: 10:45

Competition start: 11.00

Individual Foil competition: National Circuit tournament Men Cadets

Appel: 10:30

Scratch: 10:45

Competition start: 11.00

Individual Foil competition: National Circuit tournament Women Cadets

Appel: 11:30

Scratch: 11:45

Competition start: 12.00

Individual Sabre competition: National Circuit tournament Men Senior

Appel: 11:30

Scratch: 11:45

Competition start: 12:00

Individual Sabre competition: National Circuit tournament Women Cadets

Appel: 13:30

Scratch: 13:45

Competition start: 14:00



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Sunday September 13th 2026

Individual Sabre competition: F.I.E. Satellite tournament Men

Appel: 8:00

Scratch: 8:30

Competition start: 9.00

The final sabre duels (tableau of 4) men at 15:20.

Individual Epee competition: F.I.E. Satellite tournament Women

Appel: 8:00

Scratch: 8:30

Competition start: 9.00

The final epee duels (tableau of 4) women at 15:40.

Individual Epee competition: National Circuit tournament Men Cadets

Appel: 9:00

Scratch: 9:15

Competition start: 9.30

Individual Foil competition: National Circuit tournament Men Senior

Appel: 10:30

Scratch: 10:45

Competition start: 11.00

Individual Foil competition: National Circuit tournament Women Senior

Appel: 11:30

Scratch: 11:45

Competition start: 12:00

Individual Epee competition: National Circuit tournament Women Cadets

Appel: 12:30

Scratch: 12:45

Competition start: 13.00

Individual Sabre competition: National Circuit tournament Women Seniors

Appel: 12:30

Scratch: 12:45

Competition start: 13.00

Individual Sabre competition: National Circuit tournament Men Cadets

Appel: 13:30

Scratch: 13:45

Competition start: 14.00



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General Info

Weapon Control	Saturday Start 14:00 Sunday Start 7:00
Cancellation due to medical reason	Cancellation for medical reasons, before the start of the competition must be substantiated with a doctor's certificate before the start of the competition. This certificate should be emailed directly to organisation@flemish-open.be and for the Satellite Competition, put info@fie.ch in CC.
FIE	Sunday's Men's Sabre and Women's Epee competitions are qualified as a satellite tournament on the official F.I.E. calendar. Participants need an international F.I.E. license for the 2026–2027 season . Fencers have to apply for this license at their national fencing federation. The 8 finalists will receive world cup points.
Formula	According to F.I.E. regulations: 1 round in pools followed by direct elimination without "repêchage".
Entrance fee	FIE Satellite: € 50 per fencer will be collected on tournament's day National Circuit: € 25 per fencer will be collected on tournament's day
Equipment	Participant's equipment according to F.I.E. regulations. Maraging saber is obligatory. Weapon control for the Men's sabre and Women's epee competition (vest, mask, weapons, manchette, glove) before competition starts. An equipment stand will be present at the venue. All participants of the Satellite competition must have their name on the back of their electric vest for sabre or white vest for epee, as well as the national colours on their fencing pants.
Responsibility	The organisation cannot be held responsible by participants with regard to any accident or damage caused to persons or properties.



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Weaponstand	Leon Paul France 88 Rue d'Ennevelin - 59710 AVELIN - France T: +33 (0) 1 84 88 09 41 M: info@leonpaulfrance.com
Information	organisation@flemish-open.be urgency phonenumber : +32 496 26 60 28 www.confrerie.be (for information with regards to the Saint-Michael's Guild) www.flemish-open.be for competition information
Entries Men's Sabre & Women's Epee	The entry of names of the fencers and all possible replacements, is to be made by the national federations via the FIE Website no later than Friday September 4th 2026 at 00:00 hours (CET).
Referees	The number of referees A or B that should accompany the delegations in satellite competitions is: 1 to 4 fencers: no obligation 5 to 9 fencers: 1 referee 10 fencers and more: 2 referees If the number of referees is not respected, a fine of € 1.000 per referee has to be paid to the organiser by the respective federation together with a confirmation to the organiser. The entry of the referee names is to be made by the national federations through referees@flemish-open.be 7 days before, September 4th the latest.
Visa	Please check for visa requirements. Those who need visa assistance and/or visa support, please contact us: organisation@flemish-open.be



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HOTELS

If you need assistance for booking your hotel, contact us hotel@flemish-open.be

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IBIS BUDGET GENT DAMPOORT	Koopvaardijlaan 29 9000 Gent	Tel: +32 (0)9 395 20 10 Reservation : +32 2 643 50 00 HA243@accor.com

We recommend booking before August 20th, 2026. Due to numerous events taking place during the tournament weekend, the hotels are expected to fill up quickly.

Route planner

Plane: From airport Brussels – Zaventem: train directly to “Gent Sint-Pieters”.
Bus n° 19 every 30 minutes.

Car: GPS coordinates venue : Latitude 51°02'52" Longitude 03°40'59'

From Brussels/Ostend: take the E40 direction Gent. Take exit 13 “Drongen/Gent West” – Take direction Gent and follow signs “Blaarmeersen”

From Lille/Kortrijk – Antwerp/Holland: take E17 to Gent until the crossing with E40. Take E40 direction “Brugge” and “Oostende” - Take exit 13 “Drongen/Gent West” – Take direction Gent and follow signs “Blaarmeersen”