EVF Circuit – Tampere

EVF Circuit Event — Official Invitation

23–24 January 2027

Dear veteran fencers,

On behalf of fencing club Kalpaveljet, we are pleased to invite you to the EVF Circuit – Tampere, an official event of the European Veterans Fencing Circuit.

The competition will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 23–24 January 2027, at the Tesoman Palloiluhalli.

Thank you to everyone who makes this event possible — organisers, volunteers, referees, and of course the fencers. We look forward to seeing you in Tampere.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tampere.

Fencing club Kalpaveljet

Weapons	Epee & Sabre
Categories	V1, V2, V3, V4 (merged per EVF criteria where category size < 12, in line with the EVF Circuit Handbook)
Location	Tampere, Finland
Venue	Tesoman Palloiluhalli, Tesoman valtatie 46, 33310 Tampere, Finland
Date	23–24 January 2027
Payment	Cash payments are accepted in euros (€) only or MobilePay at the venue or to bank account: BIC/SWIFT code:NDEAFIHH FI6420461800045072 recipient Kalpaveljet Ry Add the message Epee or Sabre and your name.
Entry fee	€50 per person, per weapon
Organiser contact / Competition Director	Ivan Blagoev — fencing.ivan@gmail.com — +358400522260

Schedule / Timetable

Epee

Stage	Men's Epee (saturday 23 January)	Women's Epee (sunday 24 January)
Registration & check-in	08:30	08:30
Poules begin	09.00	09:00

Sabre

Stage	Men's Sabre (saturday 23 January)	Women's Sabre (sunday 24 January)
Registration & check-in	13.00	13.15
Poules begin	13:30	13:45

All competitions will conclude before 19:00, in accordance with the EVF Circuit Handbook. Schedule times might change when the number of entries is available.

According to EVF regulations. One round of pools followed by direct elimination. If there are less than 12 participants in an event, only the poules will be merged, the ED will be fenced separately.

Entry Information

- Registration deadline: 16 January 2027
- Registration via: Ophardt registration system. Foreign competitors can register on fencing.ivan@gmail.com
- Fencers must be full members of their National Federation.
- Cancellations must be notified at least 24 hours prior to the event, or the entry fee will be forfeited.
- Late registrations may be accepted at the organisers' discretion, up to 3 days prior to the event. For late registrations there will be a 100€ sanction fee
- Payment method: fees can only be paid in EUR. Fees can be paid on-site, by cash or MobilePay. or in advance to bank account: BIC/SWIFT code:NDEAFIHH FI6420461800045072 recipient Kalpaveljet Ry Add the message Epee or Sabre and your name.

Participation of Fencers from Russia and Belarus

In accordance with the decision of the 2026 EVF Congress in Cognac, the EVF does not permit the participation of fencers representing Russia or Belarus and does not recognise neutral status. Fencers originally from Russia or Belarus who have fulfilled the applicable residency requirements and have been authorised to represent another European country are eligible to participate. Such fencers must compete wearing the name and national identification of the country they currently represent. **Any fencer displaying Russian or Belarusian badges or national identification will not be permitted to fence.**

Equipment Vendors & Weapon Control

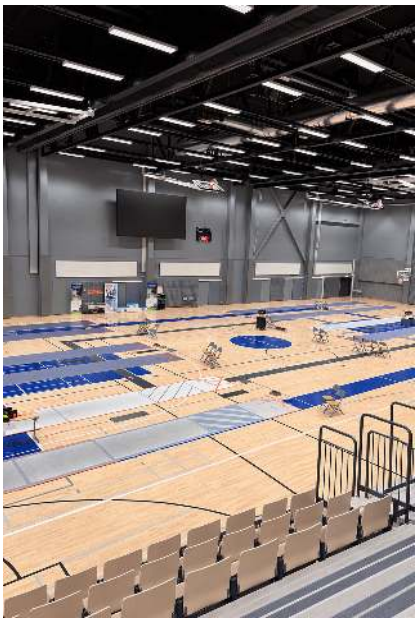
Equipment vendor will be present: PBT seller Oulun miekkailutarvike
https://www.miekkailutarvike.fi/

Referees will check fencers´ equipment on the piste. All equipment must follow the competition rules. Fencer with incorrect equipment may not be allowed to compete.

Catering

A cafeteria run by the organising club will be available on-site at the venue throughout the competition. Free drinking water will be provided in accordance with EVF requirements.





How to Get to the Venue

Tesoman Palloiluhalli is located in the Tesoma district of Tampere, Finland. Suggested travel options:

- By train: Tampere Central Railway Station to Tesoma train station, with onward walking (11min) or local bus e.g line 7 (11min) or taxi connection to Tesoma (approx. 15–20 minutes).
- By car: Free parking is available at the venue.

You can fly to Tampere, Turku or Helsinki

From Helsinki:

- By train: Direct InterCity/Pendolino services from Helsinki Central Station or from Helsinki – Vantaa airport ’to Tampere, journey time approx. 1h 30min–1h 50min.
  Take a train from Helsinki Airport to Tikkurila, where you can easily change to a direct train to Tampere.
  Train tickets VR: https://www.vr.fi/en
- By bus: Coach services (e.g. OnniBus, Matkahuolto operators) from Helsinki, journey time approx. 2–2.5 hours.
- By air: From Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL) to Tampere – Pirkkala Airport (TMP)

From Turku:

- By train: Direct trains from Turku Central Station to Tampere, journey time approx. 1h 35min–1h 50min. Train tickets VR: https://www.vr.fi/en
- By bus: Coach services from Turku, journey time approx. 2–2.5 hours.

Local buses in Tampere:

- Nysse (Tampere regional public transport) bus lines e.g. 4 and 7 connect Tampere city center to Tesoma. There is a short walk to the venue
- A local commuter train stop ("Tesoma") also serves the area, a short walk from the venue. • Up-to-date routes and timetables: https://reittiopas.tampere.fi or Google maps

Car rental:

- Several car rental companies operate at Tampere

Accommodation

Participants are kindly asked to arrange and book their own accommodation. Tampere offers a wide range of hotels and other accommodation options.To make your stay a little easier, we have listed two hotel options below where participants can use a special discount code.

Courtyard by Marriott Tampere City

Marriot booking link :

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1789372962992&key=GRP&app=resvlink

Valid for stays between: 19-24 January 2027

Special rates are valid **until 20 December 2026**, and room availability is limited.

- Room rates include a full breakfast buffet, taxes, complimentary Wi-Fi, and access to a fully equipped fitness center.
- 105 € / per night, Standard Room for one person
- 125 € / per night, Standard Room for two persons
- 30 € / per extra bed, to be booked directly with the hotel (info@courtyardtamperecity.com)

- By car: Tesoma Sport hall 18 min | Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 11 min
- Walking: Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 35 min
- Public transport: Tesoma Sport hall 33-50 min | Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 13 min
- The Tesoma Sport hall can be reached from the hotel in about 30 minutes. It is a 10-minute walk to the railway station, a 6-minute train ride to the next stop Tesoma, and an 11-minute walk from the station to the hall.

Scandic Hämeenpuisto

Booking code: EVNT | Valid for stays between: 19-24 January 2027

Booking code expires 11 January 2027.

- By car: Tesoma Sport hall 16 min | Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 5 min
- Walking: Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 18 min
- Public transport: Tesoma sport hall 30-40 min | Nääshalli (training hall for the camp) 7-14 min

Scandic code EVNT is valid at Scandic Tampere Koskipuisto, Scandic Tampere Hämeenpuisto, Scandic Tampere, City Scandic, Tampere Station, Scandic Postitalo and Scandic Rosendahl. Booking code expires 11 January 2027.

Airbnb

Participants can choose from several accommodation options in Tampere. In addition to hotels, a wide range of Airbnb apartments is available in the city center and near the venue. Airbnb can be a cost-effective option, especially for groups wishing to share accommodation.

Things to do in Tampere:

For fencers and accompanying guests wishing to explore the city outside competition hours (23–24 January 2027), Tampere offers a range of attractions, for example:

- Moomin Museum — dedicated to the original Moomin artwork of Tove Jansson.
- Vapriikki Museum Centre — natural history, local history and rotating exhibitions in a former factory building.
- Näsinneula Observation Tower — panoramic views over Tampere and its lakes, part of the Särkänniemi area.
- Sara Hildén Art Museum — modern and contemporary art, situated by Lake Näsijärvi.
- Tampere Cathedral — notable early-20th-century National Romantic architecture and interior murals.
- Traditional public saunas, e.g. Rajaportin Sauna, one of the oldest public saunas still in operation in the Nordic countries.
- Tampere Market Hall (Tampereen kauppahalli) — local food, cafés and Finnish delicacies, including the city's famous "mustamakkara" (black sausage).

Opening hours and availability may vary in January — please check current details closer to your visit.

Rules and legal

The event takes place according to FIE and EVF regulations.

Liability

Organizer assume no liability. All participants are responsible for the personal equipment.

Jurisdiction

The participants submit to the jurisdiction of the EVF.

Contact

For further information, please contact the organising committee at Ivan Blagoev — fencing.ivan@gmail.com — +358400522260

KALPAVELJET
TAMPERE 1956

Epee training veteran camp

in Nääshalli, Tampere, Finland

20-22 January 2027 (Wednesday-Friday)

Category V0-V5





Training schedule and price:

- Wednesday morning and evening training sessions
- Thursday morning and evening training sessions
- Friday morning training sessions
- Camp fee 80€ or single session 20€. Cash payment.

Coaches

Ivan Blagoev, Hristo Popov and Suvi Lehtonen.

Individual fencing lesson

There will be an opportunity to book individual lessons with the coaches

Information and Registration.

fencing.ivan@gmail.com

How to get to the training hall (Nääshalli)

The fencing hall is easy to reach by public transport. Several bus and tram connections stop close to the venue, making it convenient to travel from anywhere in Tampere.

For those arriving by car, both free and paid parking options are available in the surrounding area.