



3.7.-6.7.2025

SURVIVAL GUIDE

Welcome to Rapier Vienna 2025!

The following provides some basic information about the schedule and activities that will be taking place during the four days of the event. If this is your first time attending, please read all the information carefully, especially the details about times and locations.

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General Information

Main Venue

USZ Hietzing

Altgasse 6, 1130 Wien

<https://sportunion.at/wien/unionsportzentren/usz-hietzing/>

- ❖ Info / Registration / First Aid Desk will be provided.
- ❖ Changing rooms and showers are available on site.
- ❖ Equipment will be locked in at night.

Map

We have put together this map to make it easier for all participants to find their way around Vienna & all event locations. (Scan QR code or use link below)

→ [Rapier Vienna Map 2025](#)

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Getting to the Venue

If you are travelling by public transport, remember that you will need to purchase a ticket. You can usually purchase these from a ticket machine on the tram or bus, or in the station vestibule if you are travelling by metro. There are no ticket machines on metro trains.

[For more general information see [General Information regarding Vienna](#)]

From/to VIE International Airport to Vienna City:

Wiener Linien	Public Train (ÖBB)	Vienna Airport Lines	City Airport Train
When you first arrive, it is recommended that you buy a "24/48/72-hour Vienna Ticket". These tickets only need to be validated once and are	Takes longer, but is more affordable than City Airport Train. Single Tickets from 4,50€ (buy at the station or online). Valid only for ÖBB	Bus Shuttle Service to Central Train Stations (Hauptbahnhof and Westbahnhof) in Vienna. Single Tickets from 10,50€ (buy at the	16 Minutes to Vienna City Center, but more expensive. Single Tickets from 14,90€ (buy at the station or online; valid only for CAT trains)

valid on all lines and in all directions (within city limits!).

Tickets from 8€ (24h), 14,10€(48h) or 17,10€ (72h)

<https://shop.wienmobil.at/en/products/244872>

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<https://www.oebb.at/en/tickets-kundenkarten>

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<https://www.viennaairportlines.at/en/>

<https://www.cityairporttrain.com/en/info-service/timetable//>

Workshops, Levels & Recommended Gear

→ For more information about this year's instructors and lecturers, see [online](#) / handout at the event

Instructors	Workshop	Discipline	Level	Recommended Gear
Cornelius Berthold	One lunge, three tempi – Using Salvator Fabris to ensure the success of our attack	Rapier	Beginner & Advanced	Rapier, arming or sidesword; if you want to make contact during the exercises (which is an important part of the learning process in this case), we recommend also a 1600 N fencing mask, gorget, thin gloves and chest protection.
	Stringere – How to secure the opponents weapon so that your attack is not a gamble			
Lorenzo Braschi	Mind the steps – a footwork workshop	Rapier & Sidesword	All	-
	From military manuals to the fencing salle – the concept of defence in depth in sparring	Any		
Viviano Crimella	Capoferro: a landmark treaty and its fundamental principles	Rapier	Beginner & Advanced	Mask, jacket, gloves recommended

Florian Fortner & Stefan Feichtinger	Turns of the sword, hand & body in bolognese sidesword	Sidesword	Advanced	Sidesword, mask, gorget, padded gloves and chest protection
Karl Rapp	Capoferro's plates, part I	Single Rapier	Beginner	Rapier, mask, light gloves; gorget, breast protection, fencing jacket
	Capoferro's plates, part II		Advanced	
David Rawlings	Smallsword á la Cavendish	Smallsword	all	Smallsword, mask, light gloves; optional: gorget, breast protection, fencing jacket
	Thibault's secrets – Brutal counters beneath beautiful words –	Rapier & Sidesword		-
Julian Schrattenecker	Fabris with a twist	Single Rapier	Intermediate & Advanced	Rapier, mask, light gloves, gorget, chest protection, fencing jacket
Roman Vučajnk	Precepts of Meyer's rappier	Sidesword	All	-
Anna Wiederänders	Beat the aches! Prevention of injuries and overuse injuries in HEMA	Any	Any	None

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Guided City Tour

14:00	Guided City Tour around Vienna (Part I) Location TBA
17:00	Guided City Tour around Vienna (Part II) Location TBA

Evening Event: Dinner

19:00	roer Marie https://roermarie.at/ Ottakringer Str. 222-224, 1160 Wien → Close to U3 station Ottakring
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Typical Austrian “Heuriger” (wine tavern). A Heuriger (pronounced hoy-ree-ger) is a uniquely Austrian type of wine tavern, most commonly found in and around Vienna and in wine-producing regions like Lower Austria and Burgenland. It’s a cozy, informal place where local winemakers serve their own recent vintages of wine, accompanied by traditional Austrian cold and warm foods.

Friday 4th July 2025

Main Venue: USZ Hietzing - Altgasse 6, 1130 Vienna

	Big Hall - A	Big Hall - B	Small Hall - C
09:00	Halls open		
09:25	Welcome Speech		
09:35 - 10:00	Warm Up with <u>Anna Wiederänders</u> (Equipment provided: Resistance bands)		Sparring
10:10 - 11:40	Prevention of Pain und Overuse Injuries in HEMA with <u>Anna Wiederänders</u> (Equipment provided: Resistance bands)	Fabris intensiv with <u>Julian Schrattenecker</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	

11:50 - 13:20	Capo Ferro with <u>Viviano Crimella</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Mind the Steps: A Footwork Workshop with <u>Lorenzo Braschi</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Sidesword, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	
13:20-14:00	Lunch - Drinks, snacks, cake buffet		
14:20 - 15:20	Sparring		Discussion: What can historical swords teach us? - with <u>Julian Schrattenecker</u>
15:30 - 17:00	Precepts of Meyer's Rapier with <u>Roman Vučajin</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Sidesword, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Capo Ferro with <u>Viviano Crimella</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Sparring
17:30	Abandon ship! Hall closes!		

Evening Event: Dinner

19:00	Gleis//Garten https://www.gleisgarten.com/ Eichenstrasse 2, 1120 Wien
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To show a bit of the international side of Vienna we will go to Gleis//Garten is Vienna's very first food hall, a vibrant gastronomic and cultural hub located in Meidling—in a beautifully repurposed 1907 carriage shed of the former Badner Bahn remnant. Culinary variety: Italian pinsa, Texas-style BBQ, Moroccan couscous bowls, Japanese, Asian, Greek, Mediterranean, and changing "Local Hero" pop-up concepts. It also has its own brewery.

Saturday 5th July 2025

Main Venue: USZ Hietzing - Altgasse 6, 1130 Vienna

	Big Hall - A	Big Hall - B	Small Hall - C
8:30 - 9:00	Halls open		
09:00 - 9:25	Warm Up with <u>Anna Wiederänders</u> (Equipment provided: Resistance bands)		Sparring
9:30 - 11:00	Prevention of Pain und Overuse Injuries in HEMA with <u>Anna Wiederänders</u> (Equipment provided: Resistance bands)	Capoferro's plates, Part 1 with <u>Karl Rapp</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves - Beginner & Advanced)	
11:15 - 12:45	Rapier á la Girard Thibault with <u>David Rawlings</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Capoferro's plates, Part 2 with <u>Karl Rapp</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves - Advanced)	
12:45	Group Photo & Trainer Appreciation		
12:50-13:55	Lunch - Drinks, snacks, cake buffet		
14:00 - 15:00	Sparring		Discussion: Why Fabris has what the HEMA Community needs - with <u>Cornelius Berthold</u>
15:10 - 16:40	One Lunge, Three Tempi with <u>Cornelius Berthold</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Turns of the Sword, Hand and Body in Bolognese Sidesword with <u>Florian Fortner</u> , <u>Stefan Feichtinger</u> (Equipment: Sidesword, Jackets, Masks, Gloves, further protective gear - Advanced)	Sparring
17:30	Halls close (Begone! Or be locked up for the night)		

Evening Event: Gala Dinner

19:00	Melker Stiftskeller https://www.melkerstiftskeller.at/ Schottengasse 3, 1010 Wien Close to U ₂ station Schottentor or U ₃ station Herrengasse with <u>Raffle/Tombola</u>
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Melker Stiftskeller is a historic Viennese cellar restaurant located in the first district of Vienna. The setting in a historic underground wine cellar dates back to the 17th century and is one of the oldest of its kind. A buffet with old Austrian classics awaits you there. Be ready for a night of celebration and debauchery. With a bit of luck you will even take one of our great raffle prizes home.

Sunday 6th July 2025

Main Venue: USZ Hietzing - Altgasse 6, 1130 Vienna

	Big Hall - A	Big Hall - B	Small Hall - C
8:30 - 9:00	Halls open		
09:00: - 09:25	Warm Up with <u>Florian Fortner</u> (Equipment provided: Resistance bands)		Sparring
9:30 - 11:00	Stringere: How to secure the opponents weapon so that your attack is not a gamble with <u>Cornelius Berthold</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	Precepts of Meyer's rapier with <u>Roman Vučajnk</u> (Equipment: Rapier, Sidesword, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	
11:15 - 12:45	From military manuals to the sencing salle: The concept of defence in Depth in Sparring with <u>Lorenzo Braschi</u> (Equipment any weapon)	Smallsword á la Cavendish with <u>David Rawlings</u> (Equipment: Smallsword, Jackets, Masks, Gloves)	
12:50-13:40	Lunch - Drinks, snacks, cake buffet		

13:45 - 14:45	Sparring	(Fairy) tales with <u>Roman Vučajnk</u>
15:00 - 16:30	Tournament Quadrangolo di Ferro	Sparring
16:50-17:00	Farewell, we ought to say good-bye	
17:00	Start packing, we'll have to be gone soon!	
17:30	Begone! Or join the ranks of forgotten children in the hall, living off the bugs under the floorboards. See you next time!!!	

Evening Event: Dinner

18:00	Brandauer Schlossbräu https://www.bierig.at/schlossbrau/ Am Platz 5, 1130 Wien
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Schlossbräu (Brandauer) is a historic, year-round beer hall & garden offering Austrian comfort food, house-brewed beers on tap, and a lively, inclusive atmosphere. Located close to the event location it will be a perfect time for one (or more) last beer before we sadly have to say goodbye again.

Tournament Quadrangolo di Ferro

A fun mode of fighting invented by FISAS. Here are the tournament rules:

Ring

Square space enclosed by barriers (wood or rope) with an entrance at every corner marked with letters A-D, with a size of Xm x Xm.

Weapons

The following weapon combinations are allowed in the fight and need to be checked before. Each fighter can have as many of them as they please and switch them from fight to fight.

- Rapier
- Rapier + Sidearm (Dagger, Buckler, Rotella, Cape, Targa)
- Sidesword
- Sidesword + Sidearm (Dagger, Buckler, Rotella, Cape, Targa)
- Smallsword
- Smallsword + Sidearm (Dagger, Buckler, Rotella, Cape, Targa)

There are no regulations on length or weight or design, only the flexibility of the sword blades needs to be safe for thrusting.

Protective Gear

Must have:

- Mask
- Fencing jacket
- Chest protection
- Groin protection (for men)
- Gloves (the harder the better, especially with the sidesword)
- forearm protection

Nice to have:

- Elbow protection
- Knee & shin protection

Mode of Fighting

All participants queue up evenly distributed at the four corner entrances. The “master of ceremony” or judge stands inside the ring and calls the fighters in by the letter markings of the corners.

For example, he calls “A” and “D” – then the first person in the respective queue enters the ring and the fight immediately starts.

The judge starts a timer at this point. In the beginning with a time of 90 seconds. Now the fight goes on until the judge calls out “Halt!” when he could identify a clean hit or the timer runs out. The fighters are not allowed to stop when they think they have hit or have been hit.

The encounter can end in the following ways:

- a) One fighter scores ONE clean effective hit, by thrust, cut or slice
- b) Both fighters score a hit = double hit
- c) Time runs out

In case of a), the victor stays in the ring and the judge calls out a new opponent.

In case of b) or c), both fighters leave the ring and the judge calls two new fighters in.

If one fighter wins multiple times in succession, the judge can, at his discretion, call in more than one opponent, usually two or at maximum three, to ramp up the difficulty and so balance the opportunity for every participant to enter the ring as often as possible.

Modifications

When all participants had a few encounters, the judge can announce a reduction of time, for example one minute instead of 90 seconds.

General Information regarding Vienna

Opening hours for shops and supermarkets

Opening hours for shops and supermarkets in Austria are regulated by law.

On weekdays, shops are usually open from 9 to 6 pm, supermarkets from 7:15 am until 6 or 7:30 pm, (some until 8 pm).

Shopping centres such as Wien Mitte and Lugner City open at 9 a.m. and do not close until 9 p.m., at least on Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturdays, most shops and supermarkets close at 6pm!

A few recommended sightseeing spots

Schloss Schönbrunn / Schönbrunn Imperial Palace, Gardens and Zoo

<https://www.schoenbrunn.at/en/>

(→ 5-10 Mins from Rapiers Vienna Main Venue! Free entry to exterior/gardens)

Heeresgeschichtliches Museum / Museum of Military History

<https://www.hgm.at/en/visit-our-museums/museum-of-military-history/exhibitions>

Hofjagd- und Rüstkammer / Imperial Armoury:

Entrance through “Weltmuseum” (Anthropological Museum) downstairs.

Rapiers, more swords and armour upstairs in the Imperial collection

<https://www.khm.at/en/visit/collections/imperial-armoury/>

Stephansdom / St. Stephen’s Cathedral

<https://stephanskirche.at/>

(Free entry)

Kunsthistorisches Museum / Museum of Art History Vienna

for Historical Paintings, Ancient Europe, Ancient Egypt and more

<https://www.khm.at/en/>

Naturhistorisches Museum / Museum of Natural History Vienna

Prehistorical and Historical Archaeological Objects (Venus of Willendorf), Palaeontology, Geology and more

https://www.nhm-wien.ac.at/en/exhibitions/permanent_exhibitions

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek / Austrian National Library

Largest library in the country, permanent and special exhibitions in the State Hall and the museums – the Literature, Papyrus, Globe and Esperanto Museum and the House of Austrian History

<https://www.onb.ac.at/en/museums>

Hundertwasserhaus/Kunsthaus Wien

<https://www.kunsthausewien.com/en/>

(Exterior & Courtyard free of charge) → Metro U4 to Landstraße/Wien Mitte

More free sightseeing:

Wien Museum (Permanent exhibition)

https://www.wienmuseum.at/wien_museum_en

→ Metro U4 to Karlsplatz, Free entry to permanent exhibition of Vienna's urban history!

Belvedere Palace/Museum (exterior) and Gardens

<https://www.belvedere.at/en/discover/gardens>

→ near Hauptbahnhof Wien / Vienna Central Train Station

Vienna's Historic City Center

<https://www.wien.info/en/art-culture/ringstrasse/most-important-public-buildings-352268>

Imperial Palace/Neue Burg, City Hall/Rathaus (incl. courtyards), Rathausplatz, Austrian Parliament, Heldenplatz, Volksgarten, Stephansdom/St. Stephens Cathedral, Karlskirche, Stadtpark, Vienna State Opera, University of Vienna, Votivkirche...

In case of Emergency

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire Brigade: 122

Police: 133

Ambulance: 144

European emergency: 112

Emergency Doctor (night and weekends) 141

Medical treatment in Austria is free of charge for holders of the European Health Insurance Card (eCard). It is strongly recommended that travellers from non-European countries take out travel insurance before travelling to Austria.