



10.7.-12.7.2026

SURVIVAL GUIDE

Welcome to Rapier Vienna 2026!

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.

General Information

Main Venue

USZr Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus
Auf der Schmelz 6, 1150 Vienna

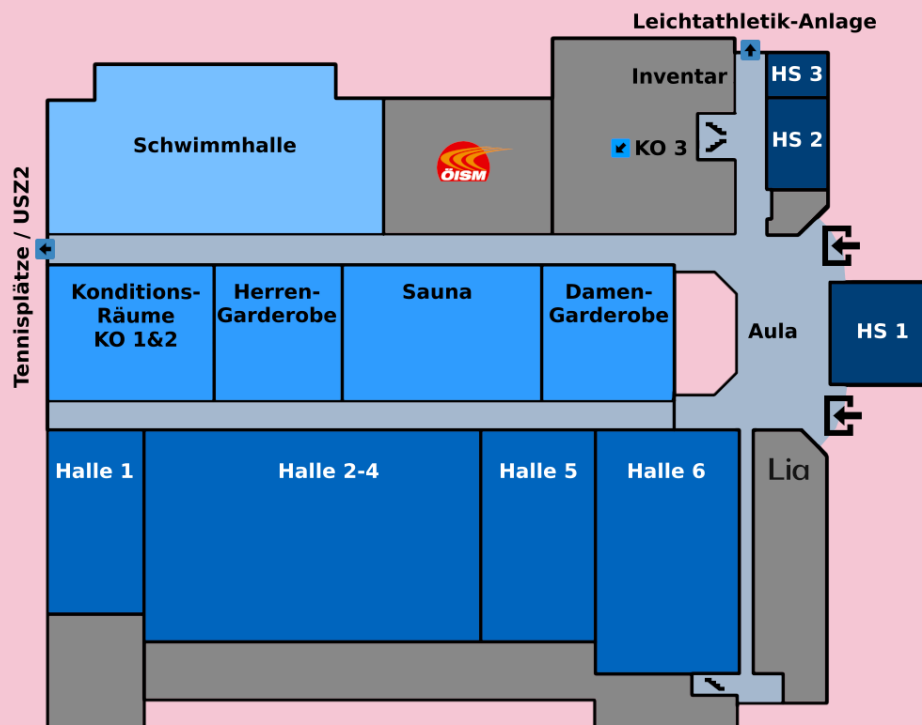
<https://www.schulsport-serviceteam.at/usz-plan>

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

Event Contacts

Nina +43 680 2260386

Charlie +43 670 6038418



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 2026](#)



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
<p>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 valid on all lines and in all directions (within city limits!). Tickets from 8€ (24h), 14,10€(48h) or 17,10€ (72h)</p> <p>https://shop.wienmobil.at/en/products/244872_VIE#iss=https://log.wien/auth/realms/logwien</p>	<p>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 trains.</p> <p>https://www.oebb.at/en/tickets-kundenkarten</p>	<p>Bus Shuttle Service to Central Train Stations (Hauptbahnhof and Westbahnhof) in Vienna. Single Tickets from 10,50€ (buy at the station, online or on the bus; valid only for Vienna Airport Lines busses)</p> <p>https://www.viennaairportlines.at/en/</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>https://www.cityairporttrain.com/en/info-service/timetable/</p>

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
Andrei Xuereb	The Rapier and Buckler According to Frederico Ghisliero (1587) and his contemporaries	Rapier & Buckler	Intermediate & above	A Rapier and Buckler (between 25cm - 30cm diameter), Mask, Gloves, some kind of chest protection for minimal contact.
Željko Glumac	Capo Ferro’s Scannatura: The Art of Blade Manipulation	Rapier	-	mask, throat protector, jacket, chest protector (extended advised), gloves, groin protector (for males), knee protectors
	Vita-lity in Capo Ferro	Rapier		
Özgen “Ozzy” Senol	Distance and Pace	none	-	No equipment, no padding, no weapons. Just a sharp and healthy mind, courage, a keen eye, desire, and of course, underwear.
Florian Fortner & Stefan Feichtinger	Two Swords Are Better Than One - Bolognese Fighting with a Sword in each Hand	Two Sidesword	Intermediate	two swords (rapier + sidesword is fine), mask, jacket, gloves, chest protector

Pavle Ilijasevic	Stringere – the art of engagement	Sidesword	Beginner	Mask, neck and chest protection, forearm protection and gloves, sidesword if possible
	Gioco Larga – the Wide Play		Intermediate	Adequate gear for sparing of light to medium intensity, sidesword if possible
Karl Rapp	Doppelmoppel Capoferro, Basic Capoferro part I	Rapier	Beginner	Rapier, mask, light gloves; gorget, breast protection, fencing jacket
	Doppelmoppel Capoferro, Tactical Capoferro part II			
Julian Schrattenecker & Florian Fortner	Introduction to Fabris' Rapier & Dagger	Rapier & Dagger	Intermediate	mask, throat protector, jacket, chest protector, gloves, groin protector
Tobias Zimmermann	Kreusslersches Stoßfechten / German smallsword	smallsword or foil (no pistol grips)	-	mask and jacket
Franco Davies & Anna Wiederänders	Fight Conditioning and injury prevention. Crossing the bridge between old and new.	-	-	sword, mask, gloves, resistance bands (loops or long)
Franco Davies	From Galen to di Grassi to today	-	-	Lecture

Erich Pany	Once Upon A Time in Spain – The brief History and Principles of La Verdadera Destreza	-	-	Lecture
-------------------	---	---	---	---------

Thursday 9th July 2026

Guided tour Rapier Vienna 2026

Guided City Tour

13:00	Liebenberg-Monument
15:00	Hoher Markt
17:00	Sprezzatura

This years guided tour will present you bits of the history of Vienna from roman times to the 19th century, focusing on the development of Vienna and the sometimes quite funny interpretation of events by its citizens. You will see remnants of the fortifications from the siege in the ottoman war of 1685, the first skyscraper, munch some ice cream in between, as well as making the usual rest stop at the Hall of Sprezzatura for a beer near the end.

First Meeting point at 13.00:

Liebenberg-Monument (near subway/tramway station Schottentor) [Liebenberg-Denkmal](#)
([Google Maps](#))

Second Meeting point at 15.00:

Hoher Markt (we will have a short break and some ice cream here!) [Hoher Markt](#) ([Google Maps](#))
From here the second leg of the tour will start around 15.30

Third Meeting point at 17.00

(another short break, possibly with some drinks from the Sprezzatura beer cellar):

Sprezzatura – Postgasse 2 [Sprezzatura \(Google Maps\)](#)

Last leg of the tour, starting approx. 17.30

Tour ends at the evening location at 18.30:

Salm Bräu, Rennweg 8, 1030 Wien

18:30	Salm Bräu Rennweg 8, 1030 Wien Reservation under the name Sprezzatura
--------------	--

Friday 10th July 2026

Main Venue: [USZr Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus](#) - Auf der Schmelz 6, 1150 Vienna

<i>Friday</i>	Area A	Area B	Area C
08:00-09:00	Team		
09:00	Hall opens		
09:25	Welcome speech!		
09:35-10:00	Warm-Up "Let's sweat" <i>Anna Wiederänders</i> Equipment: resistance bands (loops or long)		Sparring
10:10-11:40	PART 1 Fight Conditioning and injury prevention. Crossing the bridge between old and new <i>Franco Davies and Anna Wiederänders</i> Equipment: any kind of sword, mask, gloves, resistance bands (loops or long) <i>All Levels</i>	PART 1 Doppelmoppel Capoferro <i>Karl Rapp</i> Equipment: Rapier, full Gear <i>All Levels</i>	
11:50-13:20	PART 2 Fight Conditioning and injury prevention. Crossing the bridge between old and new	PART 2 Doppelmoppel Capoferro	
13:20-14:10	Lunch		
14:20-15:20	Time for more Sparring		Lecture From Galen to di Grassi to today <i>Franco Davies</i>
15:30-17:00	Only once! Stringere - the art of engagement <i>Pavle Ilijasevic</i> Equipment: sidesword if possible (though other one handed weapons with a cutting edge can also work), full gear + forearm protection <i>Beginner</i>	Only once! Introduction to Fabris' Rapier & dagger <i>Julian Schrattenecker</i> Equipment: rapier, dagger, full gear <i>Intermediate and above</i>	Sparring
17:30	Abandon ship! Hall closes! Guide to the evening location		

Full Gear: mask, jacket, gloves, throat-, chest- and groin protection (appropriate for the respective weapon)

Evening Event: Dinner

18:00	Gleis // Garten Eichenstraße 2, 1120 Wien
-------	--

Saturday 11th July 2026

Main Venue: USZr Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus - Auf der Schmelz 6, 1150 Vienna

<i>Saturday</i>	Area A	Area B	Area C
08:30	Hall opens		
09:00-09:30	Warm-Up "Maltese Style" <i>Andrei Xuareb</i> Equipment: rapier, mask		Sparring
09:35-11:05	PART 1 The Rapier and Buckler According to Federico Ghisliero (1587) and his contemporaries <i>Andrei Xuareb</i> Equipment: Rapier and Buckler (25cm - 30cm diameter), Mask, Gloves, chest protection for minimal contact <i>Intermediate and above</i>	PART 1 Kreusslersches Stoßfechten / German smallsword <i>Tobias Zimmermann</i> Equipment: smallsword or foil (no pistol grips, there will be some to borrow), mask + jacket <i>All Levels</i>	
11:20-12:50	PART 2 The Rapier and Buckler According to Federico Ghisliero (1587) and his contemporaries	PART 2 Kreusslersches Stoßfechten / German smallsword	
12:50	Smile! Group picture & trainer appreciation!		
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-15:00	Time for more Sparring		Lecture Once Upon A Time in Spain – The brief History and Principles of La Verdadera Destreza <i>Erich Pany</i>
15:10-16:40	Hold double! Distance and Pace <i>Özgen Senol</i> Equipment: No gear, no padding, no weapons. Just a sharp and healthy mind, courage, a keen eye, desire, and of course, underwear <i>All levels</i>	Only once! Capo Ferro's Scannatura: The Art of Blade Manipulation <i>Željko Glumac</i> Equipment: rapier, full gear + knee protectors <i>All levels</i>	Sparring
17:30	Begone! Or be locked up! (for the night) Guide to the evening location		

Full Gear: mask, jacket, gloves, throat-, chest- and groin protection (appropriate for the respective weapon)

18.30	Schutzhau Zukunft auf der Schmelz Verlängerte, Guntherstraße, 1150 Wien, (only hundred meter from the hall)
-------	--

Evening Event: Gala Dinner

Sunday 12th July 2026

Main Venue: USZr Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus - Auf der Schmelz 6, 1150 Vienna

<i>Sunday</i>	Area A	Area B	Area C
08:30	Hall opens		
09:00-09:25	Warm-Up "Sprezzatura" <i>Florian Fortner</i> Equipment: Resistance bands		Sparring
09:30-11:00	Only once! Gioco Larga - the Wide Play <i>Pavle Ilijasevic</i> Equipment: sidesword if possible (though other one handed weapons with a cutting edge can also work), full gear for sparing of light to medium intensity <i>Intermediate</i> <i>(Participants should be familiar with the terminology of Bolognese system of strikes and guards.)</i>	Only once! Vita-lity in Capo Ferro <i>Željko Glumac</i> Equipment: rapier, full gear + forearm protectors (optional) <i>All levels</i>	
11:15-12:45	Hold double! Distance and Pace <i>Özgen Senol</i> Equipment: No gear, no padding, no weapons. Just a sharp and healthy mind, courage, a keen eye, desire, and of course, underwear <i>All levels</i>	Only once! Two Swords are Better Than One - Bolognese Fighting with a Sword in <i>Florian Fortner & Stefan Feichtinger</i> Equipment: 2 Sideswords (or 1 sidesword and 1 rapier), Jackets, Masks, Gloves <i>Intermediate</i>	
12:45-13:45	Lunch		
13:45-14:45	Time for even more Sparring		Discussion "How historical and martial is HEMA at the moment?" <i>Željko Glumac</i> Modus: <i>Everybody can listen, but only instructors and advanced practitioners may speak</i>
15:00 - 16:30	Quadrangolo di ferro! (Mixed weapons fun tournament)		Hall closed!
16:30	Come together! Farewell, we ought to say good-bye		
17:00	<i>Start packing, we'll have to be gone soon!</i>		
17:30	Begone! Or join the ranks of forgotten children in the hall, living off the bugs under the floorboards. See you next time!!!		

Full Gear: mask, jacket, gloves, throat-, chest- and groin protection (appropriate for the respective weapon)

Evening Event: Dinner

17:30	Schutzhaus Zukunft auf der Schmelz Verlängerte, Guntherstraße, 1150 Wien, (only hundred meter from the hall)
--------------	---

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 8m x 8m.

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

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 Rapier 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.

