Invitation – 5th Zurich Open

The Swiss Showdown Association is pleased to invite you to the fifth international showdown tournament in Zurich, Switzerland.

Date November 11 – 15, 2026

Location (Accommodation and Competition)

Hotel Ibis Styles Zurich City Center

The hotel is situated in the center of Zurich, seven minutes' walking distance to both the main train station and the old town. It can be conveniently reached from the airport and the main station by public transportation or from the main station, even by foot.

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Program

Arrival:	Wednesday 11th after lunch
Opening ceremony:	Wednesday 11th after dinner
Competition:	Thursday 12th – Saturday 14th
Closing ceremony:	Saturday 14th
Departure:	Sunday 15th after breakfast

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Participation Fee

The participation fee includes four nights' accommodation, and meals from Wednesday dinner up to Sunday breakfast.

- EUR 550 for accommodation in a double room
- EUR 825 for accommodation in a single room
- EUR 500 for accommodation in triple room (limited availability)

Please note that only one triple or single room is available per country, and there is no guarantee of being allocated a single/triple room. Participants of a team consisting of an odd number of people will be given priority in the allocation of such rooms.

Competition

The competition will be held according to IBSA showdown rules, and players will receive IBSA ranking points. There will be at least 5 Czech tables (both plastic and net goals) and it will be played with the newest edition of Danish balls.

Number of Players

Due to the limited number of playing tables and the limited number of hotel beds available, the number of players and accompanying people will be limited. The process of limiting participants is described in the appendix of this document.

Proof of visual Impairment

According to IBSA guidelines for tournaments providing ranking points, players need to provide a certificate, issued by a medical doctor, which testifies that their eyesight is in the range for B1, B2 or B3. Players who have a valid IBSA classification or have previously participated in the Zurich Open do not have to provide such a certificate.

Registration Process

Information on the registration process can be found in the appendix to this invitation.

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Refund Policy

Cancellation up to September 20th – 90% refund.

Cancellation up to October 11th – 50% refund.

Cancellation after October 11th – No refund

The Zurich Open OC resumes no responsibility for the visa arrangements of the participants. No extraordinary reimbursement will be made in case participants do not obtain a valid visa.

Transportation

Transfers from Zurich Airport and Zurich main station are offered.

- The shuttle bus from and to the airport is EUR 20 per person (both ways)
- An accompanying service on foot from and to the main station is free of charge.

Guests

The Organizing Committee has arranged special accommodation terms for officially registered athletes and coaches participating in the tournament. Friends, other guests and additional coaches are welcome to attend; however, they are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and meals.

Extended Stay

There is the possibility of extending your stay in Zurich at Ibis Styles for a special price (per night and double room, including breakfast).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Zurich!

On behalf of the OC

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Appendix

Limitation of number of players and waiting list

First entry form – entry by numbers

Deadline: May 17th, 2026

In the first step of registration the number of participants (including accompanying people) will be limited to a maximum of 7 people per country. Use the form ‘entry by numbers’ and enter the following:

- the number of attending participants (players and accompanying people) of your country, who will attend the tournament. (mandatory)
- the number of participants (players and accompanying people) that should be put on the waiting list. (optional)

After the deadline (17 May 2026) any remaining available places will be distributed to countries which have submitted a waiting list.

Second entry form – entry by names

Deadline: August 6th, 2026

The second step of the registration needs to be completed as soon as the entry spots available to each country are known. Use the form ‘entry by names’ and enter the following:

- name, surname
- room assignments
- transfer wishes
- other details like flight numbers (mandatory), food allergies, guide dogs, etc.

Payment and Transfer Details Deadline

After the approval of the second entry form, invoices will be sent to participating countries. The invoices must be settled by September 6th, 2026.

The deadline for transfer and other details is October 4th, 2026.

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