

# Invitation

The Swiss Showdown Association invites you to the first international showdown tournament in  
Switzerland

## 1<sup>st</sup> Zurich Open

**Date:**

November 23 – 27, 2022

**Location (accommodation and competition):**

Hotel Ibis Styles Zurich City Center

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

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**Program :**

Arrival: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> after lunch.

Opening ceremony: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> after dinner.

Competition: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Closing Ceremony: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Departure: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> after breakfast.

**Participation Fee:**

450 EUR with accommodation in double room.

610 EUR with accommodation in single room (there is no guarantee for a single room).

The participation fee includes four nights and meals from Wednesday dinner up to Sunday breakfast as well as guided transfers by public transportation on arrival and departure from either the airport or the main station.

### **Competition:**

The competition will be held according to the actual IBSA showdown rules and you will receive IBSA ranking points. There will be four Czech tables and we will play with Swedish balls.

### **Number of players:**

Since we have only four tables and a limited amount of hotel beds available, we might be forced to limit the number of players. How this will be handled is described in the appendix of this document.

### **Registration process:**

Deadline for handing in entry form: June 25, 2022.

Email for handing in entry forms: [zurich-open@swiss-showdown.ch](mailto:zurich-open@swiss-showdown.ch).

After this deadline we will decide within one week whether we can accept all players and accompanying persons. If this is not possible, we will inform those people whom we cannot include in the tournament and offer them to be put on the waiting list.

At the same time we will send the invoices with payment instructions and the second entry form where we collect information about arrival and departure times and your needs for transportation and special food.

Deadline for payment: August 15, 2022.

### **Proof of visual impairment:**

According to the IBSA guidelines for tournaments providing ranking points, we need a certificate by an actual medical doctor which testifies that the eyesight of the player is in the range for B1, B2 or B3. Players who already have a valid IBSA classification don't have to provide such a certificate.

### Refund policy:

Cancellation up to September 15: 90% refund.

Cancellation up to October 30: 50% refund.

Cancellation after October 30: No refund.

### Transportation

We will offer transfers from both Zurich airport and Zurich main station.

If you decide to do the transfer by public transportation, you will be picked up at the platform or the arrival gate and guided to the train or tram. From the destination you will be guided to the hotel. This kind of transfer is included in the participation fee.

If you prefer a transfer by shuttle directly to the hotel, this will be available for a fee of 10 EUR (airport) or 5 EUR (train station) per person for one way

### Extended stay

If you decide to extend your stay in Zurich (what we consider a good idea 😊), we can offer you a rate of 70 CHF (almost the same in EUR) for one person in a double room, breakfast included.

For the LOC

Josef Stöckli, President

Stephan Dütsch, Operations and Finance

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## Appendix

### Limitation of number of players and waiting list

Although it might look a bit complicated, we want to provide full transparency of the modalities to distribute the available number of places to the several countries.

If there are too many registrations handed in by the entry forms, the number of players is limited as follows:

#### **Important:**

Countries should fill in the players in the entry form according to their priority for participation.

There is not a maximum number of players per gender. The maximum is valid for both genders together.

The assignment of players per country is done strictly according to the order in the entry form, independent of gender.

Countries who announced their interest according to the call for pre-registration will get the right for 8 participants, the other countries will get the right for 4 participants. If there are more players on the entry form, they will be picked in the order in which they appear on the list.

#### Too many players

If, after picking players from the forms according to the above rules, there are more players than we can handle, players will be removed from the list starting with the last player of the country with the most participants, continuing with the next country and so on.

#### Two few players

If, after picking players from the forms according to the above rules, there are less players than we can handle, additional players are picked from the entry forms starting with the country with the most players, continuing with the next country and so on.

## Waiting List

Whenever a player is removed from the participation list (by not paying the fee, by cancelation or by failing to provide the vi-certificate) we will contact the next person on the waiting list. The procedures which then apply will depend on the situation.