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EUROPEAN COMBAT SPORTS FESTIVAL · 2026

MMA

20–24 OCTOBER 2026

UNIBET ARENA · TALLINN · ESTONIA

FREE ENTRY FOR COMPETING ATHLETES · ERASMUS+ SPORT FUNDED

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THE CLASH COMBATSPORTS

WELCOME TO THE CLASH

BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE — THREE DEADLINES

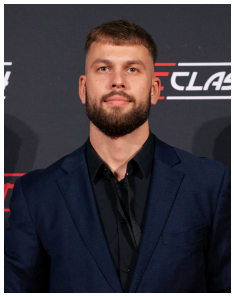
1. Register your team on Smoothcomp: smoothcomp.com/en/event/32203 — by **30 September 2026, 23:59** (Tallinn time)
2. Send the coach package to info@theclash.ee — by **30 September 2026**
3. Send the team's medical documents to medical@theclash.ee — by **7 October 2026**

Full instructions, documents and rules: theclash.ee/en/registration. Accommodation: Dzingel Hotel, code **TCB26**, 25% off, book via hotell@dzingel.ee — other partner hotels at theclash.ee/en/festival-en.

Dear fighters, coaches, and federation friends —

The Clash Festival is a non-profit event, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Sport programme. **There is no entry fee for competing athletes.** Bring your mouthguards — Clash supplies the equipment, the medical desk, and the fight area.

All weight classes run **single-elimination brackets**. The **Clash Champion's Belt** goes to the winner of every class with **8 or more entrants**, earned in the bracket over three matches (qualifier, semi-final, final); classes with fewer than 8 entrants award the **Clash Champion's Medal** instead. Every podium place receives a medal and diploma. Come well prepared, respect your opponent, and we will see you in Tallinn.



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WHAT THE CLASH FESTIVAL IS

A non-profit, five-day European combat-sports gathering — 13+ partners across the EU, four disciplines under one roof, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Sport programme.

Held at **Unibet Arena, Tallinn**, 20–24 October 2026. **There is no entry fee for competing athletes** — Clash supplies the equipment, the medical desk, and the fight area. MMA, K-1 and Muay Thai each get their own arena, with a fourth discipline to be announced, so multi-discipline clubs attend a single venue for a single week. Come well prepared, respect your opponent, and we will see you in Tallinn.

MMA

IMMAF rules
Cage 9m
Youth C (12–13) → Senior

K-1

WAKO K1-Style
Ring
Younger Juniors (15–16) → Seniors

VIEW INVITE →

MUAY THAI

IFMA rules
Ring
U10 → Elite

VIEW INVITE →

Competing in more than one discipline? Open the MMA, K-1 and Muay Thai invites here.

HIGHLIGHTS

€0	13+	4	LIVE	BELT
ENTRY FEE FOR ATHLETES	EU PARTNERS ACROSS THE UNION	DISCIPLINES IN PARALLEL	@THECLASHBALTIC YOUTUBE	CLASH CHAMPION'S BELT

MORE THAN A COMPETITION

Combat sports under amateur rules, all under one roof. For five days, Unibet Arena becomes the home of European amateur fighting: MMA, K-1 and Muay Thai — with a fourth discipline to be announced — brackets from youth to senior, athletes from 12+ partner countries, and a festival built around the fighters, not just the fights.

COMPETE

Full brackets in MMA, K-1 and Muay Thai (a fourth discipline to be announced) under IMMAF, WAKO and IFMA amateur rules, with a professional live broadcast of every match.

FIGHT FOR THE BELT

Weight-class winners take home the Clash Champion's Belt: serialised, discipline-specific, yours to keep, and earned in the bracket, never handed out.

LEARN

Free seminars all week: nutrition and recovery, mental health, training methodology, personal branding, coach development, judging and EU funding. Master Classes from Glory Kickboxing and UFC fighters.

GET SUPPORTED

The Erasmus+ funded Supported Athlete Programme helps athletes who could not otherwise afford to compete: selected athletes receive support towards travel or accommodation.

GET CERTIFIED

Participants receive a Europass certificate recognising what they took part in and learned.

SCHEDULE · 20–24 OCTOBER 2026

20	21	22	23	24
TUE · OCT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ARRIVAL ACCREDITATION	QUALIFIERS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS BELT CEREMONIES	SEMINARS DEPARTURES

DATE	PROGRAMME
Tue 20 Oct	Arrival · Accreditation · Welcome reception (evening)
Wed 21 Oct Competition Day 1	Rules meeting for coaches (morning) · Weigh-in · Medical check · Draw · Qualifier bouts · Educational sessions through the day
Thu 22 Oct Competition Day 2	Weigh-in · Medical check · Semi-final bouts · Educational sessions through the day
Fri 23 Oct Competition Day 3	Weigh-in · Medical check · Final bouts · Belt ceremonies · Educational sessions through the day
Sat 24 Oct	Closing educational seminars · Departures

Exact times and hall assignments: the full schedule is published on **theclash.ee** after registration closes (30 September 2026, 23:59 Tallinn time). Registered clubs also receive direct notification by email.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Rules: IMMAF Unified Rules for Amateur MMA (January 2021) as adapted by the ESVL cover regulation of 09.04.2025; age and weight divisions per the IMMAF European Championships Handbook 2026. All rulebooks are archived at theclash.ee/en/registration. Age classes: **Youth C (12–13) · Youth B (14–15) · Youth A (16–17) · Junior (18–20) · Senior (18+)**. Rules meeting Wed 21 Oct morning — mandatory for all coaches; athletes do not attend.

FORMAT

- **Single-elimination brackets** — both semi-final losers place third. When the entrant count is not 2, 4, 8 or 16, the top seeds receive first-round byes.
- **Youth brackets** — Youth C and Youth B classes with fewer than four entrants run as round robin; with four or more, single elimination. Youth A and older classes run as single elimination.
- **Clash Champion's Belt** — awarded in every class with **8 or more entrants**, earned over three matches (qualifier, semi-final, final). Fewer than 8 entrants: no belt, and the winner takes the **Clash Champion's Medal**.
- **Medal + diploma** for 1st, 2nd and both 3rd places. Full detail in **Awarding** (next page).

Junior vs Senior — athlete's choice. Athletes 18–20 may register either in Junior (18–20, IMMAF Junior rules) or in Senior (18+, IMMAF Senior rules). Free choice, declared at registration.

Amateur status required. Professional MMA fighters (any pro record on Smoothcomp / Tapology / Sherdog) are not eligible.

WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in is on the morning of each competition day, at least 3 hours before the first bout. Athletes weigh in clothed: MMA shorts + rashguard (no bare torso). Competitors must be within the weight limit of the division they are registered to.

AWARDING · CLASH CHAMPION'S BELT

THE MARQUEE AWARD

CLASH CHAMPION'S BELT

The flagship hardware of the Clash Festival. The Clash Champion's Belt goes to the winner of every weight class with **8 or more entrants**, earned in the bracket over three matches (qualifier, semi-final, final), never handed out.

Classes with fewer than 8 entrants award the Clash Champion's Medal instead. Both semi-final losers place third.

MEDALS & DIPLOMA

CHAMPION	2ND	3RD × 2
Champion's Belt + diploma	Medal + diploma	Medal + diploma
8+ entrants, 3 matches. Under 8: Champion's Medal + diploma	Runner-up	Both semi-final losers

CHAMPION'S BELT — HOW IT IS EARNED

The Clash Champion's Belt is awarded in every weight class with **8 or more entrants**. The winner must have fought at least **three matches** (qualifier, semi-final, final) — a belt is earned, not handed out. Classes with fewer than 8 entrants do not award a belt; the winner receives the **Clash Champion's Medal and diploma**. Both semi-final losers place third.

EQUIPMENT

Athletes compete only in Clash-supplied gloves and shin guards. Personal gloves and shin guards are not permitted in the cage. Everything else, athletes bring themselves.

CLASH SUPPLIES

- **Gloves** — IMMAF-approved, 6–8 oz
- **Shin guards** — IMMAF-approved
- **Rashguard** — neutral colour, short-sleeved competition rashguard

ATHLETE BRINGS

- **Shorts** — MMA shorts, no pockets
- **Mouthguard** — well-fitting, non-branded, not red or pink
- **Groin guard** — mandatory males, optional females
- **Hand wraps** — soft open-weave gauze + zinc-oxide adhesive tape (checked at the equipment desk)

2-minute fix rule. Equipment inspected at weigh-in and in the bout-ready area. Athletes with non-compliant equipment have 2 minutes to remedy. No remedy → disqualification.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

> **Do not falsify medical documents.** Suspected falsification = immediate disqualification and a fine. The medical team and The Clash Baltic reserve the right to verify any document.

Every competing athlete passes a **pre-competition medical check at the Clash medical desk** on each competition day, before weigh-in. No exceptions.

Each club names one **medical contact**, who e-mails the whole team's medical documents to medical@theclash.ee by **7 October 2026** — preferably one combined PDF per athlete, named **Firstname_Lastname.pdf**. Separate files are accepted if named Medical_Certificate_Firstname_Lastname.pdf, Bloodtests_Firstname_Lastname.pdf or Dental_Certificate_Firstname_Lastname.pdf. Nothing is uploaded at registration or brought on paper; at accreditation athletes show **photo ID only**. Incomplete or late documents risk exclusion. There is no on-site document processing or testing.

- **Medical certificate** — the **Clash Medical Examination Form** (adult form for athletes 18 and older; U18 form for minors, countersigned by a parent/guardian), filled in, signed and stamped by **any licensed doctor**. A family doctor or GP is fine; no sports-medicine clinic and no national sports certificate is required (a certificate your federation needs for its own insurance is separate). Issued within the 12 months before 20 October 2026. Forms at theclash.ee/en/registration.
- **Blood test** — HIV 1/2 Ag+Ab, HBsAg and HCV Ab, all negative, on laboratory letterhead with signature or stamp. Required for MMA athletes **18 and older**, taken within the last **12 months**. Athletes competing in both MMA and Muay Thai: a test taken within the last 6 months covers both disciplines.

Female athletes 14 and older confirm non-pregnancy confidentially at the competition-day medical check; there is no registration document for this.

Post-contest medical is voluntary by default, but required after a **KO, TKO, or any significant injury** (on-site medic's risk assessment) or at the discretion of the medic, referee, or organizer. The on-site medical team covers the arenas throughout the festival, with ambulance access and transport to North Estonia Medical Centre.

ANTI-DOPING

All competitors, coaches, and officials comply with the **Code to Prevent the Manipulation of Competitions** (IMMAF + WADA) and the **IMMAF Anti-Doping Code** + WADA Prohibited List. IMMAF and ESVL reserve the right to test under the WADA Code. Athletes with a valid **TUE** (Therapeutic Use Exemption) must present documentation at accreditation.

UNIVERSAL ATHLETE DECLARATION

Every athlete registers with the **Universal Athlete Declaration**, which has two parts: the **Terms & Information** document and the **Signature Sheet**. Read the Terms & Information — one printed copy per team is enough. Then complete and sign the **Signature Sheet** (one per athlete) and upload it as a PDF during Smoothcomp registration. Athletes 18 and older sign for themselves. For athletes under 18, a parent or legal guardian completes and signs the Signature Sheet; athletes aged 12–17 also sign their own assent line. Before signing, parents read the Terms & Information and the **Risk Information Sheet** at theclash.ee/en/registration. One signed sheet covers all disciplines.

REGISTRATION · SMOOTHCOMP

DEADLINE

30 September 2026 · 23:59

Europe/Tallinn · No late registrations accepted

Registration runs on **Smoothcomp** — one festival event, per-discipline registration. All documents, rules, and templates: theclash.ee/en/registration. **Entry fee: €0** — a non-profit event, fully covered by Erasmus+ Sport (project 101245727).

1 THE CLUB REGISTERS ITS ATHLETES

One person per club registers the team through Smoothcomp's **Coach Manager** — step by step on the next page. Athletes may register themselves, but the club must be selected and the same documents apply. Each athlete's date of birth in Smoothcomp sets the age category, so it must be correct.

2 UPLOAD ONE DOCUMENT

The signed **Signature Sheet** of the Universal Athlete Declaration (PDF). Read the **Terms & Information** first — one printed copy per team is enough — then complete and sign the Signature Sheet, one per athlete, and upload it to each discipline registration. Signed by the athlete, or by a parent or legal guardian for under-18s — never by the club; athletes aged 12–17 also sign the assent line. Both documents at theclash.ee/en/registration. Nothing medical is uploaded.

3 MEDICAL DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL

Each club names one medical contact, who e-mails the whole team's medical documents to **medical@theclash.ee** by **7 October 2026** — preferably one combined PDF per athlete, named Firstname_Lastname.pdf. At accreditation athletes show photo ID only. Incomplete or late documents risk exclusion.

4 COACHES & TEAM STAFF

Every team member who needs festival access — coaches, cornermen and support staff — registers in Smoothcomp under **Coaches & Team Staff** and submits the same documents. Documents are submitted as one club package: by **30 September 2026**, one team member e-mails the team list, each member's signed **Coach Declaration** (form at theclash.ee/en/registration), and every member's criminal-record extract issued within the last 12 months, to **info@theclash.ee**. Preferably one combined PDF per person, named Firstname_Lastname.pdf. At accreditation, team members show ID and receive a **wristband**, which gives festival access including the corner area. During a match, a maximum of **two team members** work the athlete's corner at any time. No wristband, no entry to the festival. Fans and supporters can buy spectator tickets: €10 day pass, €20 5-day pass, under-12s free with an adult.

MEDIA

By registering, the club consents to the athlete being filmed and photographed for live streaming (YouTube @TheClashBaltic), event highlight reels and marketing (Clash + partner channels), and Erasmus+ project reporting (mandatory under grant).

REGISTERING YOUR TEAM ON SMOOTHCOMP

Athletes represent their club. The club is what appears in registration, brackets and results. When a federation wants a delegation of several clubs to appear under one flag, those clubs can be linked under an **Affiliation** in Smoothcomp; affiliations are created by Smoothcomp support (support@smoothcomp.com).

1

GET COACH MANAGER ACCESS

Create a free Smoothcomp account. If your club is not on Smoothcomp yet, create the academy — you become its manager automatically. If it already exists, join it and ask the current manager to make you a coach, or e-mail support@smoothcomp.com. Do not create a duplicate academy.

2

APPROVE YOUR MEMBERS

In the academy settings, turn on member approval so that only your athletes can join, and approve them before the event.

3

OPEN THE EVENT AND ADD ATHLETES

Open smoothcomp.com/en/event/32203 and click **Register** (or My account › Coach manager › your academy › Event registrations). Athletes who already have accounts appear under **Existing users**; for the rest, click **Create a new user**. Each athlete needs a unique e-mail — a parent's e-mail for under-18s.

4

COMPLETE EACH REGISTRATION

Fill in the coach's name, e-mail and phone, pick the discipline(s) and weight class, and upload the athlete's signed **Signature Sheet** — signed by the athlete, or by a parent for under-18s, never by the club.

5

SUBMIT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2026, 23:59 (TALLINN TIME)

Entry is free.

Coaches, cornermen and support staff register separately under **Coaches & Team Staff**, and one person per club sends the coach package to info@theclash.ee by 30 September 2026 (see the previous page). Without it there is no wristband and no access. Questions about registration: one contact person per club writes to info@theclash.ee.

DECISIONS & DISQUALIFICATION

> Referee and judge decisions in MMA are final; there is no protest procedure.

DISQUALIFICATION

An athlete is disqualified on the day of competition if they:

- Miss weight for the division they are registered to.
- Cannot present valid ID (passport or national ID card).
- Are missing the signed Signature Sheet of the Universal Athlete Declaration in Smoothcomp.
- Have not submitted complete medical documents to medical@theclash.ee by 7 October 2026.
- Fail the on-site pre-competition medical check.
- Provided false information at registration, or submitted falsified or doctored documents.
- Hold a professional MMA record (Smoothcomp / Tapology / Sherdog) — amateur status required.
- Fail equipment inspection and do not remedy within 2 minutes.
- Refuse a post-contest medical examination required by the medic, referee, or after a KO / TKO / injury stoppage.

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

No mandatory hotels. Choose what suits your team; the partner discounts below are optional. All discounts apply to the hotel's dynamic daily rate — no fixed price list, no room blocks, no cutoff date.

OFFICIAL MAIN PARTNER · BEST RATE

DZINGEL HOTEL

Our main accommodation partner and the best price of the whole festival. Comfortable **3-person rooms**, ideal for teams travelling together. We want as many athletes as possible staying here.

Book by e-mail to **hotell@dzingel.ee**, subject "Clash Festival booking", code **TCB26** for **−25%** off the dynamic rate.

OTHER PARTNER HOTELS

HOTEL	BOOKING
GO Hotel Shnelli	gohotels.ee · code **CLASH2026** — −10% off dynamic rate
Hilton Tallinn Park	eventsathilton.com · discounted rate via booking link (no code)
Tallink Express Hotel	hotels.tallink.com

All partner hotels and discounts: **theclash.ee/en/festival-en** (Accommodation section).

Other options: Tallinn hostels (hostelworld.com), Booking.com, Airbnb. Unibet Arena is step-free throughout — notify `info@theclash.ee` of access requirements at registration.

VISA

Estonia is in the EU and Schengen area. **EU/EEA/Schengen citizens: no visa.** Others may require a Schengen visa — check with the Estonian embassy in the home country. **Invitation letters** on request from `siim@theclash.ee` ≥60 days before the festival (full name, DOB, passport number, club details).

LIVESTREAM, EDUCATION & CONTACTS

> **Livestream — free · YouTube @TheClashBaltic.** All qualifier, semi-final, and final bouts across all four disciplines streamed live; archive available after the event.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

€10	€20	Free
DAY PASS	5-DAY PASS · TUE–SAT	UNDER-12S · WITH ADULT

Tickets at the venue door and online, covering the spectator area of all four arenas on the chosen day(s). Festival wristbands (athletes, coaches) skip spectator tickets.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME · 20–24 OCTOBER

Sessions run every day, part of the festival's Erasmus+ Sport deliverables, open to all attendees. Topics (combat-sports focus): nutrition · recovery and regeneration · strength and conditioning · sport-specific training · mental health and performance psychology · personal branding · EU sport funding · refereeing as a career · coaching as a career. Full programme with named presenters on theclash.ee before the event.

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