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Short announcement

42st International Mönchengladbach Military Competition (IMM) Lower Rhine Challenge



4th July 2026

Mönchengladbach / Rheindahlen

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Short Announcement for the 42nd International Mönchengladbach Military Competition (IMM)

1. General

The IMM is the oldest, regularly held eventing competition in the German Armed Forces. This year it is being held for the 42st time. The IMM is a challenging endurance test that requires not only strength and fitness, but also brains. Different skills and abilities are required. To take part in the competition, you don't just have to be in top shape as a soldier.

2. Purpose of the event

Improvement of physical performance as well as military skills and abilities; strengthening cooperation between German and foreign soldiers; cooperation with emergency and relief organizations; and increasing the attractiveness of the reserve forces.

3. Organizer

District Group Lower Rhine within the German Armed Forces Reservists Association (Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e.V.), State Group North Rhine-Westphalia, and the Armed Forces Office (Streitkräfteamt – SKA) of the German Armed Forces, Bonn.



4. Preparation and implementation

Armed Forces Office (SKA) and the District Group Lower Rhine within the German Armed Forces Reservists Association, supported inter alia by the German Red Cross and the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), Local Unit Mönchengladbach.

5. Participants

Invited are reservists and active soldiers of the German Armed Forces, foreign soldiers and foreign reservists, as well as members of authorities and organizations with security tasks (BOS). Participation as functional staff is also possible and expressly welcomed.

6. Competition Area

Mönchengladbach-West

7. Date of competition

04 July 2026, from 07:30 hrs until approx. 19:00 hrs

8. Arrival

Arrival and registration of competition teams must be ensured – regardless of assigned start times – by Friday, 03 July 2026, no later than 20:00 hrs, or Saturday, 04 July 2026, no later than 07:00 hrs.

9. Registration Point

Bundeswehr Vehicle Management Center (Zentrum Kraftfahrwesen der Bundeswehr),
Flur FwRes, Hardter Str. 9,
41179 Mönchengladbach-Rheindahlen

The registration point is open for competition teams
Friday from 13:00 – 20:00 hrs
Saturday from 05:00 – 10:00 hrs

10. Team composition

Each team consists of four (4) competitors. Mixed teams are permitted and encouraged. The team status for the respective scoring category must be bindingly stated upon registration. Rank and gender composition are not prescribed. Teams not appearing with full strength may, where possible, traditionally be completed at the registration point by other competitors. However, only complete Teams are permitted to start. The number of teams is limited to fifty (50). The loss of team members results in exclusion from team scoring.

11. Competition disciplines

Shooting with G36 and P8, Military General Knowledge, Speed March, First Aid, HIBA, Inflatable Boat Handling, and additional team tasks.

12. Scoring Categories and Awards

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

- Overall winners: trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- Best German Armed Forces team (active + reserve)
- Best foreign team
- Best team Police/Customs/Justice/THW/Fire Brigade/Emergency Services

All participants will receive a certificate and a medal.

13. Suit / equipment

German Armed Forces soldiers: field uniform, camouflage pattern; field jacket; wet weather jacket and trousers (as required), camouflage pattern; gloves; and combat helmet in accordance with General Regulation A1-2630/0-9804 No. 214–216.

Foreign soldiers: as above in accordance with national dress regulations, including gloves and helmet.

Police/Customs/Justice/THW/Fire Brigade/Emergency Services: robust clothing in accordance with organizational dress regulations, including gloves and helmet.

Personal equipment must be carried independently by participants during the march. The march will be conducted without weapons. A second field uniform / service dress for the award ceremony is recommended.

14. Participation registration

By 02 June 2026 via online form on www.imm-bundeswehr.de or directly via the provided QR code.



As participation is limited to fifty (50) teams, registrations will be considered in the order received. Late registrations cannot be considered. Registered teams will receive written confirmation and further information material. Reservists of the German Armed Forces must additionally register via their responsible Reservist NCO (FwRes).

Until 15.08.2025 via online form on the homepage

www.imm-bundeswehr.de

or directly via the following QR code

As participation is limited to fifty (50) teams, the order of registration applies. Late registrations can no longer be considered. Registered teams will be notified in writing and will receive further information material.

15. Catering

Catering is provided against payment according to the registration.

Breakfast 2,17€

Lunch 4,13€

Dinner 4,13€

16. Accommodation

After prior registration, free accommodation is available in the transit facilities of Ayrshire Barracks South of the British Army of the Rhine, located in Nordpark Mönchengladbach. Accommodation is provided in sleeping containers with camp beds. Sleeping bags must be brought by participants. Sanitary facilities and showers are available in separate container units. Transport between the registration point and/or competition start point at the Bundeswehr Vehicle Management Center in Mönchengladbach-Rheindahlen and the accommodation facilities must be organized independently. Further information and possible changes will be announced in due time prior to the competition. The organization of alternative accommodation lies with the participants.

17. Entry fee

None

18. Information for foreign soldiers

We point out that for soldiers and reservists from NATO member states, the legal status in accordance with the NATO Status of Forces Agreement applies. Additionally, upon acceptance of participation, we kindly request submission of a visit request or entry application in accordance with national visit control procedures via the responsible military attaché.

The current status of the invitation to tender and further information on the competition can be found at www.imm-bundeswehr.de



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