



DBMM INTERNATIONAL MALLORCA OPEN 2025

Desperta ferro! – The Kingdom of Aragon and the Mediterranean, from Sicilian Vespers to Tirant Lo Blanc.

Palma, 4th and 5th october 2025

→ After finishing its part in the Reconquista with the occupation of Murcia by Jaime I (mainly to help his father-in-law Alfonso X of Castille), the Kingdom of Aragon directed his interest to the Mediterranean.

The expansion began with the conquest of Sicily by Pere el Gran during the War of the Sicilian Vespers. The Catalan Company followed, fighting for (or against, depending on the mood) the Eastern Roman Empire. Some years later, after Aragon secured the control of the Kingdom of Naples and part of Greece, Tirant Lo Blanc (almost) saved the Eastern Empire after marrying the emperor's daughter (© Joanot Martorell).

As Mallorca was in the middle of that mess, we chose "Desperta ferro! – Aragon and the Mediterranean, from Sicilian Vespers to Tirant Lo Blanc" as the subject of the second International DBMM Mallorca Open.

The allowed armies are:

- III/35 – Feudal Spanish
- IV/60 – Catalan Company
- IV/68 – Medieval Spanish (only [A] and [C] options allowed)
- And the allies, enemies and neighbours of the Catalan and Aragonese that fought and settled along the Mediterranean:
 - II/58 – Alan
 - III/73 – Communal Italian (Sienese option excluded)
 - III/77 – Papal Italian
 - IV/4 – Feudal French
 - IV/5 – Sicilian
 - IV/22 – Serbian Empire
 - IV/25 – Later Bulgar
 - IV/26 – Lusignan Cypriot
 - IV/31 – Nikaian Byzantine
 - IV/32 – Romanian Frank
 - IV/33 – Epirot Byzantine
 - IV/34 – Trapezuntine Byzantine
 - IV/39 – Navarrese
 - IV/49 – Anatolian Turkoman
 - IV/50 – Palaiologan Byzantine
 - IV/51 – Morean Byzantine
 - IV/55 – Ottoman
 - IV/61 – Italian Condotta (only [VI], [VG], [N], [F], [Pi] and [GC] options allowed)
 - IV/69 – Albanian

All armies (options and allies included) have to be between 1268 AD and 1453 AD.

Tournament Rules.

Rules used will be DBMM 2.1 (English Version) with the last published Commentary. Army Lists used will be the Revised Edition published in 2016.

The armies must have no more than 400 AP and miniatures must be in 15mm scale.

All stratagems are allowed. Limits will be as per rules (pg. 15). Chosen stratagems (from the ones listed and paid for) can be different in different games.

Games will last 3h30' including deployment. The game end will be sudden when announced by the organization. If a player is dicing for distant or close combat, this bound will be finished. No further action is allowed.

Victory points will be as per the rules. After every game end, players will count VP and inform the organization of the result.

Players must supply their own terrain pieces. The organization will provide terrain mats, but players can bring their own if so desired. All miniatures must be representative of the troops listed and must be painted and based to an acceptable standard.

The Swiss system will be used for seeding.

Registration.

Registration fee is 40 € and includes welcome gift, water, soft drinks and light lunch both days, in the tournament premises.

For registration, send an e-mail with the name of the player and number and name of the chosen army list to Miquel Pocoví, alexioskomnenos@telefonica.net

Fee must be sent to alexioskomnenos@telefonica.net (PayPal) and registration will be valid on receiving the payment. The registration is closed after 12th September.

Lists must be sent for checking to Joan Ortuño, balearman@hotmail.com up to 19th September.

Prizes will be given for the first three ranked players and the best baggage. There will be additional prizes, probably not particularly serious.

Location.

The tournament will be held at

Casal de Barri S'Escorxador

Carrer de l'Emperadriu Eugènia, n°6 - 07010 Palma de Mallorca

Timetable.

- Saturday 4th October
 - 9h30 – Meeting
 - 10h – 1st Game
 - 13h30 – End of 1st Game and lunch break
 - 14h30 – 2nd Game
 - 18h – End of 2nd Game
 - 20h – Meeting for Tournament Dinner

- Sunday 5th October
 - 9h – 3rd Game
 - 12h30 – End of 3rd Game and lunch break
 - 13h30 – 4th Game
 - 17h – End of 4th Game
 - 17h30 – Prize giving, goodbyes, laughs and tears.

Services.

S'Escorxador is a former municipal slaughterhouse, situated in the limits of the 19th Century urban expansion of Palma. It was designed by Majorcan architect Gaspar Bennàssar in 1905. Nowadays is a civic and commercial centre with restaurants, a cinema, a library and some multi-use spaces (where we will play our tournament). It is at a 15 minutes' walk from Plaça d'Espanya, one of the neuralgic centres of Palma.

There are many restaurants, cafeterias and ice cream shops in and around *S'Escorxador* and in the nearby streets, particularly in Carrer Blanquerna.

A Tournament Dinner will be held on Saturday evening in a Majorcan cuisine restaurant (partners are welcome, of course). Please let us know if you want to join in. Also let us know if you have any allergies/special dietary needs.

If there are players interested, we can also hold a dinner on Friday evening to greet players from abroad and criticize the organization.

Travel and accommodation.

Flights.

Palma is very well connected with many regional European airports and the costs can be quite cheap if you are able to be flexible in your dates. There are many places to see if you have the time, or even to relax on the beach and catch some rays. We would recommend looking on Skyscanner or any other flight searcher to check flights.

Hotels

The price of these can vary considerably. There are some near the venue, but also there are some good quality coastal hotels on the Platja de Palma (Cala Estància, Can Pastilla, S'Arenal, etc.). Cala Estància and Can Pastila are quiet resort towns at 10 minutes from the airport (about 15 € in taxi or 5 € by bus A2). The venue is 20 minutes by bus from there. As Palma's public transport can be a bit erratic, we can provide lifts from this area to the venue. We would recommend looking on Trivago or any other accommodation searcher to check hotels.

The nearest hotels to the venue in Palma (less than 10 min walk) are:

- Ars Magna Bleisure Hotel **** <https://arsmagnahotel.com/>
- Hotel Amic Colon *** <https://www.amic-hotels.com/hoteles-amic/hotel-amic-colon>
- Hotel Abelay ** <https://www.hotelabelay.es/es/home.html>

