



Nordic Baltic Deaf Sports Federation

THE FIRST NBDSF SPORTSFESTIVALS ON 22-26.6.2008 IN MARIEHAMN, ÅLAND

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BULLETIN/PRELIMINARY REGISTRATIONS

DISTINGUISHED NBDSF MEMBER COUNTRIES AND MEMBER ORGANISATIONS,

The First Deaf NBDSF Sports Festivals for the member sports clubs of the Nordic and Baltic Deaf Sports Federations will be organised on 22.-26.6.2008 in Mariehamn, Åland.

The Deaf Sports Federations of Finland and Sweden are responsible for the practical organisation of the festivals. The sports federation of Åland and the local sports clubs are also involved in the organisation of the games.

The following sports are included in the official Sports Festivals programme: track and field, mini-football, golf, bowling, floorball, and park orienteering, badminton, swimming, street basketball and beach volleyball, In addition tug-of-war is unofficially included in the sports programme.

In principle there is no age limit in the Sports festivals, but over 16 years of age is recommended for the team sports. In exceptional cases and by separate application even younger ones can participate. In individual sports the age limit is over 12 years. There is no maximum age limit.

The participants will represent mainly their own club. That is why as few as possible such sports are organised where there is age limit. We are trying to arrange separate sports for men and women. However the sports clubs will be given a possibility to participate in the men's sports also with mixed teams, with men and women, if the club otherwise does not have a possibility to participate in the sports in question.

In the sports, which are part of the festivals, the NBDSF rules will be followed when applicable. Especially swimming and track and field follow the NBDSF rules.

The NBDSF Board has given the General Secretaries of the Finnish and Swedish Deaf Sports Federations (Juha-Matti Aaltonen and Urban Mesch) the authority to make decisions on other details as they see it best.

After this bulletin the organising committee will send you more details about the Sports Festivals as the organisation proceeds further. We take the right to make the necessary changes if needed.

TRAVELLING TO ÅLAND

Viking Line is our important co-operation partner in the organisation of the Sports Festivals. Viking Line is providing a ferry travel package with reasonable price to Åland, which you really should make use of. Good connections to Åland can be found from Stockholm, Turku, Helsinki and Tallinn. More information on the ferry ticket package you will receive during November.



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ACCOMMODATION IN ÅLAND

The organising committee is offering you a very reasonable accommodation package during the Sports Festivals. We have made preliminary reservations of school accommodation nearby the sports sites. In addition meals, breakfast, lunch, dinner and security is included in the price of the school accommodation. The price for the accommodation per day with meals included is only 25 euros/day.

Arrival on 21.6. and departure on 27.6. The price for accommodation for the whole six days is 150 euros/person. On the days of arrival and departure no meals will be provided, except breakfast on 27.6. More detailed information about the accommodation package will be sent to you during November.

Also hotel accommodation is also available. It is much more expensive than the school accommodation. We warmly recommend this school accommodation package to all sports clubs. Further information about the hotel accommodation will also be sent to you during November.

PARTICIPATION FEES/REGISTRATION

The sports clubs are not asked to pay separate participation and competition fees during the Sports Festivals in case the clubs are using the school accommodation. In other cases the participation fee is 50 euros/person in individual and team sports.

We are sending this official letter of invitation only to the NBDSF member country sports federations. The federations are responsible for distributing this information to their member sports clubs and also for collecting the responses from the clubs. After that they should send the registrations to the address below.

When you fill out the registration forms, we hope that you will take time to realistically think over how many sportsmen and other participants will come to the Sports Festivals. This will make the work of the organising committee much easier.

The preliminary registration forms and the accommodation form for the Sports Festivals are attached to this letter and they should be returned **by 20.12.2007** to the following address: **SKUL, Läntinen Pitkätatu 21-23 D, 4krs, 20100 Turku, Finland.**

The final registration forms will be sent to you by the end of January 2008 and they should be returned **by 15.4.2008.**

The names and birthdates of the participants should be sent to us a month before the opening of the Sports Festivals **by 21.5.2008.**

The organising committee invites you warmly to the Sports Festivals. Of course we hope that the number of participants will be numerous in this unique event!

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