

Hamburg scrutinised by EFCS!

Ten days before Christmas 2009 the Hamburg Games Organisation received a visitor from the far north. From the 14th to the 16th of December the EFCS Games Supervisor, Kurt Petersen from Denmark, inspected carefully the preparations and sports facilities for the 18th EFCS Games to be held in Hamburg in 2011.

He was indeed quite impressed by the status of preparations and facilities. For example the organisation was able to collect bonus points for the olympic base in Dulsberg, where the swimming, volleyball and beach-volleyball tournaments will take place. Similarly the facilities in the district of Wandsbek for bowling, minigolf and darts, together with the Hamburg Football Club (HSV) football pitches in Ochsenzoll, where the 11- and 7-a-side football tournaments will be held, received Kurt's approval. Furthermore in accordance with the overall games concept Kurt was able to satisfy himself that the athletes at the various venues would be supplied with a varied choice of adequate lunch refreshments.

The supervisor was also impressed in general by the city's infrastructure. Kurt is convinced that the visitors of the 18th Company Games can today already look forward to super games in a super city!

EFCS in Hamburg

This year's Coordinators' Meeting for Games Coordinators of all member countries of EFCS will take place from the 25th to the 27th of June 2010 in Hamburg. Accordingly the delegates will receive an invitation by mid February.

Bridge players required

After numerous requests from EFCS member countries bridge was added to the scope of the Hamburg Games. Unfortunately we have to date not received pre-registrations for this sport. In order to assist the planning process we would urge you to complete pre-registration for this sport in good time.

EFCS family is growing

The EFCS idea is spreading. We can now welcome Monaco, Slovenia and Portugal as members. With these additions we now total 28 member countries within EFCS!

Only two classes per tournament!

At the annual EFCS Sport, Marketing, Health and Sponsor Management Meetings in November 2009 in Eindhoven it was decided to introduce a few modifications for clarification. In future there will only be two classes, namely an open class with no age restrictions and a so-called senior class for over 40's only. The criterium for the senior class is year of birth, so that for next year, athletes born no later than 1971 will be permitted to compete in the senior class. This means that athletes need to at least reach their 40th birthday by the end of 2011. For track & field, cycling and swimming different age divisions could be applied.

Volunteers needed!

Think about becoming part of our organisation as a volunteer for the ECSG 2011 in Hamburg. Our international event still needs additional resources. In particular we would welcome help from people speaking at least one European language other than German. Interested persons can find additional information under www.ecsghamburg2011.de or contact our Secretary General, Alfred Holdhoff, under alfred.holdhoff@ecsghamburg2011.de

Norwegian Charter Flight

Some of the Norwegian athletes are planning to charter a plane to Hamburg. As part of their planning process they sent a delegation to Hamburg in January 2010.

Up to date information

All interested parties should consult our website on a regular basis to keep up to date. We update our website permanently, so that it's always worthwhile taking a look. Our website gives information on the City of Hamburg, the tournaments and accommodation in Hamburg and as such is useful to not only participants.

News from the sports

Ladies football

Unfortunately we're still waiting for ladies' teams for our football tournament. Ladies, we need you and please register in good time!

Skittles

By mistake the skittles tournament was initially described as an individual competition with an additional team evaluation (3 players). This has now been corrected. It is now a team competition for teams of four (men or women). Each team player has 100 throws per game. All 9 pins will be set up for each throw. The allies are surfaced with wooden boards and the run-up is linoleum. Balls will be provided. We recommend that players bring their own indoor pumps with light-coloured soles.

Sailing

The sailing section has specified the „Conger“ two man dinghy for the competition and will provide the appropriate number of boats.

Tennis

Participants are requested to bring outdoor and indoor shoes to Hamburg, since bad weather could force us to play in halls as foreseen in our „rain plan“

Golf

Due to the enormous response for this sport it has already been necessary to restrict participation. We now can only park new registrations from Germany in a waiting list, since the quota for German participants has been exhausted. Otherwise we still have a few vacancies for foreign guests. Please bear in mind our pre-registration principle, namely first come, first served!