



**B7 BALTIC ISLANDS NETWORK**

**Workgroup People to People**

# B7 Games

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## About the Project Idea

### Background

Based on the experience of numerous communities, sports clubs and other non-profit initiatives taken in the field of children's and youth's sports we could notice that our children urgently need sensible leisure-time activities. Even the age period between 8 and 18 years is a very important one for children's and youngsters' personal development.

Organizing sports highlights we can offer the young athletes better opportunities for having fun and preparing to competitions. Such competitions will undoubtedly increase the motivation to do sports and will help to form the children's personality. Contacts with other sports clubs from our neighbouring EU countries in the Baltic Sea Area have shown that there are a lot of similarities in our work. So a new activity could be added to the B7 cooperation: annual sports games for children - the idea of organizing a common sports meeting was born: the Seven Islands Spartakiade for children and young athletes.

Due to the difficult name Spartakiade, in 2002 we decided to rename the games into Baltic 7 Games.

### Participants

Children from B7 islands, about 50 children at the age of 14 to 16 years, and other international guests. Total number of participants: about 350 persons

### Games – Competitions and Meetings

Date: June – August, every second year

Venue: Changing venues on all 7 islands

Transport: arrival by ferry and bus, if possible, for own expenses

Accommodation: in bungalows, tents or schools

Catering: full service provided by hosting island

### Sports events such as:

Soccer; volleyball; track-and-field-athletics: ball throw; shot put; 60 m run; 100 m run; 800 m run; 1000 m run; long jump; high jump; relay race 4 x 50 m; relay race 4 x 100 m; relay race 20 x 100 m. Per event can start up to 3 children of each age group and sex.

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## B7 Games Mission

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Our aim is the organising and supporting of B7 sports games

- to give the children and youngsters from the seven Baltic Sea islands the possibility to meet kids from the partner countries,
- to find new friends,
- to have fun together and
- to compete within the fields of sport.

The Baltic 7 Games Organisation Group — consisting of representatives from the islands sports associations — takes care that:

- participation certificates will be handed over to all participants;
- a minimum of one get-together party takes place;
- the „Baltic 7 Games Top 10“ (List of the Best) is updated;
- a final report for the internet presentation is prepared;
- the B7 and Baltic 7 Games logos are used with all publications.

The Baltic 7 Games Organisation Group pledges to live up to the ideals of our Mission Statement.

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## About B7 Games 2008

Ölands kommunalförbund and Öland Sports Association invite you to participate in B7 Summer Games for Youth 2008 that will take place on August 7-8, 2008 in Högby, Öland.

### Participants:

We invite boys and girls born in 1992 and 1993 to participate in the games. Groups of maximum 50 people.

### Time schedule:

August 6 arrival, opening ceremony in the evening  
 August 7 competitions, dance in the evening  
 August 8 competitions, closing ceremony in the evening  
 August 9 departure

### Events:

1. Football for boys and girls  
Size of team: 15 players (10 + 1 in the field)
2. Beach volleyball for boys and girls  
Size of team: 3 players
3. Track and field:  
100 m, 800 m for girls, 1,500 m for boys, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, 4 x 100 m

Every island will be represented with one team in each event. There may be more teams in beach volleyball, if the maximum number of island participants will not exceed 50.

**Meals** – will be served in Högby School cafeteria

August 6 dinner  
 August 7 breakfast, lunch, dinner  
 August 8 breakfast, lunch, dinner  
 August 9 breakfast

### Accommodation

The participants will sleep in Högby School.

Please take sleeping bags and mattresses with you!

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## Next Games

I Baltic 7 Games 1997	Rügen
II Baltic 7 Games 1998	Rügen
III Baltic 7 Games 2000	Åland
IV Baltic 7 Games 2002	Bornholm
V Baltic 7 Games 2004	Gotland
VI Baltic 7 Games 2006	Hiiumaa
VII Baltic 7 Games 2008	Öland
VIII Baltic 7 Games 2010	Saaremaa
IX Baltic 7 Games 2012	Rügen