



## **Sports Fans From All Over The World Are Registering For TAFISA Games In Lithuania**

While sport professionals from all over the world are preparing for the Olympic Games, the amateurs are focusing on TAFISA Sports for all Games. The 5th world TAFISA games will be held July 5-11 in Siauliai region, Lithuania.

“The games are just like the Olympics for all non-professional sportsmen who practice their favorite branch of sport in their free time. Participants will have a unique chance to compete with other sportsmen from all over the world.” – says Kestutis Petraitis, Director of the Games. “We have already received confirmations from delegations of more than 40 countries, which will arrive to the Games Siauliai 2012.”

Participants will come from Portugal, China, India, Republic of Dominica, Netherlands, France, Spain, Poland, United States of America, Germany, Israel, Hungary, Latvia, Turkey, Iceland, Brazil, Australia, Indonesia, Lebanon, Belgium, Japan, Finland, Sweden, Austria, etc.

So, if you play tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, ride a bicycle, motorbike, practice athletics, swimming, equestrian sport, petanque or bocce, or maybe you are great at „Fox hunting“ and so on, you are very welcome to Siauliai, Lithuania this summer.

“The Games is fascinating in the fact that everyone can participate. In order to take part in the Games, it is not necessary to meet certain special criteria or qualification requirements. Only age and weight limits are applied in some certain sports”, - says Kestutis Petraitis. “Disabled people will also have separate competitions. They will compete in beach volleyball, wheelchair basketball, darts, bocce, and showdown (table tennis for the blind)”.

### **Registration extended to the 1st of May**

The Organizers note that the registration term for the Games is 1st of May. “Depending on the sports, it is possible register for the Games as an individual or a team. Registration forms, information about the Games, accommodation conditions are announced on the website of the Games”, - explains Donata Grigiene, coordinator of the games. “Initial accreditation, i.e. registering fee is 10 Euros (35 Litas), and the final amount will depend on whether a participant needs accommodation and catering services, and the level of services”. Participants may choose different service packages, however if a participant has a place to stay in, he or she simply marks that he or she does not need such services.

### **Wide cultural program**

Participants frequently arrive with their families, because TAFISA Games is not a festival of sports only, but of culture as well – it includes music and dance festivals, crafts fairs, etc. It is expected to





organize national performances of 50 various foreign countries, where popular and traditional games, dances and exotic sports of foreign countries will be demonstrated.

Representatives of various countries not only demonstrate their national performances but involve audience into their demonstrations, teach them. Thus if you wish to try your hand against Italians, playing Tamburello (a team game, similar to tennis), learn to dance Capoeira, Brazilian dance, which includes combat elements, Shuffleboard, which is popular in USA, and see many other exotic sports and games, you will have a great chance to do it, by visiting Lithuania during the Games.

“The countries seek to present their culture through national performances of sports and games. Temperament, fight, and understanding of honour and dignity are being expressed during national demonstrations. Such performances leave the audience impressed, spread good mood, and are emotionally charging people”. Our aim is to create a festival for all, involve spectators, and show that regardless of the age or physical preparation, all can go in for sports, and live active and healthy lives.” - says Donata Grigiene.

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