



INVITATION

to LIEPAJA

We cordially invite you to the Baltic Cup 2016!

Baltic Cup 2016 will be held in Latvia, Liepaja at the Liepaja Olympic Centre (39 Brivibas Street, LV-3401) from 2 to 3 September.

Liepaja is a Latvian resort situated on the Baltic Sea coast - 200 km away from the Riga International Airport.

In 2015, the city won the prestigious European title, being named European City of Sport!

Liepaja has top level sports infrastructure, including a professional basketball arena, as well as a variety of recreation and entertainment options.

The idea of hosting the tournament is also supported by the local government.



Baltic Cup is a tournament featuring the strongest participating teams of the Baltic Sea region. At the tournament, men and women teams will compete in various age groups.

Participating countries:

- **Estonia**
- **Latvia** (host of BC 2016)
- **Lithuania**
- ***wildcard**

Age categories:

- **Men 40+; 45+; 50+; 55+; 60+; 65+**
- **Women 40+; 45+; 50+**

Competition format:

At least 2 teams have to apply in each age category, with a maximum of 4.

- **4-team format:**

Teams are drawn into Semi-Final pairs, playing the round of Friday, with the Finals held on Saturday; the draw has to be done before the games and with the all four team managers participating; the team, who made the longest journey, gets the right to draw first

- **3-team format:**

Teams play each other: guests play in two days (one game per day), host team plays two games on Saturday

- **2-team format:**

Teams play each other twice on Friday and Saturday

Who can qualify for a *wildcard?

1) Countries, which have shorelines along the Baltic Sea: **Denmark, Finland, Germany, Poland, Sweden and Russia;** Registration deadline is July 4, 2016

- 2) If there are more candidates than one, the team, who applies for participation and makes the Tournament Entry fee payment of 200 Euros, gets the rights to a wildcard;
- 3) If there are no candidates for the wild card from the countries along the Baltic Sea shoreline after July 1, 2016, participant teams from **any other country** are acceptable; Registration deadline is August 8, 2016;
- 4) If there are no candidates from other countries, a **second team from the host country** is acceptable.
- 5) If any of the teams from Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania refuses to participate, an additional wildcard will be available.

Note! The Tournament Entry fee of a wildcard team has to be paid at least month before the Baltic Cup

Playing rules:

4x8 minutes and FIBA rules

Fee:

Tournament Entry fee of 200 Euros (tournament final event and meals included).

In addition, we can offer you exclusive prices for accommodation at the city's hotels.

Prizes:

In each age group, the winner will be awarded with the Baltic Cup trophy, as well as special awards organized by the tournament sponsor.

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