

European Para Youth Games VARAŽDIN 2015



General Information

1st update

16. 7. 2015 – 19. 7. 2015.

January, 2015

Dear President,
Dear Secretary General,
Dear Friend

I have the pleasure to inform you that the 2015 European Para Youth Games, EPYG 2015 will take place in Varaždin, Croatia, from the 16 to 19 July 2015 in cooperation with the Croatian Paralympic Committee under the patronage of the European Paralympic Committee, the Ministry of Science Education and Sports of the City of Varaždin and Varaždin County.

Furthermore this EPYG is organized by the Croatian Athletic Federation of Persons with Disabilities, Croatian Swimming Federation of Persons with Disabilities, Croatian Table Tennis Association of Persons with Disabilities and Croatian Association of boccia for people with disabilities.

The EPYG 2015 will be held in four sports, Athletics, Swimming (25m), Table Tennis and Boccia.

Believing in the mission of the European Paralympic Committee to secure the provision of excellent sporting opportunities for European athletes with a disability as part of the world-wide Paralympic movement, and seeking to boost the participation of citizen's with particular needs through sport, especially the youth, I herewith invite you and the younger athletes of your National Paralympic Committee to participate in the 2015 edition of the European Para Youth Games 2015 in Varaždin, Croatia.

As former Paralympic athlete and now President of the EPC, I believe that sport involves sharing time and space with others, including intercultural dialogue, enhancing unity and promoting respect for diversity amongst our 48 member nations, especially when it comes to young persons. In this regards, the upcoming European Para Youth Games shall create better transparency and understanding of young persons with disabilities towards their potential and abilities within and for a European society with the "Youth on the Move" through sports.

Truly counting on your support to send a team to our 2015 European Para Youth Games in Varaždin,

On behalf of the entire organizing team, I remain sincerely yours,

John Petersson



European Paralympic Committee

President

Dear sport friends,

Sharing with us the passion for the Sport of athletes with disabilities, on behalf of the Organizing Committee Varaždin 2015 we have a great pleasure to invite you all to the

2015 European Para Youth Games

that will take place in Varaždin, Croatia, from 16 July – 19 July 2015.

Varaždin is the city of baroque, young people, music, flowers and bicycles. „Little Vienna“ with rich natural legacy interwoven in parks, a must see destination, located in the North of Croatia on the southern bank of the River Drava.

With 46.946 inhabitants and the average annual temperature of 10°C, the city of Varaždin is one of the most attractive destinations to live in or to visit in Croatia. It is the tourist, cultural, economic, educational and sporting centre of North-western Croatia.

Varaždin is the home city of many Croatian Paralympic athletes with lots of sports events.

The European Paralympic Committee and we as organizers are convinced of the necessity of development of sports programs for young athletes with disabilities in Europe.

EPYG 2015 aims to provide an opportunity for young athletes to compete in sanctioned and high-quality competition. This is a significant incentive to young athletes for later easier access into senior's competitions. Unfortunately our efforts to provide a more favourable financial condition for the participants were not heeded because the EU has not approved funding for this project.

Therefore the EPYG 2015 held in four sports Athletics, Swimming (25 m), Table Tennis and Boccia. This EPYG is organized by the Croatian Paralympic Committee and the Croatian Athletic Federation of Persons with Disabilities, Croatian Swimming Federation of Persons with Disabilities, Croatian Table Tennis Association of Persons with Disabilities and Croatian Association of boccia for people with disabilities.

EPYG is supported by Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, City of Varazdin and Varazdin County

Finally, we would like to emphasize that the Croatian Paralympic Committee has more than 15 years of experience in organizing local, national and international competitions, which is the best confirmation and guarantee for managing this important event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Varaždin, Croatia.

Yours sincerely,

Ratko Kovačić, dipl oec.



Chairman of the 2015 European Para Youth Games Organizing Committee

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Arrivals and departures: 16.07.2015. - arrival
19.07.2015. - departure

The City of Varaždin is located 60 kilometres north of Zagreb. It is connected to Zagreb and the neighbouring countries by road (highway) and railway. The road trip from Zagreb to Varaždin lasts 50-70 minutes.

Participating delegations coming by airplane will be transferred from Zagreb Airport to the accommodation facilities in Varaždin by comfortable busses. The same transportation will be used for their departures.

Transfer arrangements for different arrivals will be organized upon request.

Event program:

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
16.07.2015.	17.07.2015.	18.07.2015.	19.07.2015.
ARRIVAL			
CLASSIFICATION			
	COMPETITION		
			DEPARTURE

Sports and disciplines:

Sport	Category	Age group	Discipline
SWIMMING	S1 - S14	18 years and under (born 1.1. 1997 and younger)	50m, 100m-all styles
	SB1 - SB14,		50m, 100m-all styles
	S1-S14		4x50 freestyle
	SM1-SM14		4x50 medley
	Down syndrome		50m, 100m

ATHLETICS	Track / Field: 11 -13 20 32-34, 35-38 40-47 51-57 Down Syndrome	20 years and under (born 1.1.1995. and younger)	100m
			200m
			400m
			800m
			1500m
			Relay 4x100m
			Relay 4x400m
			High Jump
			Long Jump
			Shot Put
			Javelin
			Discus
			Club

BOCCIA	BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4, Open	20 years and under	Singles/open
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TABLE TENNIS	1-5	20 years and under	singles
	6-10		singles
	11		singles
	Down Syndrome		singles

Competition in all sports will be organized under IPC or IF regulations.

Classification:

IPC and International Sports Federations Classification Rules:

Athletics IPC athletes of all impairment types

Swimming IPC athletes of all impairment types

Table Tennis ITTF PTT Classification Rules

Boccia BISFed Classification Rules

All intellectual disability athletes entering the event must be registered on the INAS Master List.

All Down syndrome athletes must be on SU-DS organisations members Masters Lists.

Accommodation and Meals:

1. Hotel "Turist", Aleja Kralja Zvonimira 1, Varaždin
2. Student Dormitory Varazdin, J. Merlića b.b., Varaždin
3. School house Varaždin
4. Hotel Varazdin spa – Varaždinske Toplice 15 km from Varaždin

The accommodation service is on a full board basis and starts with the lunch on July 16th and finishes with the breakfast on July 19th 2015.

Sports venues:

Athletics – Athletic stadium “Sloboda”

Athletics competitions will be held at **Athletic stadium “Sloboda”**.

Athletic stadium “Sloboda” is IAAF licensed venue and has all necessary infrastructures. It is fully completed with dressing rooms, and restrooms.

Swimming – City pools Varaždin

Swimming competitions will be held at **City pools Varaždin**. Pool has 2 indoor and 1 outdoor pools. Competition pool is 33x25m long, 2,2m depth; with proximately water temperature of 26°C. Beside is small 7,6x20m pool, with 0,65m - 1,25cm depth, and 30°C temp. Water is constantly purify, and caked. Within the pool centre is gym, sauna, cafes and restaurant.

Table Tennis – Sport hall “Varaždin” - Graberje

Table tennis will be played at **Sport hall “Varaždin” - Graberje** is multi-purpose gym. It has 546 seats and all necessary accompanied rooms. Nearby there are two also multipurpose halls, under the balloons.

Boccia – Sport Hall of 2nd Primary School Varazdin

Sport hall of 2nd Primary School Varazdin is multi-purpose gym. It has all necessary accompanied rooms and it is on walking distance from Hotel Turist.

Entry Fee:

- Entry fee – **390, 00 €** per participant (includes 3 day/night full board in double rooms, transport from and to the Zagreb airport, local transportation, ceremonies, banquet and event hosting fee.)
- Early arrival/late departure- 90€ per person per day.
- Additional cost for a single room is 30€ per person per day.

BANK NAME	ZAGREBAČKA BANKA D.D.
BANK ADDRESS (street, city, postal code, country)	TRG BANA JELAČIĆA 10, 10 000 ZAGREB, CROATIA
ACCOUNT NAME	CROATIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE
ACCOUNT NUMBER	1101372853
SWIFT CODE	ZABHR2X
IBAN OR ABA CODE	HR6223600001101372853
REFERENCE	EPYG 2015 – <i>Country name</i>

Payment:

All the payments have to be made in the Euro currency on the following bank account. You are responsible for paying all bank charges, including transfer fees.

- Deposit fee – 150 € per sport (deadline - March 9th, 2015)
- Final entry fee (deadline - May 25th, 2015)

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday 16th in the evening.
The closing ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 18th in the evening.

Social Events

Leisure and recreational activities are available. A City and surroundings sightseeing tour could be organized.

Details on the scheduled social events will be announced in the near future.

Key Dates

- **March 9th, 2015** – Intention form –deadline (deposit fee - 150€ per sport)
- **April 13st, 2015** – First Entry form –deadline
- **May 25th, 2015** –final Entry form- deadline (final entry fee – deposit fee included)
- **July 16th, 2015** - Arrivals
- **July 19th, 2015**- Departures

Medical Service

The Sports Medical Staff will be present on competition days.

Accreditation

The Organizing Committee will only accept entry forms from NPC. Furthermore, only those entry forms submitted by the NPC President or Secretary General will be processed.

Eligibility of athletes: participants in athletics, boccia and table tennis should be 20 years and younger (born 01. 01. 1995. and younger). Participants in swimming should be 18 years and younger (born 1.1.1997. and younger)

Accreditation cards will be issued to each athlete and staff upon arrival in accommodation.

Visa Requirements

Participants are responsible to obtain a visa, if needed. Please contact the organizers for the official invitation letter. You can find information about Visa regime between Croatia and other countries on the following URL link. <http://www.mfa.hr/MVP.asp?pcpid=1615>

Doping Control

This event is subject to random doping tests in accordance with the WADA regulations.

Insurance

The Organising Committee will ensure that satisfactory insurance arrangements are made in respect of public liability and professional indemnity. Each NPC must ensure that all the members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for the travel, liability and accidents. All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance in order to the EU regulations.

Weather Conditions

The weather in July in Varaždin is usually bright and sunny with an average temperature of 20,3 degrees Celsius. In normal conditions and sunny weather, the expected temperature would be +25

degrees Celsius.

Currency

The local currency is the Croatian Kuna.

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Entries can be sent by mail, e-mail or fax.

City map (with sport and accommodation facilities):

