

Highland games  
from Scotland



Sepak Takraw  
from Thailand



Tribal dancing  
from Africa



Boomerang  
from Australia



Capuera  
from Brazil



## Who Should Come to the Games?

Everyone is welcome to attend the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games in 2012! This includes those interested in Sport for All, traditional games and sports, culture and heritage, as well as media, government, and TAFISA member representatives and the general public.

In particular, the Games is a special event where delegations from around the globe can showcase their traditional game or sport to the general public and the world as an invited delegation. Please see page 6 for Benefits for Invited Delegations

## What to Expect at the Games?

The Siauliai 2012 Games will include exciting and entertaining traditional games and sports from around the world in demonstrations and competitions. Examples of these that you might see at the Games include:

## Contact Details

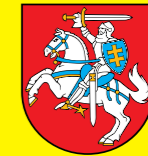
For more information about the Games, or to receive a Registration of Interest Form to attend the Games, please contact the following:

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More information will also be displayed on TAFISA's website [www.tafisa.net](http://www.tafisa.net)



## 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games Active People. Better World

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World Sport  
for All Games



**Siauliai 2012**  
Lithuania

5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

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## Introduction

TAFISA (The Association For International Sport for All) is the leading international Sport for All association, with over 200 members in 130 countries from all continents. TAFISA is officially recognized by, and in active cooperation with, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO). TAFISA also enjoys working relationships with other international bodies, including ICSSPE, FISpT and others.

Every four years, TAFISA holds its World Sport for All Games – a vibrant and entertaining experience, offering a unique opportunity for the public to discover the traditional and contemporary games and sports of cultures from around the globe.

The Games has grown from humble beginnings in Bonn, Germany, in 1992 with only 620 participants from 33 countries, to a spectacular world event. The most recent Games in Busan, Korea, in 2008 attracted over 10,000 participants from more than 100 countries! Between Bonn and Busan, the Games were also held in Bangkok, Thailand and Hanover, Germany.

The next event is the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games to be held in Siauliai, Lithuania, from 5th to 11th of July, 2012.

Welcome to the Games!



## Greetings

### TAFISA President

TAFISA sees it has a special task in the rediscovery, preservation and promotion of Traditional Sports and Games (TSG) worldwide. This understanding is in line with the TAFISA / UNESCO Busan Appeal on TSG, adopted in 2008, which strongly advocates the significance and contribution of TSG for today's world of sports. With its World Sport for All Games, TAFISA has established a platform to showcase the variety and rich tapestry of TSG as well as contemporary sports and games, to the world. The Games are a unique, vibrant and entertaining experience.

On behalf of TAFISA, I take great pleasure in congratulating the city of Siauliai and the Games Organizing Committee for taking this great chance to invite participants from across the globe to the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games! I am convinced that with its rich sporting, cultural and events history, as well as natural beauties, Siauliai in Lithuania is the perfect choice of location for the Games.

I wish the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games 2012 in Siauliai all success, and personally look forward to actively participating in the Games!



Kang-Too LEE  
TAFISA President

### IOC President

On behalf of the Olympic Movement, I am delighted to convey my greetings for the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games, under the patronage of the IOC. The IOC recognises the value of Sport for All as a major contributor to physical, mental and social health. We encourage the preservation, promotion and participation in traditional games and sports as a means of maintaining our strong and varied sports cultures across the globe.

Following the highly successful TAFISA World Sport for All Games in Busan in 2008, the IOC is convinced that the 2012 TAFISA World Sport for All Games will be a vibrant event. We encourage people from around the world to participate as a demonstrator or spectator, and wish both TAFISA and the Organising Committee every success for the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games.



Jacques ROGGE  
IOC President

### Mayor of Siauliai

It is a great pleasure for me to invite you to the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games Siauliai 2012. Siauliai is extremely proud of having the opportunity to host the significant international event - TAFISA World Sport for All Games - and contribute to the Sport for All movement. With the TAFISA Games, Siauliai wants to continue developing the idea of dissemination of the ideal for sport for all and promoting healthy and active lifestyle in every nation. Our City is a great place to arrange an international sport event. Siauliai has already been recognized as a sporting city, with excellent sport facilities and a highly active sports community. Citizens have a strong sense of connection with sports traditions. Our region has a rich historical past, interesting and valuable cultural history, a lot of beautiful tourist attractions. Sport unites millions of people and builds bridges between the nations. I am looking forward to this significant event and know that it will be a tremendous success.



Genadijus MIKSYS  
Mayor of Siauliai City

### Director General of Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

The world is changing. A dialogue among nations involves more people, giving the Sport for All Movement exceptional universally recognised importance. The TAFISA World Sport for All Games in Siauliai is an excellent opportunity to introduce Lithuania and its traditions, welcome people of various nations and age groups to sports arenas and sports grounds, and experience the exhilaration and warmth of being together. Lithuanian sport has traditions that are both wonderful and old. This Lithuanian 'spice' to the sport will be felt at each moment of the Games and will be taken as a pleasant memory by the participants in the Games back to their countries. I congratulate the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games Siauliai 2012 and wish its participants a good mood, sporting drive, fair play, good sportsmanship, and excellent impressions.



Klemensas RIMSELIS,  
Director General of Department  
of Physical Education and Sports  
under the Government of the  
Republic of Lithuania





## Theme and Aims of the Games

The discovery of the world is nearly complete. The highest mountains have been climbed, the hottest deserts and the coldest polar regions have been explored, humans have ventured into the depth of the sea and into space. The world has all but become completely accessible! But still, many creative issues of human culture are at risk of being lost.

The 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games in Siauliai, Lithuania, 2012, will offer a voyage of discovery around the world. The modern version of the Games provides the possibility not only to show the traditional sports and games of the world, but to share and experience cultures and heritage from across the globe, and understand the important role games and sports have played in our history.

The main goal of the World Sport for All Games is to promote diversity of national cultures, cooperation, peace and welfare through sport. Victory is not the first priority. The preservation and promotion of, and participation in, traditional sports and games to maintain and share the world's unique and interesting cultures and heritage is!

During the Games, Siauliai will be the world capital of Sport for All and stage a museum of the art of movement, which has been kept alive and is full of surprises. In the light of constant technological progress, our tradition and heritage of sport provide the urgently required balance in human life. Siauliai will witness a happy marriage of traditional games and sports and cultures of the world, contributing to mutual understanding and respect around the globe.

TAFISA bows in reverence to this cultural heritage and appreciates it as a resource from which Sport for All benefits significantly, and knows that with more active people, we can create a better world. The TAFISA World Sport for All Games will give us a chance to rediscover world culture.

### Aims:

- To preserve and promote traditional sports and games and therefore national identity and heritage,
- To acknowledge and experience different national cultures,
- To encourage cooperation between nations,
- To highlight the importance of physical education and sports,
- To reveal and enrich traditional games and sports,
- To provide experience exchange opportunities,
- To enjoy.



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## Lithuania and Siauliai

### Lithuania

The name of Lithuania was first mentioned a thousand years ago (in 1009). Located on the crossroad between the west and east cultures, the country experienced a dramatic history of events for resettlement and independence. In the middle ages Lithuania was the biggest country in Eastern Europe, handicraft and trade with other countries were thriving. Now Lithuania is an active member of the European Union (since 2004) and NATO Alliance (since 2004). Statehood traditions are 800 years old and the oldest in the Baltic States.

With a population of over 3 million, Lithuania is in the geographical centre of Europe and the Baltic Sea, bordered by Latvia, Russia, Poland, and Belarus.

Some facts about Lithuania:

- Language: Lithuanian, an Indo-European language which closely resembles ancient Sanskrit and is transcribed from Latin.
- Political System: Democratic Republic with a governing Prime Minister and multi-party system.
- Cuisine: Lithuanian cuisine features the products suited to its cool and moist northern climate: barley, potatoes, rye, beets, greens, berries, and mushrooms are locally grown, and dairy products are one of its specialties. Since it shares its climate and agricultural practices with Eastern Europe, Lithuanian cuisine has much in common with other Eastern European and Ashkenazi cuisines.
- Climate: Lithuania's climate, which ranges between maritime and continental, is relatively mild. Average daily temperature is 16-20 in July, although temperatures can reach 30 to 35.
- Sporting history: Lithuania is very strong in basketball with multiple medals at the Olympics and World Championships. Lithuania is also home to the world strongest man, Savickas, the world first acrobatic pilot to perform to music and a European and World Champion dancesport formation team.

### Siauliai

Siauliai, with a population of about 130.000, is the economic, cultural and educational center of Northern Lithuania. Due to its perfect geographical location, Siauliai became the trade and industrial center of Lithuania from the very start. Consequently, during World War II, 85% of Siauliai was ruined. The only building that remained was the renaissance cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. The tower (70m) is visible from a long distance and is the main panoramic accent of the city.

Siauliai is known as the Sun City, has a strong history in culture and sports, and is the site of the Hill of Crosses – the final pilgrimage destination of thousands of Catholics each year. The hill is estimated to house over 100,000 crosses, as well as crucifixes, carvings and statues, effigies and rosaries.



## Games Facts

**Date:** July 5th – 11th, 2012

**Venues:** The games will be held in Siauliai city and Siauliai region consisting of Akmenė, Joniskis, Kelme, Pakruojis, Radviliskis municipalities. Main events will be held in the Siauliai Arena, local stadiums and open areas. The Siauliai Arena was built in 2007 and is one of the most modern multisport and cultural buildings in Lithuania (architect: Eugenijus Miliūnas). It was recognized as the best sports project of the year. Siauliai regional venues for the Games events have exceptionally beautiful landscape and functional sport infrastructure.

### Sport program:

- Traditional sports and games,
- Demonstration sports,
- Sports for disabled people,
- Championships and competitions,
- Day of nations,
- Mass sports events: bicycle riding, nordic walking, gymnastics for all, etc.

### Special Events:

- Sport forum, congress
- Opening and closing ceremonies,
- World Walking Day
- Coronation of the Lithuanian King Mindaugas - State Day celebration,
- International boy chorus festival,
- International folk music festivals.



## Benefits for Invited Delegations

The Organising Committee will invite delegations from around the world to demonstrate their traditional sport or games in Siauliai.

For up to 10 persons, invited delegations receive:

- Free local transport
- Free accommodation (6 nights)
- Free meals (7 days)

Invited delegations may showcase their traditional game or sport in many Games events, including:

- Opening ceremony
- Daily demonstrations in Siauliai and surrounding towns
- World Nations Fair
- Sport Gala Performance
- Closing ceremony

This is a unique opportunity to show the world your traditions and heritage! For more information or to apply as an invited delegation, please see the Information Sheet for Delegations or contact the Organising Committee at [info@siauliai2012.lt](mailto:info@siauliai2012.lt).

The Organising Committee will select invited delegations following their application to be a part of the Games, and may also provide special accommodation and travel packages for other participating delegations.



## Preliminary Time Table of the Games:

| Events  | 05.07<br>Thursday | 06.07<br>Friday | 07.07<br>Saturday | 08.07<br>Sunday | 09.07<br>Monday | 10.07<br>Tuesday | 11.07<br>Wednesday |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Arrival and registration                      | ✓                 |                 |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| Welcome Party                                 | ✓                 |                 |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| Official opening (open air event)             |                   | ✓               |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| Heads and Delegations Meeting                 |                   | ✓               |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| The 6 of July State Day celebration           |                   | ✓               |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| TAFISA Reception                              |                   | ✓               |                   |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| Sport Events                                  |                   | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓               | ✓                |                    |
| Demonstration Events                          |                   | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓               | ✓                |                    |
| Guided Tours/ Sightseeing                     |                   | ✓               | ✓                 |                 |                 |                  |                    |
| ESFAN Conference                              |                   |                 | ✓                 | ✓               |                 |                  |                    |
| Folk Music Festivals, Exhibitions, Trade fair |                   |                 | ✓                 | ✓               |                 |                  |                    |
| World Walking Day                             |                   |                 |                   | ✓               |                 |                  |                    |
| World Nations Fair                            |                   |                 | ✓                 | ✓               | ✓               | ✓                |                    |
| Scientific Forum                              |                   |                 |                   |                 | ✓               |                  |                    |
| Sport Gala performance                        |                   |                 |                   |                 | ✓               |                  |                    |
| International Sports Championships            |                   |                 |                   |                 | ✓               | ✓                |                    |
| Official closing ceremony                     |                   |                 |                   |                 | ✓               | ✓                |                    |
| Departure                                     |                   |                 |                   |                 |                 |                  | ✓                  |

### Accommodation:

In Siauliai and the surrounding region there are plenty of options for accommodation. From hotels to bed and breakfasts to campsites, and from forests and lakes to towns and cities, guests to Siauliai will find accommodation suitable for their wishes, taste and budget.

Please contact the Siauliai Tourist Information Centre (phone: +370 41 523 110, web: [www.siauliai.lt/tic](http://www.siauliai.lt/tic), email: [tic@siauliai.lt](mailto:tic@siauliai.lt)) for more information.

Further information about accommodation will be provided on the Games website, [www.siauliai2012.lt](http://www.siauliai2012.lt)

### Transport to Siauliai:

There are three airports in Lithuania: Vilnius International Airport, Kaunas International Airport and the smaller, seaside Palanga Airport. Additionally, Riga International Airport in Latvia is only 120 km from Siauliai. Travelling within Lithuania is easy as there is a wide network of rail, bus and taxi services. Buses will be arranged from/to Vilnius and Riga airports for Games attendees.

More information about travel to Siauliai will be provided on the Games website,

### Visa:

Lithuania is a member of the Schengen Agreement. For EU and EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) citizens, an officially approved ID card (or a passport) is sufficient for entry. However, to be certain, and for all other visitors to Lithuania, please check your local visa requirements.