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Youth Cup
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34th Gothia World Youth Cup



GOTHIA CUP 2008

It's no exaggeration to say that the Gothia Cup is the most appreciated and well known youth soccer tournament in the world. Certainly even the most popular. Throughout the years 770,000 youths from over 127 different countries have participated in the Gothia Cup. More than 1,500 teams partake yearly. Obviously these are staggering numbers, but perhaps we are proud of something more that cannot be expressed in numbers. The fact that we are able to retain and develop the basic principle of the Gothia Cup; the idea that through soccer as a common denominator, we gather the youth of the world to create a meeting ground. A ground that gives hope for a better future. Welcome all!

THE CITY

One of the prerequisites for a positive experience of the tournament is that the host city truly cares about the event. That the inhabitants of the city do their part as both an audience as well as hosts out on town. Gothenburg is a city with a population of half a million. We assure you , everyone knows of the Gothia Cup and its guests.

THE AMUSEMENT PARK

Liseberg- one of Europe's leading amusement parks is a must for all participants. You have free admission all week and with the special "Gothia Pass" you can take advantage of all the rides at a discounted price all week long. Ride as much as you want and dare!





THE GAMES

In the Gothia Cup at least 80% of all boys games shall be played by teams from different countries. The girl's soccer shall consist of more countries and be of better quality than any other tournament. By having close to 70 countries every year that participate the Gothia Cup, it remains the world's most international tournament.

To advance to the finals in the Gothia Cup is something really big. To win is even bigger! Although, everyone is a winner, even if only 13 teams can call themselves champions.

THE FIELDS

Naturally large numbers of fields are needed to carry out a tournament such as the Gothia Cup. More than 90 of them. We are proud to be able to present a tournament of this size that is solely played on grass fields. Well, 20 of the fields are actually made of turf of the latest technology.

THE EXPERIENCE

Gothia Cup is to be the total experience for our guests. We want to make the tournament so much more than just soccer. A Gothia Cup week should be comprised of many exciting activities. The opening ceremony, Liseberg, the Gothia disco, the leader's party, the Gothia Heden Center, shopping in the Nordstan mall, the Avenue...The question is rather, will there be enough time?

THE OPENING CEREMONY

Picture an audience of more than 50.000. Sweden's biggest venue. Everyone's in place. Sit down and lean back. A two hour show is about to begin that you will remember for a long, long time to come...

THE PROJECT

We believe that the youth of today want to take charge of the ever changing global world we live in. Therefore a percentage of the participant fee goes to two soccer schools that the Gothia Cup runs in the Congo (together with the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden) and in Thailand. Thousands of youths are given the chance to have a meaningful and developing activity in their spare time. Thank you for your help.



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

All clubs, which are members of their FIFA affiliated national associations, are welcome to participate in the Gothia Cup. The tournament begins with group play. Teams are divided into groups of four or five, where all teams are playing each other once. The first and second team in the group qualify for "Play-off A", the other teams in the group for "Play-off B". The tournament is played under all applicable FIFA or Swedish FA rules. All players must be insured, both for games and leisure time. Arrival for all teams is on Sunday July 13. Kick-off for the preliminary-round games is on Monday July 14.

PLAYING PERIODS

Qualifying rounds and Play-off B: Class: B18, B16, B15, G19, G17 and G15: 2x25 minutes. Other classes 2x20 minutes.

Play-off A: Class: B18, B16, B15, G19, G17 and G15: 2x30 minutes. Other classes 2x25 minutes.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM

There is no limit to the number of players in each team. However only five substitutes are allowed in each match. All players must be able to show proof of age and identity.

DISPENSATION

Dispensations will automatically be given to two players per squad (in 7- a-side classes one player) who are maximum one year over aged. Note that you can not use more players by switching them between matches. In classes B16, G17 and G15 teams from countries that still use the 1st of August limit (mainly USA and England) may also use players 5 months over aged. Girls may play in boys teams in class B11-16.

THE GOTHIA CARD INCLUDE

- Free travel within the city on buses and trams and the Gothia Line
- Free admittance or discounted admittance to most of Gothenburg's leading tourist attractions.
- Free entry to the Opening ceremony and the finals at the Ullevi Stadium.
- Free admittance to the Liseberg Amusement Park.

COSTS EURO (USD)

CAT.	ACCOMMODATION	TEAM FEE	PAYMENT	ACCOMMODATION COST	PAYMENT	MEALS	GOTHIA CARD	TRANSFER	EXTRA NIGHTS
A	School	170 (195)	April 10	200/person (295)	May 2	Full board	Included	Included	8/person (12)
B	Hotel	170 (195)	April 10	Please contact us	See confirmation	Breakfast	Included	Included	----
C	Others	240 (340)	When reg.	50/person (70)	May 2	----	Included	Included	----

CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION(A): July 13-19.

Each team has one room to itself. Minimum one, maximum four leaders per team may stay in the school. Everyone staying at the school has to pay the accommodation cost.

Sleeping bag or beds are not included in the price. You can rent beds and bedding from us. Cost is EURO 45 (USD 60) per person and week

The first meal is dinner on July 13 and the last meal is lunch on July 19. Maximum of 1220 teams in this category.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION(B): The price range below is per person in double room between July 13-19. Lunch and dinner at nearby schools can be purchased separately at EURO 70 (USD 95) for 12 meals and EURO 36 (USD 50) for 6 meals. Maximum of 100 teams in this category.

OTHERS(C): Teams arranging their own accommodation. All participants in this category need to pay a participant fee EURO 50 (USD 70) that includes the Gothia Card. There is a limited number (50) of teams accepted in this category. This category is normally fully booked in October.

TEAM LEADER CARD

Each team receives two Team Leader Cards, giving entry to the Gothia Leaders' Party, a Gothia Cup Coach T-shirt and entrance to Gothia Leaders' Sports Bar

TRANSFER

Return transfer between airport/railway station/ferry terminal in Gothenburg and your place of accommodation is included in the accommodation cost. Note that there is only one return transfer per team/group of teams.

EXTRA NIGHTS

If you want to stay at the school (maximum of two) nights before or after the tournament. No meals are served during this period.

NUMBER OF TEAMS IN THE TOURNAMENT

It is our aim that all teams wishing to take part in the Gothia Cup should be able to do so. But please note that during last years the tournament has not been able to accept all teams that wished to enter. There will be a maximum of 1600 teams (including 230 local teams). The teams paying their entry fees first will be given priority. A club may enter a maximum of two teams in each age class.

HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

Only players and a maximum of four team leaders per team can be accommodated in schools. For relatives and friends, hotel accommodation can be arranged at reasonable prices. For bookings and further information please contact the Gothia Cup office.

INSURANCE

All participants must carry their own insurance. Gothia Cup does not carry any group insurance, and is not responsible for, protecting participants in case of injury, illness, theft or damage to property.

ENTRY & PAYMENTS

Register via our web page www.gothiacup.se The team fee together with the completed application form must be received by the Gothia Cup no later than April 10, 2008. The accommodation fees must be paid no later than May 2, 2008. Refunds of accommodation fees could only be made when the Gothia Cup receives your withdrawal notice before June 15, 2008. The team fee can not be refunded.

All payments need to be done to Gothia Cup bank account:

Payments in EURO:

SEB, Sweden.

IBAN code SE 72-5000-0000-0590-1824-1113.

SWIFT: ESSESESS.

Payments in USD:

SEB, Sweden.

IBAN code SE 34-5000-0000-0590-1821-9002.

SWIFT: ESSESESS.

Note that all bank transaction fees has to be paid by the teams. You have to pay in the currency (Euro or USD) that is the most "natural" currency in your country.

CLASS

B18 – Boys born 1/1-90 and later

B16 – Boys born 1/1-92 and later

B15 – Boys born 1/1-93 and later

B14 – Boys born 1/1-94 and later

B13 – Boys born 1/1-95 and later

B12 – Boys born 1/1-96 and later (7-a-side)

B11 – Boys born 1/1-97 and later (7-a-side)

G19 – Girls born 1/1-89 and later

G17 – Girls born 1/1-91 and later

G15 – Girls born 1/1-93 and later

G14 – Girls born 1/1-94 and later

G13 – Girls born 1/1-95 and later

G12 – Girls born 1/1-96 and later (7-a-side)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 10:** Registration form and payments of team fees should be received by Gothia Cup.
- **May 2:** Payment of accommodation cost should be received by Gothia Cup
- **July 13:** Arrival in Gothenburg.
- **July 14:** Tournament starts, Opening ceremony.
- **July 18-19:** Finals.

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