GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

WINTER GAMES

Student 11th Winter Games (hereinafter the "Games") is a winter sports and entertainment event open to students from all higher education institutions, as well as alumni with a youthful and athletic spirit.

OBJECTIVE

The Games are designed to provide all participants with intensive athletic and relaxing entertainment programs in winter. To popularize both collective and individual recreational sports among students.

TIME AND PLACE

The Games will take place from January 29 to January 31, 2027 at the Kääriku Sports Center.

ORGANIZERS

Estonian Academic Sports Federation:

- Project manager - Joosep Karlson (ylisport@ylisport.ee; 5664 7613);
- Program manager - Kunnar Karu (kunnar@ylisport.ee; 527 7540);
- Competition Center Manager - Martin Malm (staap@ylisport.ee; 5341 3663).

PARTICIPANTS

Eligible participants include students, employees, and alumni of all Estonian and international higher education institutions, as well as high school seniors (12th grade students who are at least 18 years old by the start of the Games), who comply with these guidelines.
Each participant represents their school (those studying at multiple institutions must register under the school whose team they wish to join).
A team may consist only of students, employees, and alumni of the same higher education institution.

ARRIVAL

Arrival at Kääriku begins on January 31 at 11:00

TRANSPORT AND PARKING

All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Due to limited parking, schools are advised to arrange a shared bus for their delegations. Organizers will prioritize parking for buses transporting participants.

Private vehicles must be parked only in designated, marked parking areas. At the organizers' request, improperly parked vehicles must be moved immediately.

Organizers reserve the right to tow improperly parked vehicles.

Parking of vehicles belonging to non-registered participants is not permitted.

ACCOMMODATION

The organizers will arrange a floor accommodation in the Sports Hall, where all participants who have paid the participation fee may place their equipment (everything necessary for sleeping must be taken along by the participants). It is forbidden to stay at the accommodation venue without permission. It is also possible to stay at accommodations for an extra fee. Information about the accommodations will be provided no later than on 7-th December. **Attention!** Please contact Representatives from your school for bookings. **There is no possibility to have accommodation just for one night.**

CATERING

The organizers will arrange five meals in the diner of Kääriku Sports Centre: dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Catering is only provided on the basis of a wristband and a lunch coupon. There is also a possibility to buy food on site at the bar of the Sports Hall.

SCHEDULE

The official schedule is approved by the Games organizing committee and published on the website (www.ylisport.ee). Organizers may change the schedule, announcing updates on the website or during the Games via info boards, team representative meetings, or on-site coordinators.

COMPETITIONS

The program of the competitions is found on www.ylisport.ee. Attention please! The organizers have the right to make changes in the timetable due to the weather conditions on site.

AWARDING CEREMONY

The top three male and female athletes or teams in each individual and team event will receive awards from the organizers and sponsors.
The most athletic university will receive a traveling trophy.
The most active university will be awarded the YLISPORT traveling trophy.
Each school will also award its Most Valuable Participant, selected by the school representative.

PROTESTS

All protests regarding competition procedures or other competitors must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the end of the event at the Games Secretariat.
Questions and protests are resolved by the Jury Panel, with mandatory participation from the team coaches/representatives involved.

Protests related to results must be submitted the same competition day or the following morning before 10:00. Later submissions will not be accepted.

The decisions of the Jury Panel are fina.

PARTICIPATION FEE

All participants must pay the participation fee. The fee includes:

- participation in the sports and entertainment program.
- Floor accommodation (bring your own mattress and sleeping bag)
- Scheduled meals

The 2027 Winter Games have a participation limit of 835 participants. Tickets are distributed to schools proportionally to their size, with guarantees for smaller schools to ensure they can form teams.
Schools may reserve up to 50% of their allocated tickets for their representative teams—these are not released to open sale.
Participants who cannot obtain an open-sale ticket must contact their school representative.

Fees for the EASL member schools participants	Hind €
until 22-th of December 2025	60 EUR
until 27-th of January 2026	70 EUR
on site	80 EUR
Fees for other schools participants	**Hind €**
until 21-th of December 2025	70 EUR
until 27-th of January 2026	80 EUR
on site	90 EUR

Official registration requires:
• Registration according to these guidelines;
• Payment through the Fienta ticket system;
• Wearing the Games wristband and competition number (if required).
Participants without a wristband may not take part.
Any results achieved by non-registered individuals will be voided.

Participation fees must be paid only via Fienta. If ticket details do not match ID-card data, no wristband will be issued, and entry is denied.
Tickets purchased under the wrong school are not valid and are non-refundable.

Tickets are non-refundable but may be transferred/sold within the same school by forwarding the ticket email to the new participant, who must update their information via the link in the email.

By paying the participation fee, you confirm that you have read and agree to follow these guidelines.

DISCOUNTS

For every 15 tickets purchased by a school, 1 free ticket is granted.
Example: 60 purchased tickets = 4 free tickets.

PARTICIPATION OF WINNERS AND MOST-VALUABLE PARTICIPANTS

The Estonian Academic Sports Federation invites all winners of individual events at the 9th Winter Games to defend their titles and all “Most Valuable Participants” nominated by their schools to participate. To participate for free, registration through the school representative must be completed by December 22. Late registration requires payment.

TEAM EVENT REGISTRATION

Team registration is open until January 10, or later on-site if spaces remain.
Additional rules apply as per the team sports guidelines available on the website.
Organizers may limit the number of teams/participants.
If the limit is reached, at least one team from every school will be accepted.

Teams are distributed proportionally based on delegation size.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION

Registration for individual events is available on-site starting 30 minutes before each event.
Additional rules apply according to the individual event guidelines (available online).

JURY PANEL

The Jury Panel consists of: Project manager, Program Manager, Competition Center Manager.
Additional sports coordinators or school representatives may be involved as needed.

GENERAL INFORMATION TO PARTICIPANTS

All participants in every discipline must follow the general competition guidelines, the individual and team event guidelines, as well as the specific instructions for each team event. All event guidelines are available on the website www.ylisport.ee.

- The Games' code of conduct applies on-site, and all participants are required to follow it.
- Participants are responsible for their own health in every event. First aid is provided by the organizers.
- Only attend the event if you are healthy.
- Participate sober. Referees have the right to remove any participant showing signs of intoxication. The consumption of alcohol in public areas or at the event outside designated zones is prohibited. Alcohol is not permitted in competition areas.
- Smoking is prohibited in competition areas, in their immediate vicinity, and in public spaces within the Games' territory.
- Bring a valid student ID. Alumni must be able to verify their graduation from a university or higher education institution via the eesti.ee portal if necessary. Employees must be able to prove their employment at a university/higher education institution if requested. University representatives verify the list of participants registered under their school and their student status. In case of doubts or protests, organizers have the right to request documentation for verification. If a participant cannot provide a valid student status, proof of graduation (for alumni), or proof of employment (for staff), their individual or team results may be annulled.
- By buying a ticket to the Games, you agree that the organizer may take photos or video of you and may use those materials.
- Any issues not covered by the event guidelines will be resolved by the Jury Panel based on the general guidelines and/or the best judgment in the interest of the Games.