

FINNISH DIVERS' FEDERATION



XXIX Euro-African Championships 2013 29th – 30th of June 2013, Helsinki.

RULES and REGULATIONS

Finnish Divers' Federation has the pleasure of inviting your National Spearfishing Team, to the CMAS XXIX Euro-African Championships in Spearfishing to be held in Helsinki, on the beautiful south coast of Finland.

In order for us to be able to organise the event in time, we kindly ask you to return the final entry form (Annex 1) by March 15th 2013. No registration is accepted after this time.

All National Federations must register their National team to CMAS, and pay the CMAS fee.

Hosting federation: Finnish Divers' Federation

1. CHAMPIONSHIP INTERNATIONAL JURY AND SPORT AUTHORITY

The International Jury will be formed by the CMAS International Judge Mr. Sergio Pérez Hernández, appointed by the CMAS Board of Directors. The Director of Competition will be Mr. Ville Lahikainen with responsibility and functions as shown in CMAS General Rules for Spearfishing Championships CMAS, acting additionally as direct support and advisor of CMAS International Judge. The Deputy Director of Competition will be Mr. Tapio Salakari appointed by Finnish Spearfishing Committee, who will also act as a technical supporter of the International Judge.

The Security Coordinator will be Mr. Markus Nevalainen

The Medical adviser will be Dr. Mikko Vuoristo

2. TECHNICAL CONTROL

Technical control under the International Judge CMAS, the Competition Director and the Security

Coordinator

3. INSCRIPTION / REGISTRATION

Please register by email to the following addresses:

office@sukeltaja.fi (Finnish Divers' Federation).

tapio.salakari@sukeltaja.fi (Main secretary of local organising committee).

spo@cmas.org (CMAS HQ).

After registering your team will receive all the necessary information about the competition, including detailed competition rules, accommodation information and scouting opportunities.

The following table contains all the different inscription options.

N. Of member of national team	INSCRIPTION MODE 1			INSCRIPTION MODE 2			INSCRIPTION MODE 3		
	Inscription + Accommodation + Boats**			Inscription + Boats			Inscription Only		
	Value of total registration	1st payment up to 15/03/2013	2nd payment up to 15/04/2013	Value of total registration	1st payment up to 15/03/2013	2nd payment up to 15/04/2013	Value of total registration	1st payment up to 15/03/2013	2nd payment up to 15/04/2013
1	1 790 €	895 €	895 €	1 570 €	785 €	785 €	1 370 €	685 €	685 €
2	2 390 €	1 195 €	1 195 €	2 070 €	1 035 €	1 035 €	1 470 €	735 €	735 €
3	3 190 €	1 595 €	1 595 €	2 490 €	1 245 €	1 245 €	1 580 €	790 €	790 €
4	3 390 €	1 695 €	1 695 €	2 590 €	1 295 €	1 295 €	1 690 €	845 €	845 €
5	3 590 €	1 795 €	1 795 €	2 690 €	1 345 €	1 345 €	1 780 €	890 €	890 €
6	3 780 €	1 890 €	1 890 €	2 790 €	1 395 €	1 395 €	1 880 €	940 €	940 €

**bringing your own boats will give a discount of 200€ per boat.

As outlined in the table above, there are three different inscription options including or excluding accommodation and boats. We encourage teams to bring their own boats. The above options include participation in the Gala Dinner, organized after the competition, for all inscribed members of the team.

All payments shall be paid by bank transfer, clearly marked "EA Championships, Spearfishing 2013".

Recipient of the payment: Finnish Divers' Federation

Bank: DANSKE BANK

IBAN Account number: FI8380001300541514

BIC code: DABAFIHH

Note: Each team must provide the name lists of all members in delegations that are going to enter military areas at any point (Full name, passport number, date of birth, nationality, place of birth, occupation), latest 1. May 2013.

Additional days of accommodation

Accommodation for extra days at Hotel Scandic Grand Marina

Address: Katajanokanlaituri 7, 00160 Helsinki. Finland.

Single room (one bed) 85 € / night.

Double room (two beds) 89 € / night.

Double room with extra bed (three beds) 109 € / night.

3. RULES

The rules can be found on the CMAS web page, and on the official web page of the competition:

<http://www.nordicspearfishing.com/helsinki2013/>




POINT CALCULATIONS AND VALID CATCHES

1- The point calculation will be done in two phases:

Phase 1 Classic Points

- in groups I, II, III and IV, scoring is done by attributing one (1) point per gram of each valid fish. For the fishes in groups I, II, III and IV, the maximum amount of points for weight is **12500** points per single fish. All fishes belonging to same group are weighed together
- For the "Biggest fish" trophy only valid fish from groups I, II, III and IV will qualify. The trophy will be awarded to the competitor who catches the heaviest fish.
- There are three types of bonus points applied:
 - 1 – The bonus for each valid catch is a # of points = minimum weight = 300 points X # catches
 - 2 - There will be an extra bonus per different species = 300 points X # species
 - 3 - Bonus for completing quota of catches of species = 600 points X quota completed
- Penalty will be applied for fish weighing less than 2/3 of the specific minimum weight. Penalty points are equal to the minimum weight grams of the species.
- Only valid fish from the groups listed below will be awarded any points


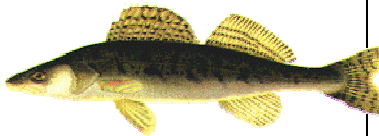

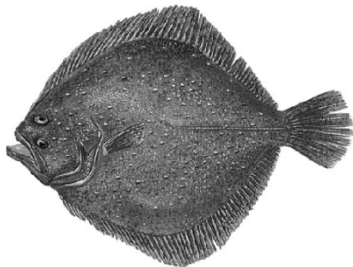

Group I (min. size 300g)

Finnish	Scientific name	French	English	Spanish	Picture
Ahven	<i>(Perca fluviatilis)</i>		Perch		
Kampela	<i>(Platichthys flesus)</i>		Flounder		
Särki	<i>(Rutilus rutilus)</i>		Roach		

Minimum weight for valid catch: 300 grams (penalty <200g = 300 points).

Maximum number of fish allowed to catch per day: 5 per Flounder (*Platichthys flesus*) and 10 per other species in Group I


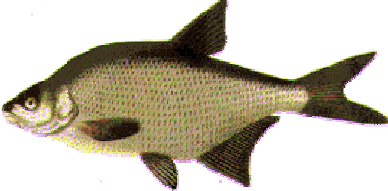
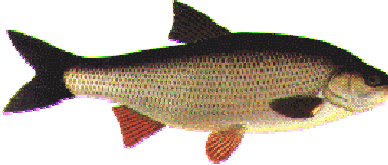
Group II (min. size 400g)

Finnish	Scientific name	French	English	Spanish	Picture
Made	<i>(Lota lota)</i>		Burbot		
Kuha	<i>(Stizostedion lucioperca)</i>		Perch-pike 400g/37cm		
Turska	<i>(Gadus morhua)</i>		Cod		
Piikkikampela	<i>(Scophthalmus maximus)</i>		Turbot		
Ankerias	<i>(Anguilla anguilla)</i>		Eel		
All other fish species not mentioned in groups I,II,III,IV					

Minimum weight for valid catch: 400 grams (penalty <267g = 400 points)..

Maximum number of fish allowed to catch per day: 5 per Turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*) and 10 per other species in Group II.





Group III (min. size 600g)

Finnish	Scientific name	French	English	Spanish	Picture
Hauki	<i>(Esox lucius)</i>		Pike 600g/42cm		
Lahna	<i>(Abramis brama)</i>		Bream		
Säyne	<i>(Lauciscus idus)</i>		Ide		

Minimum weight for valid catch: 600 grams (penalty <400g = 600 points).

Maximum number of fish allowed to catch per day: 5 per species.

Group IV (Species specific minimum size cm according to local law)

Finnish	Scientific name	French	English	Spanish	Picture
Meritaimen	<i>(Salmo trutta)</i>		Sea trout 1200g/50cm		
Lohi	<i>(Salmo salar)</i>		Salmon 2500g/60cm		
Siika	<i>(Coregonus lavaretus)</i>		White fish 300g/30cm		
Nokkahauki	<i>(Belone belone)</i>		Garpike 300g		

Minimum weight for valid catch:

White fish (*Coregonus lavaretus*) and Gar pike (*Belone belone*) 300 grams (penalty <200g = 300 points)).

Trout (*Salmo trutta*) 1200 grams (penalty <800g = 1200 points) Minimum size by law 50cm

Salmon (*Salmo salar*) 2500 grams (penalty <1667g = 2500 points) Minimum size by law 60cm

Maximum number of fish allowed to catch per day: 10 per species.

Phase 2: qualification points

The qualification points are calculated per day as:

$(\text{competitor points total} / \text{best competitors points total}) \times 100$

4. PROTEST

A written protest **must be announced to** the jury of the competition within 15min after the competition day has ended, or after final results are announced. Protest fee is 100€ which will be returned in case of acceptance of the complaint (see details in header 13.)

5. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

Participation in the Euro-African Championships takes place at athletes' own responsibility.

The hosting federation is not liable for personal or material damage.

6. PLACE

Helsinki, Finland

7. COMPETITION

The Base Port will be in the VIRON ALLAS, behind the old Market Hall at Helsinki harbor

Competition time is 6 hours per day.

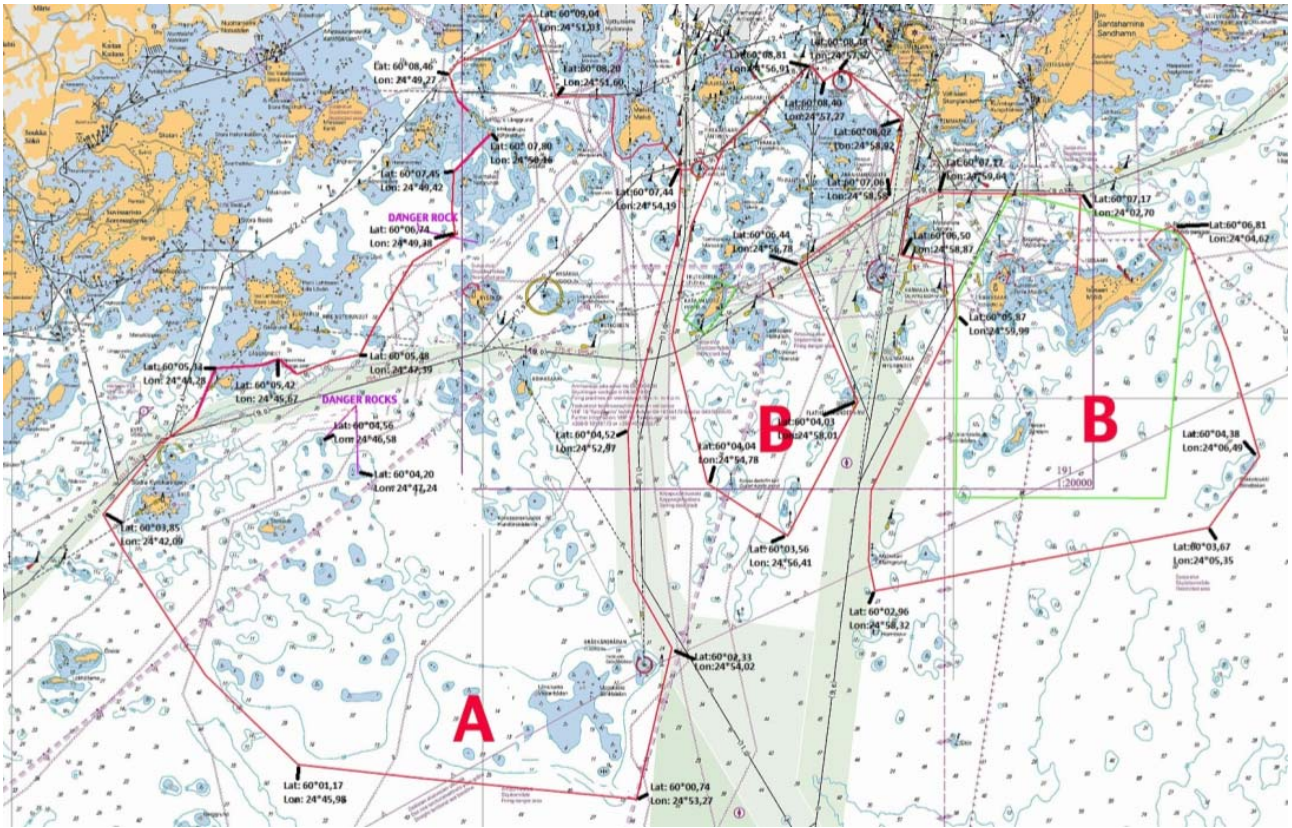
Only the International Judge or the Competition Director may decide, by mutual agreement, any change in the competition areas if necessary. In case of disagreement the CMAS International Judge will make a decision.

A count of participants and confirmation will be made before leaving the harbor to competition area. All boats must follow the Competition Director boat back and forth the competition area.

Once arrived at the competition area, there will be a new recount of participants and the time for starting and finishing the fishing event will be communicated. The meeting point and the margins of time to pass the control once the fishing time expired will also be communicated at that moment.

Only in the event of adverse meteorological (whether or sea) conditions, and the Security coordinator informing previously the CMAS International Judge, will decide the partial/total cancellation of the fishing event. The CMAS International Judge has total autonomy and responsibility for canceling totally or partially any fishing event, for any organizational issue or due to weather conditions, even reducing the time or the fishing area.

If the competition had to be cancelled owing to circumstances beyond our control or adverse meteorological conditions, the championship would be only valid if 2/3 of the time of event has been completed. The competition consists of two consecutive days of 6 hours each. The beginning and the ending of every fishing event will be communicated by radio or mobile phones. The boatmen/commissioners will inform about the ending to their fishermen. The fishermen must get on board when informed about the ending. Competition areas A and B and the gps points:



Full scale map can be found:

<http://www.nordicspearfishing.com/helsinki2013/>

NOTE1: GPS points mark the area only partly as natural borders as small islands give the exact border. There is no reserve zone as both of the areas hold plenty of islands to give cover in case of a bad weather.

NOTE2: The competition areas are partly on the military area and partly natural reserve so there are several islands and areas that must not be approached without official permit. Before teams enter the competition areas (for scouting) they must consult competition organizers

NOTE3: All wrecks in the area are protected by Finnish law and must be approached cautiously; do not move any items from wrecks nor make any damage

NOTE4: In the area can be found potentially active ammunition from WW2 and military training. Do not touch any metal objects found on the bottom. Report the suspicious findings to organizers.

NOTE5: There are fairways inside the competition area with high speed ferries cruising. Diving on fairways or unnecessary staying with boat on fairways is prohibited.

NOTE6: There are many shallow areas with under water rocks. It is the boat driver's decision to choose the route to wanted location

NOTE7: There are large ferries cruising close to competition area and they cause big surge and waves. It is the boat driver's decision to choose the place safe to stay when ferry is passing. For same reason anchoring of the boat should not be done closer that 25m from rocks or ashore.

8. BOATS

The SUKELTAJA ry (championship organizer) will supply official boats if required. Boats will be given by drawing. The participants who bring their own boats can use them in the competition.

In the event there are not enough boats for all Captains, they will be free to be in any boats of their own competitors as the only alternative to be in competition zone.

The boatmen act as commissioners. In case of breakdown, the boat will be replaced if possible. Complaints about the substitute boat will not be accepted.

National Teams, which bring their own boats, must attach a written notice when registering including the boat register number, model and owner. It will be authorized boats with 150 HP maximum power. Commissioners will be assigned to these boats by drawing. The CMAS International Judge will select the commissioners for the Finnish participants among other nations possible commissioners. Each official boat will be assigned a reference number the same as the fisherman. It will be a reference number when using the radio signal transmitter or cell phones during the competition. Competitors are not allowed to change their boat.

National teams that require an additional boat for their managers (Team Captains are not allowed to be in this boats) must request it when registering. But the organization is not obligated to organize these boats.

9. ALLOWED EQUIPMENT

Only allowed to use the following equipment:

One or more spear guns of rubber bands or compressed air, using athlete's muscular effort. Fins, masks, snorkels, torches, weight belt, spears and hooks, knives, neoprene wetsuit, gloves and dive computer, GPS, fishing sonar, radio transmitters, mobile phones and a complimentary official buoy with the register number (10 litres minimum)

It is forbidden:

Carrying fish in the belt or any other place than the buoy or the boat.

Have loaded speargun on board.

Have loaded spear gun hung on buoys.

To take any fish from the nets or take the dead fish. All fish will be check during the fish weighting.

10. HELSINKI LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SESSIONS

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY. Participation in the Euro-African Championships takes place at athletes' own responsibility. The hosting federation is not liable for personal or material damage.

Teams that fish or simply dive in Finland waters during the training sessions (any time before the competition) must apply to organizers (SUKELTAJA ry) for a Federative fishing license. The federation fishing license (1 week) is included in the registration fee. But it is each teams responsibility is to ask the

official documents before starting training sessions. These formalities are necessary even fishing is not practiced during the training sessions. Spearguns are allowed in the boats if after or before the scouting the teams wish to go fishing outside of the competition areas. In Finland you have to stay away 100 meters distance from any fishing nets or private docks or houses in the coast line. Each boat must have visible minimum 50x50cm blue and white diver flag on the boat.



Organization is not responsible for any inconvenience caused by Coast Guard or authorities controls if competitors do not obey the existing Finland's legislation.

During the competition days competitors are not covered by the SUKELTAJA ry.

14 days before the competition session inside of the competition zones it is forbidden to train or do examining activities using spear guns, scuba diving breathers or underwater scooters.

Competition areas will be closed the day before the competition session (27.6 Thursday 21 pm) and it is totally forbidden to go inside of the competition areas during the Friday 28.6

Competition area includes the military areas. They are well marked at the competition maps with green line. Training session inside of the military areas are opened 14 days before the competition. Training in these areas means that all the people at the official training boats must have official permit to enter these areas identification documents with them (organizers will apply the permissions). It is totally forbidden to land on any islands inside military area. These military areas are never spearfished before. So it is great opportunity all competitors. Each team must provide the name lists of all members in delegations that are going to enter military areas at any point (Full name, passport number, date of birth, nationality, place of birth, occupation)

All the possibility spearfishing training areas are also informed at the

<http://www.nordicspearfishing.com/helsinki2013/>

Training sessions have to be done only in these areas.

WARNING!!

Inside of the archipelago many waters are owned by private owners. It is forbidden to do spearfishing without their approval. The national fishing license doesn't allow fishing in the private areas.

During the competition the Commissioners are responsible for participants to keep the Law. Fishing and diving in the private waters and without permission is not allowed. Private, military and natural reserves will be marked clearly in a map provided to the teams.

Green line on the official map lines the military areas!

11. FINAL CLASSIFICATION

Individual classification: It will be determined by the sum of the two days punctuation and it will be expressed on percentage. In case of punctuation draw it will count the higher number of valid captures, if equality is maintained it will count the biggest capture.

National Teams classification: It will be determined by the sum of the two days punctuations of every nation competitor and it will be determined on percentage.

12. DISCIPLINE

Every member from the registered teams is expected to know and respect the competition regulations. Judges and commissioners have the right to intervene in case of breaking the regulations.

Judges and commissioners can announce warnings or later disqualification by the CMAS International Judge. Second warning on the same cause the same day will be an immediately disqualification.

Judge-Commissioners must notice the competitor his/her infraction once committed and when turning official The Judge-Commissioners must inform the CMAS International Judge, the one who decides the sanction. The competitor, once disqualified, loses his/her rights to participate in this championship.

13. WARNING ACTIONS

- Arriving late to the Organization control place.
- Inappropriate behaviour towards other competitors, Commissioners or Organizers.
- not respecting the 10 meters safety distance between each diver when water visibility is lower than 4 meters.
- Keeping the spear gun loaded on board.
- Do not keep safety signs (official buoy) according to regulations.
- Be diving / swimming far than 25 meters away of official buoy
- Do not declare to reach the maximum number of valid captures.
- Fishing out of the official areas
- Being helped to recover the official buoy or the weight belt.
- If penalized captures and not valid species are equal or superior to the valid captures.

DISQUALIFICATION ACTIONS

- Aggressions towards other competitors, Commissioners, Judges or Organization members.
- Replacing captures.
- Being in the competition areas before the official departure.

- Using scooters or autonomous breathing apparatus or abandoning assistive weight devices.
- Returning after the official arrival period of time.
- Unsporting and offensive behaviour previously or during the competition.
- Collaboration among participants except for security reasons.
- Leaving the competition without informing the Competition Director.
- Weighting fraud.
- Improper buoy use.
- Two Warnings in same day of competition.

COMPLAINTS

- Participants have the right to make a complaint or more to the Jury.
- Only the team's Captain can make the complaint.
- All complaint must be accompanied by a 100€ deposit, fixed by CMAS.
- It must be presented a complaint in writing to the CMAS International Judge (using English, French or Spanish) on the following periods:
 - 1) Before the weighting time, regarding events during competition time.
 - 2) During the weighting
 - 3) Regarding a classification error, the complaint must be announced to the Competition Director (with the 100€ deposit) the following 15 minutes to the classification publication in order to postpone the awarding ceremony
 - 4) It will be a fixed period of an hour for writing and presenting the complaint form to the International Judge, once the oral complaint intention was communicated. Otherwise the complaint will be null and void, and the money on deposit will not be refunded.
- The complaint will be valid in case the formal and time requirements are met
- The 100€ deposit will be refunded if the complaint is favourable.

REGULATORY CONTROL

The International Judge

In the CMAS Championship, the International Judge is elected by the Fishing Commission and approved by the CMAS Board of directors. He has full Powers and authority on judges, commissioners and organization staff until the publication of the official results. He must approve their election and give them instructions about the competition specific regulations. International Judge objectives are:

- a) Inspection of competition facilities.
- b) Boats commissioners and boats drawing.
- c) Confirming and signing the classification before the publication.

The International Judge must apply the Regulation and the CMAS decisions and resolve all emerging doubts, which are not included in the Regulation. He must check that all the commissioners are in their position and appoint substitutes or remove the incompetent ones. He can also appoint new officials if necessary.

The International Judge gives the starting signal once the Judge members (commissioners, organization and security members) are in their positions and ready. The CMAS International Judge can cancel the competition without consulting it with the competition director or the organization:

- On any adverse meteorological circumstance or security reasons (after consulting with the security coordinator).
- If competition areas or facilities do not fulfill regulation requirements.

International Jury

A unique member constitutes it, the CMAS International Judge, appointed by CMAS and elected by the Spear fishing Commission. The Jury aim is to examine the complaints and take a decision. International Jury decisions cannot be appealed except that new piece information comes up. Decisions must be communicated in writing immediately. The CMAS delegate will act as secretary if necessary, without having the right to vote. The CMAS International Judge, functioning as International Jury, will be assisted (if required) by a Competition Committee formed by the Competition Director and 3 team Captains (who do not compete) appointed by the International Judge.

The functions and responsibilities of the Competition Committee are advising and supporting the International Judge whenever is required. The committee will not take a decision except in case of The Judge inability.

REGULATION INTERPRETATION

In cases not included in this specific regulation, the CMAS International General Regulation for spearfishing competitions will be applied.

ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

According to the Finnish Anti-doping Agency, the control might be made whenever during the Championship.

RESPONSABILITIES

The world Submarine Activities Confederation CMAS, the Organization Federation, the Competition Director, the Commissioners and all related members will not held responsibilities for accidents or equipment lost that may occur before, during and after the championship to participant or third parties.

15. ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

From Thursday 27.6 to Monday 1.7 Helsinki, Finland

Thursday 27.6

18.00 h. Team inscription

21.00 h. Dinner

Friday 28.6

07.00 h. Breakfast

10.00 h. Participants free day

11.00 h. Captains team meeting and commissioners drawing.

13.00 h. Lunch

15.00 Team Captains meeting (last instructions)

18.00 h. Opening ceremony at park of Esplanade (600 meters from the hotel)

20.00 h. Dinner

Saturday 29.6

07.00 h. Breakfast

08.00 h. Base port meeting

09.00 h. Departure

09.30 h. competition session beginning

15.30 h. competition session ending

16.30 h. Port arrival

18.00 h. Weighting at park of Esplanade

20.00 h. Dinner

Sunday 30.6

06.30 h. Breakfast

07.30 h. Base port meeting

08.00 h. Departure

08.30 h. competition session beginning

14.30 h. competition session ending
15.30 h. Port arrival
17.00 h. Weighting + medals giving at park of Esplanade
20.00 h. Closing Dinner and award ceremony

Monday 1.7

7.00 h. Breakfast (Championship ending)

NOTE- Timetables can be modified due to necessities.

Organizers will arrange transportation from hotel to and from the Gala Dinner.
For hotel reservations please contact the Main Secretary of the Organising Committee, Tapio Salakari.
E-mail: tapio.salakari@sukeltaja.fi

More details about the hotel can be found here:

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Countries/Finland/Helsinki/Hotels/Scandic-Grand-Marina/>

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Bank: DANSKE BANK
IBAN Account number: FI8380001300541514
BIC code: DABAFIHH
Last day of payment: 15th March 2013

Should you need more information about the city of Helsinki, please contact the very helpful and professional tourist office.

<http://www.visithelsinki.fi>

In addition to the costs outlined above, all athletes must be in possession of an individual sport license and each federation will need to pay the federation fee directly to CMAS, Rome. The required forms for these payment are available from CMAS.

16. Enrolment

Each team is enrolled by returning the registration form (entry form), and the organizers will confirm the successful enrollment of each team.

17. Medical care

First Aid is available in competition.

18. Contacts details

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19. Special requests:

In case you wish to make any special reservations, please contact the main secretary of the organising committee:

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With best regards

Tapio Salakari

Main secretary of the Euro-African 2013 Helsinki