



# **Baltic Games for Vocational Education Institutions**

***COMPETITION GUIDE, 2024 - 2026***

**2024, 29<sup>th</sup> Games, Estonia**

**2025, 30<sup>th</sup> Games, Lithuania**

**2026, 31<sup>st</sup> Games, Latvia**

## COMPETITION GUIDE FOR THE BALTIC GAMES

### **1. Participants:**

- 1.1. Delegations from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

### **2. Objectives:**

- 2.1. To popularise sport, a healthy lifestyle and vocational education in the participating countries.
- 2.2. To promote doing sports in the vocational schools of the participating countries.
- 2.3. To facilitate cooperation between national organisations managing sports activities at vocational schools.

### **3. Validity and Amendment of the Competition Guide**

- 3.1. This Competition Guide was approved at the Representatives' Meeting of the participating countries on 9 February 2017 in Jelgava, Latvia.
- 3.2. This Competition Guide shall not be amended within three years from its approval.

### **4. Organisation of Games:**

#### **4.1. Competitions are held in the following sports events and skill challenges:**

- 4.1.1. Basketball for male students.
- 4.1.2. Streetball for female students.
- 4.1.3. Streetball for male employees.
- 4.1.4. Streetball for female employees.
- 4.1.5. Volleyball for male students.
- 4.1.6. Volleyball for female students.
- 4.1.7. Table tennis for male and female students.
- 4.1.8. Table tennis for male and female employees.
- 4.1.9. Three-event competition for school headmasters or deputy of school headmasters – basketball free throws, darts, and an additional event chosen and defined by the host country.
- 4.1.10. The host country has the right to add competition in vocational skills.

#### **4.2. Composition of delegations and teams**

- 4.2.1. National delegations consist of 3 head delegates, national teams (composed of vocational school students and staff) for each event, their coaches, and 2 bus drivers; the maximum number of people in the delegation does not exceed 70.
- 4.2.2. Basketball for male students – a team of 10 players and a coach.
- 4.2.3. Basketball for female students – a team of 10 players and a coach.
- 4.2.4. Streetball for male employees – a team of 5 players and a coach.
- 4.2.5. Streetball for female employees – a team of 5 players and a coach.
- 4.2.6. Volleyball for male students – a team of 10 players and a coach.
- 4.2.7. Volleyball for female students – a team of 10 players and a coach.
- 4.2.8. Table tennis for students – a team of 2 female students, 3 male students, and a coach.
- 4.2.9. Table tennis for employees – a team of 1 female employee and 2 male employees.
- 4.2.10. Three-event competition for school headmasters – a team of 1 female and 2 male headmasters and a coach.
- 4.2.11. The rules and evaluation criteria for the vocation skills competition are specified by the host country each year during the pre-Games meeting.

#### **4.3. Competition Rules for the Games:**

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- 4.3.1. Basketball, streetball, volleyball, and table tennis games are held based on the respective official rules with some exceptions defined within this section.
- 4.3.2. Streetball matches are played 2 x 10 minutes without stopping the time. In the event of a draw, the match is played until the first scored point. The matches are held in an inside court. If the weather allows, matches can be held outside.
- 4.3.3. The volleyball games for female students are held up to winning two sets (best-of-three).
- 4.3.4. Teams are introduced before the start of the basketball and volleyball matches.
- 4.3.5. The host shall provide teams with balls for warm up whenever possible.
- 4.3.6. Referees:
  - 4.3.6.1. Basketball and volleyball matches are officiated by referees and secretaries whose category allows them to officiate either higher league or 1st league men's games in their country of origin.
  - 4.3.6.2. Basketball matches for male students are officiated by 3 referees; basketball matches for female students are officiated by 2 referees; streetball matches are officiated by 1 referee.
  - 4.3.6.3. Volleyball matches are officiated by the first referee and second referee.
- 4.3.7. Table tennis:
  - 4.3.7.1. Single games for male students, female students, male employees, and female employees are held. There are separate competition groups for female students, male students, male employees and female employees.
- 4.3.8. Rules for the three-event competition for school headmasters are as follows:
  - 4.3.8.1. Basketball free throws:
    - 4.3.8.1.1. Men use basketball no 7, women use basketball no 6.
    - 4.3.8.1.2. Points are counted separately for men and women.
    - 4.3.8.1.3. Every player performs 10 free throws in a row in one attempt; if a player makes the 10th shot (a point is scored), the player continues shooting until the first miss. The final result is the number of made shots, one made shot corresponding to one point.
  - 4.3.8.2. Darts:
    - 4.3.8.2.1. A dartboard with sectors is used for the competition.
    - 4.3.8.2.2. The throwing distance is 2.37 metres.
    - 4.3.8.2.3. The player may step onto the line when throwing, but not over the line.
    - 4.3.8.2.4. Every player has 3 rounds with 5 darts in every round. It is an individual competition and the points for all three rounds are summed up separately for male and female players.
  - 4.3.8.3. The third event is chosen by the host country. The rules are presented and approved during the pre-Games meeting.
- 4.3.9. Rules for the vocational skills competition are approved during the pre-Games meeting.

## 4.4. Games schedule

- 4.4.1. Games schedule is prepared by the host country so that the host country's basketball, volleyball and streetball teams play two games during the first day of the Games.

## 5. Country Standings

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- 5.1. In order to determine the final country standings, the points in every event (and every competition group) are summed up as follows: 1st place – 1 point, 2nd place – 2 points, 3rd place – 3 points, etc. The delegation with the least number of points is the winner.
- 5.2. The points acquired in the vocational skills competition are not taken into account when calculating the points for the final country standings.

## **6. Awards**

- 6.1. Basketball, streetball, and volleyball teams are awarded as follows:
  - 6.1.1. 1st place – a winner cup and a diploma.
  - 6.1.2. 2nd and 3rd place – a cup and a diploma.
- 6.2. Members of basketball, streetball, and volleyball teams are awarded as follows:
  - 6.2.1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place – medals and diplomas.
  - 6.2.2. The quantity and awarding principles of special prizes are decided by the host country.
- 6.3. Table tennis: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each competition group are awarded a diploma and a medal.
- 6.4. Three-event competition for headmasters awards:
  - 6.4.1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each event and each competition group (men's, women's and general group) – a diploma and a medal.
- 6.5. National delegations based on their standings are awarded as follows:
  - 6.5.1. 1st place – a travelling cup, a winner cup, and a diploma.
  - 6.5.2. 2nd and 3rd place – a cup and a diploma.
- 6.6. Awarding and ranking principles for the vocational skills competition are defined by the host country.

## **7. Game attributes**

- 7.1. Name of the competition: Baltic Games for Vocational Education Institutions.
- 7.2. Official flag and Tiit Kaber Memorial Traveling Cup– an official flag depicting the participating countries and memorial Traveling Cup, given each year for safekeeping to the host country of the successive Games.
- 7.3. The winner delegation is awarded a large travelling cup every year.
- 7.4. A logo – a host country designs a logo for each Games.

## **8. Procedure of Conducting the Games**

- 8.1. The Games take place every year. Participating countries take turns in hosting the Games:
  - 8.1.1. In 2024, the 29<sup>th</sup> Games shall take place in Estonia.
  - 8.1.2. In 2025, the 30<sup>th</sup> Games shall take place in Lithuania.
  - 8.1.3. In 2026, the 31<sup>st</sup> Games shall take place in Latvia.
- 8.2. The host country convenes a Representatives Meeting of the participating countries prior to the Games. During the meeting countries address all issues regarding the organization of the Games within the framework of this Competition Guide.
- 8.3. The official means of communication for the Games is e-mail and regular mail, if needed.
- 8.4. The host country provides the official schedule of the Games during the pre-Games meeting.
- 8.5. The host country provides first medical aid during events of the Games.
- 8.6. Each delegation covers its own travel expenses.
- 8.7. The host country provides accommodation and catering for the participants.

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- 8.8. The host country suggests alternative accommodation facilities, in case the participants need better accommodation. In the latter case, the cost of accommodation is not covered by the host country.
- 8.9. **Every visiting country shall pay the host country a participation fee of 1500 EUR, to be paid one month prior to the Games to the bank account specified by the host country according to an accounting document submitted by the host.**

**Authorised signatures of the Representatives of the Countries:**

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