



**European Championships in Australian Football**  
**Malmö, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark**  
**August 1 - August 7, 2010**



## May Newsletter

In eleven weeks from now, it is time. Something which we all have been waiting for will happen for the first time ever – a full format European Championships!

The organizing committee is working full on to secure a smooth and professionally run tournament and we look forward to welcoming all teams and players to this fantastic event. In this may newsletter, we put together some of the basic information for the tournament. Of special interest to everyone should be the pools and the match schedule.

Before the start of the tournament we will issue two more newsletters in June and July. Should you have any questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

All the best from Scandinavia – can't wait till August 1!

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 AFL Sweden President

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 DAFL President

### Tournament Rules

All games will be played 16-a-side with four quarters of 15 minutes length plus time-on for goals and on the call of the field umpires. International Cup rules apply regarding eligibility rules. The countries squad sizes are limited to 26 players. There are no restrictions during matches, so a bench of 10 players is possible, if desired.

### Tournament Pools

Denmark Pool	Mascot	Team Manager
Great Britain	Bulldogs	Mark Pitura
Denmark	Vikings	Jim Campion
Finland	Icebreakers	Kimmo Heikkila
Iceland	Ravens	Fritz Asgeirsson

Sweden Pool	Mascot	Team Manager
Ireland	Warriors	Ciaran O'Hara
Sweden	Elks	Andreas Svensson
Germany	Black Eagles	Malte Schudlich
Croatia	Knights	Kolja Koracak



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The teams will be split up into two pools according to the two tables above, with the Red pool based in Denmark and the Blue pool based in Sweden. We would recommend the teams to book their accommodation accordingly.

### Tournament Match Schedule

Round	Match	Date	Time	Home	Away	Location
1	2	Sunday, August 1	12:00:00	Sweden	Croatia	Stefan, Denmark
	1	Sunday, August 1	14:00:00	Great Britain	Finland	Stefan, Denmark
	4	Sunday, August 1	16:00:00	Ireland	Germany	Stefan, Denmark
	3	Sunday, August 1	18:00:00	Denmark	Iceland	Stefan, Denmark
2	5	Tuesday, August 3	17:00:00	Great Britain	Iceland	Farum, Denmark
	6	Tuesday, August 3	17:00:00	Ireland	Croatia	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
	7	Tuesday, August 3	19:00:00	Denmark	Finland	Farum, Denmark
	8	Tuesday, August 3	19:00:00	Sweden	Germany	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
3	9	Thursday, August 5	17:00:00	Finland	Iceland	Farum, Denmark
	10	Thursday, August 5	17:00:00	Germany	Croatia	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
	11	Thursday, August 5	19:00:00	Denmark	Great Britain	Farum, Denmark
	12	Thursday, August 5	19:00:00	Sweden	Ireland	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
Finals	13	Saturday, August 7	11:00:00	SE Pool 4	DK Pool 4	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
	14	Saturday, August 7	13:00:00	SE Pool 3	DK Pool 3	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
	15	Saturday, August 7	15:00:00	SE Pool 2	DK Pool 2	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden
	16	Saturday, August 7	17:00:00	SE Pool 1	DK Pool 1	Limhamnsfältet, Sweden

In order to give everyone a chance to see each other player and to bring us all a bit closer together, we decided to make the opening and the final day a joint round. That is, all 8 teams play at the same location. We will open the tournament on the Danish side at Stefan Boldklubb and finish the tournament on the Swedish side at Limhamnsfältet.

The Danish pool (Red) will be playing the split rounds in Farum. The Swedish pool (Blue) will play the split rounds at Limhamnsfältet.

We will do our best to get a deal with the public transportation authorities in order to reduce travel costs. More on that in the upcoming newsletters.

The addresses of the different fields including links to google maps can be found at the end of the document.



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## **Additional notes for Team Managers**

Below is additional information for all team managers.

### **Accommodation**

The organising committee have contacted several hotels, hostels and camping sites in both Malmö and Copenhagen and reserved beds at favourable rates with the following companies:

#### **Copenhagen:**

##### [Danhostel Copenhagen City](#)

They offer a price of 185DKK pr bed pr night (25 Euro) – we have 100 beds reserved here.

Additional information:

Bed linen can be rented at the hostel for 60DKK pr set incl. a towel, or be brought from home, but sleeping bags are NOT allowed.

Breakfast is 74DKK pr person per day, it's served from 7-10am in ½-hourly intervals, and must be booked in advance.

Lunchboxes (take away) can be bought at the hostel for 65DKK pr person pr day, they must be booked in advance.

Dinner can be bought at the hostel for 75DKK pr person per day, it must also be booked in advance, and you must be at least 20 persons for that.

##### [Bellahøj Camping](#)

Bellahøj camping is situated very closely to Stefan Boldklubb and probably the cheapest option for accommodation. Adults pay 65DKK per night (9 Euro).

#### **Malmö:**

##### [First Hotel](#)

Centrally located hotel in Malmö. We have 30 double rooms reserved here at a rate of 750SEK (78 Euro) per room, including breakfast.

##### [Malmö \(Sibbarb\) Camping](#)

Less than 4km from the pitch, the camp ground is nicely located and has cabins as well.

If you require further assistance with booking your accommodation, please let us know.

### **Team travel arrangements**

Once known, we would be grateful to receive your arrival and departure plans plus the full contact information of where the team will be staying. Please advise us as soon as this information is available.

### **National Anthems**

We are looking at playing the national anthems prior to each game. Please email your national anthem in mp3 format. We would be grateful if you could keep the national anthem to 1 or 2 verses in the mp3 file you are sending us.



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### **National Flag**

Please ensure to bring one large national flag (approximately 1m x 0,8m). To add colour and interest to the tournament, you are welcome to bring additional flags and national colours/attire.

### **Full match playing kits**

During matches, all teams are required to attire in matching socks, shorts and jumper. Optional, but strongly recommended for official functions, that teams attend attired in a matching collared or polo shirt.

### **Playing equipment**

All players are encouraged to wear a mouth-guard during the games and trainings. Soccer style shin-pads as well as "rugby style" soft material playing helmets are also permitted. Hard plated arm guards and shoulder pads on any variety are also not permitted.

Players requiring glasses are advised to wear contact lenses during the games.

All studs, chains, bracelets, piercings and rings should be removed or taped to the body prior to playing.

All playing boots should have molded soles and ensure that there no burs or sharp edges.

Rugby-like steel plated studs will not be permitted.

All teams are required to bring their own strapping tape. Additional tape for strapping will be available on sale at the matches, at the merchandise stand in the administration tent.

### **Local representative**

Each team will be assigned a local contact during their stay. The local representative can help you with any local information, things to do, external contacts and advice. We are happy to allocate one for you if you wish.

### **Squad list documentation**

The final date for submitting all team documentation including the squad lists is **22:00 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. The following day, the squad lists will be entered into the Footy Record and the official Tournament Record before being sent to the printers. From this point on, no alterations to the squad list can be made without written consent from the organising committee.

### **Insurance coverage**

All teams are responsible for their travel and playing insurance coverage during their stay. Please check your insurance coverage prior to departure to ensure that each member of your squad is covered during matches.

Please email a scanned copy of your insurance policy (preferably in English) as soon as it is available.

The tournament organisers, host nations and clubs, umpires and venue providers accept no responsibility whatsoever for costs arising from injuries requiring medical attention, for the duration of your stay. An indemnity/waiver form will be provided to all teams prior to the tournaments commencement. This form must be signed by all players prior to the tournament commencing. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify affected players from participating.



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### **Transportation**

Currently, during the tournament, all teams are responsible for their travel to and from the venues. We are happy to provide information on local bus timetables, bike rentals, minibuss hire – please let us know. However, we are focusing on establishing partnerships with the local transport authorities in order to get cheaper public transport tickets or bridge passes. We will keep you updated on progress during the next weeks.

### **Footballs**

While there will be footballs on sale during the tournament, we recommend each team to bring its own supply of footballs for training, warm-up before games.

### **Water bottles**

Please be advised that each team is required to bring their own set of water bottles for use during games. Water will be made available by the side of the field for teams to fill up their bottles as needed.

### **Match day food and drink**

BBQ meals (Burgers, sausages, grill) and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic including energy drinks) will be on sale at all venues during and after matches. Players on a specific diet are advised to bring their own food or drinks with them.

### **Medical support**

A trained medical professional, either a doctor or a physiotherapist will be present at all games. We aim to have a qualified trainer for all players requiring massages, strapping of limbs prior to the match. This service is incur a fee to the trainer.

An ambulance can be called and can arrive in a short time period in the case where a player requires hospitalisation. Please ensure your teams insurance policy covers costs for the use of this service.

### **Addresses of the pitches**

Below you will find links to a google map of each location.

#### [Stefan Boldklubb](#)

Folevadsvej 3  
2400 Copenhagen, Denmark

#### [Farum](#)

Hvilebækgårdsvej  
3520 Farum, Denmark

#### [Limhamnsfältet](#)

Riberborgsstigen 4  
216 13 Malmö, Sweden



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