








## IX Invitational basketball weekend „RAPLA TROPHY 2013”

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>nd</sup> of May 2013 RAPLA, ESTONIA

### OUR MISSION

-  To bring together young boys and girls to make friends on and off the court through the common interest of the game of basketball.
-  To provide young players an opportunity to show their skills on the court in relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
-  To offer relaxing weekend for the coaches after intense season in a cozy little town of Rapla.
-  To create long lasting partnership between clubs and teams from different countries.
-  Our aim is to organize memorable Basketball weekend for the players, coaches and everybody who loves The Game!

### THE AGENDA OF THE TOURNAMENT

#### PARTICIPANTS

There will be **6 teams of boys and 5 teams of girls born in 1997 and later** participating the tournament. We have invited teams from Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy and Finland.

#### RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

The official rules of FIBA are followed with an exception of playing time. The playing time will be 4x8 minutes. The winners of the trophies will be played out by using the tournament system. So boys' teams will get 5 and girls' 4 games.

#### AWARDS

The first 3 teams will be awarded with a Trophy. All the players of the best 3 teams will receive prizes. The MVP of the tournament, the best players from each team and winners of the shooting contests will receive special awards.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday night, when players have a good time in the pool, coaches get together around “round table” in local Pub to discuss latest developments in basketball and to share their experiences.



On Saturday, right after the last game of the day there will be held a shooting contest for mixed pairs and skills' competition for the representatives of every team. Also, the players will have chance to compete in local bowling alley.

#### **COST**

The team fee for the participation is 40 EUR. Every team is required to pay 45 EUR per person for lodging (2 nights) and meals (7 meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch). It also includes tournament T-shirt, basketball and entertainment program!

We will negotiate the rates for the teams which will arrive earlier than Friday noon and leave later than Sunday afternoon.

#### **TEAMS WE HAVE BEEN HONOURED TO HOST**

Lithuania - A.Sabonis BS, Kaunas BS and Birzhai. Latvia - Jelgava, Tukums, Ridzene, Riga 1188, Valmiera and Saldus. Besides our southern neighbors Estonian teams (including U14 national teams) and Finnish teams!

#### **REGISTRATION**

For registration of your team or for more information please contact us as soon as possible and let us know about your decision by 24.04.2013 whether the tournament fits to your schedule or not.

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#### **BASKETBALL SCHOOL OF RAPLA**

Rapla is a quiet little town locating 50 kilometers in south-west of Tallinn. Rapla Basketball School was established in 1996. Today we have 5 coaches and 160 young players practicing every day in our club. Starting this passing season we have created unique basketball pyramid – Rapla BS is the only club in Estonia that has teams from 1<sup>st</sup> graders (both boys and girls) to the men's and women's top league. With help of this tournament we are deepening strong basketball traditions that Rapla has. We put all our effort into making this tournament as successful as in previous years and bring together true fans of this beautiful game!