

# **BarentsSports**

## **Guidelines 2024-2028**



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## 1. Regulations/instructions for Barents Sports

- 1.1. The provisions for Barents Sports build on provisions for “Kalottidretten” that were made in 1974 and have been revised in 1978, 1985, 1993, 2006, 2012, 2016 and 2023.
- 1.2. Deviations from provisions cannot be made by the individual sports without approval by the main organization for Barents Sports, the Barents Sports Committee.
- 1.3. Organizational and economic regulations as adopted by the main organizations for Barents Sports cannot be set aside by any specific sport.
- 1.4. Anti-Doping: Barents Sport / Barents Games will follow the international anti-doping rules. Barents Sport / Barents Games will work for a doping free sport and cooperate with the national federations for anti doping where competitions are organized. Our rules are based on the fundamental right for athletes to participate in a doping free sport, promote good health and justice for athletes. Doping in all forms in Barents sport / Barents Games is prohibited in accordance with international anti-doping rules.

## 2. Barents area

Sweden: Norrbotten, Västerbotten

Norway: Finnmark, Troms, Nordland

Finland: Lapland, Northern Ostrobothnia, Kainuu

Russia: Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Karelia, Komi Republic, Nenets

From 11.02.2022 Russia is banned from the Barents cooperation due to the war in Ukraine. See protocol 3/22 case 14/22

## 3. The main organizations for Barents Sports

### 3.1. International:

#### 3.1.1. Barents Conference

- Takes place normally every 4 years.
- Max 7 representatives from the national governing bodies of Barents Sports. 2 of the 7 representatives should be under 25 years old. BSC covers (at least) their accommodation and meals. The 7 representatives will have the right to vote.
- One (1) representative from each country and sport involved in the cooperation.
- Representatives from e.g. national sports confederations, Olympic Committees, Barents Secretaries and other Barents authorities can be invited.
- Representation from the age group 15-25 should be secured.
- YLIB is invited to the conference. They are observers with the right to speak.
- Each country covers their own travel costs.

#### 3.1.2. Barents Sports Committee, BSC, (former Executive Committee).

- The highest decision-making organ between Barents Conferences.
- Two members from each country.
- 3 - 5 meetings / year.
- One YLIB from each country is invited to the meetings.
- At the BSC meetings, all nations should be ready to pay their own costs of accommodation, meals and transport.

### 3.2. National:

- Sweden: Barents Sports Committee Sweden, **BSCS**.
- Norway: Barents Sports Committee Norway, **BSCN**.
- Finland: Barents Sports Committee Finland, **BSCF**.
- Russia: Barents Sports Committee Russia, **BSCR**.
- From 11.02.2022 Russia is banned from BSC due to the war in Ukraine. See protocol 3/22 case 14/22

## Barents Conference

- Meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> year
- 7 official delegates from each member country (2 under 25 years)
- Highest decision making organ

## Barents Sports Committee

- 2 members from each member country
- International coordinator / secretary
- 3-5 meetings / year
- Highest decision-making organ between Barents Conferences

## National BSC



#### 4. Common provisions, definitions and activities

4.1. Barents Games (BG) are arranged in the sports that BSC has decided. BG will take place every other year as Barents Summer Games (BSG) and every other year as Barents Winter Games (BWG). Arrangement turn for the next few years is:

BSG 2024 FIN, BWG 2025 NOR, BSG 2026 FIN, BWG 2027 SWE

4.2 Barents Matches, BM are team competitions with participation from at least three (3) countries in the Barents co-operation. BM must be financed by each sport themselves. BM are not mentioned further in the Guidelines.

4.3 Other types of event can be assigned by BSC. Examples of these are:

- Sport camps and training
- Youth Initiatives
- Educating coaches/managers
- Culture exchange
- Activity to involve new sports

4.4. Schedule and planning of Barents competitions or activities need to be done for the long term so that the competitions can be included in the national schedule for the respective sport. **The date for BG needs to be set at least 3 years in advance.**

4.5. New sport can be Included into Barents games:

- Sport from one country, together with other countries, makes the application to BSC.
- **BSC makes the decisions** including the size of teams (athletics, participants, leaders, coaches, referees).
- Participants should be from all member countries. Exception with fewer countries can be possible in some sports, but the sport should work actively to get all countries along.
- The sport must be unanimous about the rules.
- BSC can also independently introduce new sports into BG.
- BSC can take out sports if the sport has been unactive in the cooperation for a period of years.
- Both boys and girls must be invited in all sports.

4.6. Age determinations

- Participants in the Barents Games is between 15 and 25 years of age. It is the year of birth that counts (you are 15 the year you reach 15).
- No participants under 15 years are accepted.
- In exceptions some sports may apply to BSC to bring athletes over 25 years, but only to complete the team with athletes in the age 15-25 years.
- Participants in the age 15 – 25 will get economic support from Barents Games, but athletes older than 25 must pay for themselves. This does not apply for athletes in Para sport, but they must be at least 15 years.
- Each sport must give a proposal to BSC about age and classes.
- Para participants can be included into the teams.

## 5. Participants

5.1. Grants for Barents Games to be given for the number of participants (including leaders) established for the individual sports. BSC can make decision on the given number for each sport.

5.2. Representative provisions

- a) As a general rule, the participants must be residents in the Barents region of the country he/she represents  
or
- b) If you have lived in the Barents region for at least 3 years you should be allowed to participate in Barents Games.
- c) Immigrants from other countries than in point b) receiving residence permit may represent the country he/she lives in.
- d) "Guest players" do not have the opportunity to participate in Barents Games.
- e) Points a-c assume that participants in the Barents Games represents a sports club in the Barents region.

## **6. Obligations of the organizer of an event**

### **6.1. Invitation**

The organizer of the Barents Games should send a written invitation to the event no later than 3 months before the event, stating terms/framework for the competition.

The invitation should contain a general invitation and invitations of every individual sports. In the invitations should be details of accommodation and meals, the program for the event, the class section, number of participants/leaders, time management, as well as other information potentially applicable to the competition. The invitation must also be sent to the organization responsible for Barents Sports.

### **6.2. During competition days**

At BG in FIN/NOR/SWE these nations cover their expenditure on accommodation, meals and travel themselves.

The organizer of Barents Games should cover expenditure on competition arena, sanctioned competition equipment, as well as provide the required number of officials.

### **6.3. The organizer should plan the timetable so that individual sports have the possibility to keep leadership conference in association with Barents Games. Time and place for future matches, points, number of participants etc. should be discussed and decided on.**

In addition, other forms of events such as training sessions, courses, camps etc. should be discussed at these conferences.

General programs and competition programs should be planned so that all participants have the possibility to take part in common events (opening and closing ceremony, Get Together et cetera).

## **7. Guest obligations**

### **7.1. Registration**

Visiting teams should send the provided information within the specified deadline. No later than two months before the event. Names of participants, coaches, leaders, referees and guest, a copy of every passport should follow the registration if required; arrival and departure time, as well as other details about the meeting must be provided at registration.

Insurance – each country are responsible for their own teams (athletes, coaches, leaders, referees and guest).

### **7.2. Notification of not participating**

Visiting team who cannot take part in the planned Barents Games should, immediately after the invitation has been received, notify the organizer. Every effort to participate should be made.

## **8. Inclusion and exclusion of sports**

8.1.1. Barents Sports Committee determines which sports are to be granted subsidies to Barents Games.

8.2. Sports that do not meet the requirements for Barents co-operation or non-conducting Barents co-operation in a satisfactory way, can by the decision of the Barents Sports Committee, be excluded, i.e. not receive grants from the respective country. There has to be a consensus among those countries before the exclusion can be implemented.

## **9. Economy**

9.1 Financial responsibility for Barents Games Competitions

9.2 The organizing Committee/organizing country (BSC N/F/S) is responsible for the overall finances and accounting of Barents Games.

9.3 Barents Sports Committee provides funding for the hosting country in realizing the Barents Games.

The amount of funding is based on the amount granted from Barents Secretariat.

The remaining costs for Barents Games are to be covered by the hosting country and organizing committee.

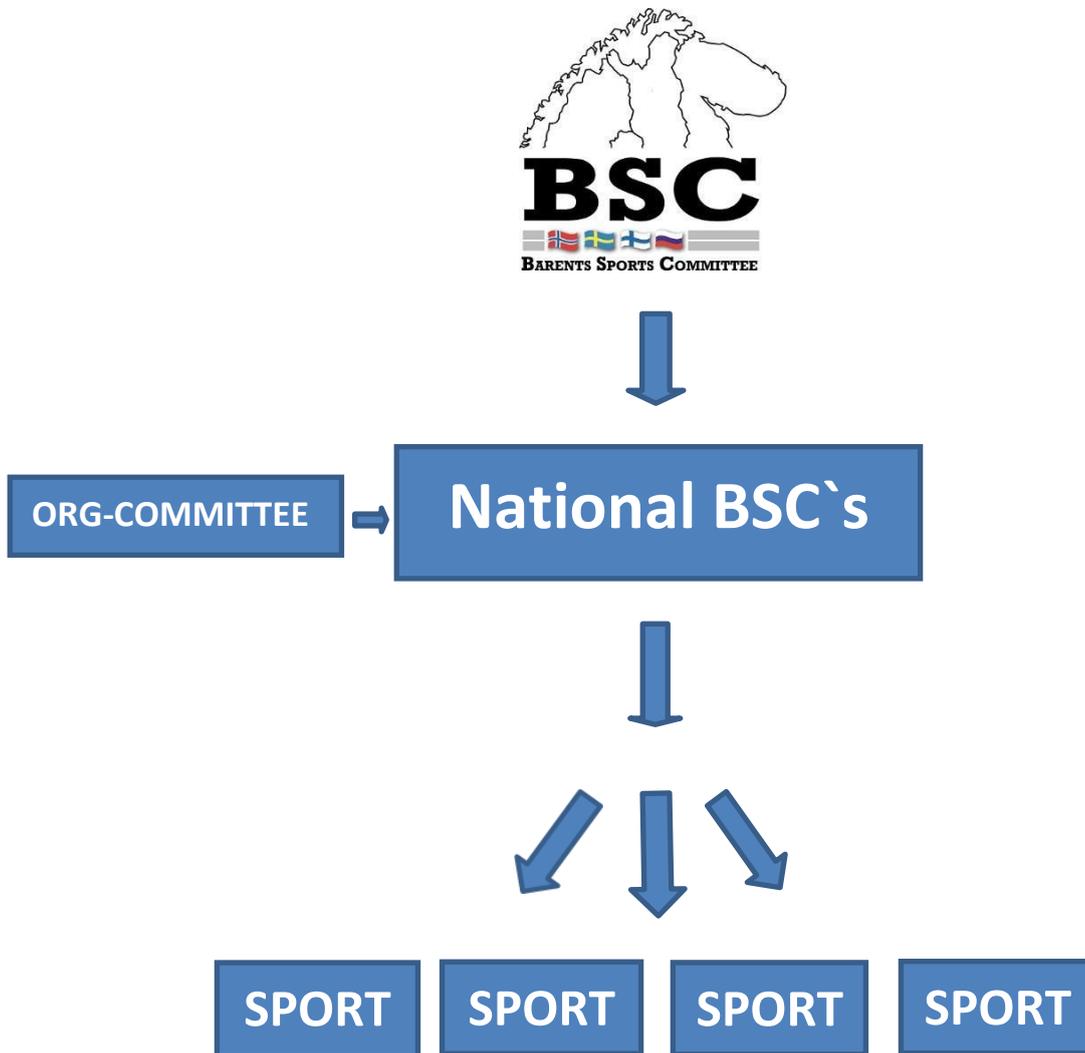
The main organization for Barents co-operation in the respective countries can receive special funding for sports exchange in the Barents region.

The amount of funding provided the hosting country by Barents Sports Committee for the coming four years are determined in the long-term budget.

9.4 Participants cover their own accommodation, food and travel costs.

## 10. Barents Games

### 10.1. Organization and responsibility of the Barents Games



### 10.2. Barents Sports Committee (BSC)

- BSC started Barents Games.
- BSC decides the economic frames for BG.
- If possible, BSC provides economic support to the BSC (f, s, n) which will organize the BG.
- BG can be financed also, for example, with the national support to BSC (f, s, n), applications from various sources such as Barents Secretary and sponsors. BSCR is responsible for economy when BG will take place in Russia.
- BSC decides the number of participants and sports.
- BSC owns all rights of BG.
- BSC accepts sponsors that the next BG organizing BSC (n, f, s) suggests.
- BSC is responsible for the general invitation to be sent via national BSC (n, f, s) at least 9 months before the next BG.
- BSC plans and invites a leadership conference in association with Barents Games. Practical cooperation between the sports will be discussed.

### 10.3. BSC (n, f, s) in the BG organizing country.

- Host and owner of the Barents Games in each country is economically responsible for the arrangements.
- Accepts sponsor agreements.

### 10.4. Agreement between BSC, BSC (N, F, S) and Organizing Committee should include at least:

- Implementation of the sporting, administrative and financial aspects
- Responsibility for quality
- Logistics
- Hotel bookings
- Administration of registrations from sports bodies and individuals
- All information to the sports bodies
- Opening and/or closing ceremony and other common events
- Media responsibilities
- Responsibility for ensuring final accounts within two months of the completion of the event.
- To the extent possible, all participants from all sports will stay at the same place and eat all meals together.
- Free local transport will be arranged for all participants.
- When needed it is important that we have enough interpreters available in Barents Games. The interpreters must be able to translate to English.
- Report to BSC shall give no later than three (3) months after the BG.

### 11. Official sites, names and logos

11.1. Official website.

[www.barentssports.com](http://www.barentssports.com)

11.2. Official Facebook site

[www.facebook.com/barentssports.com](http://www.facebook.com/barentssports.com)

11.3. Official Instagram site

[www.instagram.com/barents\\_games](http://www.instagram.com/barents_games)

11.4. Games



11.5. Partners and logos



The Norwegian  
**Barents Secretariat**



**Norrbotten**

