

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS - HELSINKI

Dates of tournament: 3-19 May 2013

Venues: Helsinki (Hartwall Arena) & Stockholm (Globe Arena)

16 teams will participate in the tournament, and the teams will play in two preliminary round groups with eight teams in each.

Team Finland plays all preliminary round games and the possible quarterfinal in front of home crowd in Helsinki. The teams accompanying Finland in the preliminary round group in Helsinki are last spring's World Champion Russia and silver medalist Slovakia, as well as USA, Germany, Latvia, France and Austria.

The teams playing in the preliminary round group in Stockholm are Czech Republic, Sweden, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Belarus and Slovenia.

Semifinals and medal games are played in Stockholm on 18-19 May.

For the full game schedule, please check the official website: www.iihfworlds2013.com

TICKETS TO THE GAMES PLAYED IN HELSINKI

Tickets to the World Championship from Lippupiste: www.lippu.fi & +358 (0)600 900 900

Ticket prices are divided into categories according to the teams on the ice. There is a wide range of prices available; children aged 4-12 years have their own special ticket quota. No limit of purchase.

Hospitality Packages (including e.g. ticket, food, and additional program) in advance from Infront Finland: myynti@infrontsports.com & 020 4194 300.

Accommodation from Event Travel Finland. Travel and accommodation packages for tournament visitors from the official travel agency. www.event-travel.fi

Skybox rentals from tournament organization: max.kolu@2013.iihfworlds.com

Tickets to games in Stockholm: www.ticnet.se

ARRIVAL AT THE ARENA

Come early and beat the traffic. Public transportation is the easiest and greenest way to get to the Arena.

Train brings you close to the Arena.

All commuter and long distance trains stop at the Pasila Station. A marked walk takes you to the Arena in less than 10 minutes.

Timetables: www.vr.fi and www.hsl.fi

Buses and trams are also at your service.

From Helsinki city center: buses 23 and 69, trams 7A and 7B. Other bus routes and all timetables: www.hsl.fi

Taxi stand is located on Veturitie. Taxi for the handicapped may drop and pick up passengers in front of the Arena.

Visitors with private cars should prepare for traffic jams. Hartwall Arena parking house fee (€9) must be paid in cash upon arrival.

Charter cars and buses are not allowed to stop in front of Hartwall Arena.

Bus parking as well as passenger drop and pick up takes place at Käpylä Sportpark (Mäkelänkatu 70) parking area, located approx. 650 meters from the Arena. There are separate signs for charter traffic by the access roads.

Further instructions and map: www.hartwall-arena.com

AT THE ARENA

The **Arena doors** will be opened for spectators 1.5 hours before the first game of the day. The Arena will be emptied between games.

Read the safety instructions (available on the website) and reserve time for security checks:

- Sharp or hard objects, alcohol, and wuwuzelas are not allowed inside or near the Arena or in the parking premises.
- Recording or transmission of games is only allowed with equipment marked with an official sticker.
- A small cloakroom is available for spectators outside the ground floor doors of Hartwall Arena. There are no storage facilities inside the Arena so bags and other belongings are best left at home.

Hockey Garden fan area in front of Hartwall Arena is open on all game days. Free entrance also without a game ticket!

Be there early and pump up the hockey spirit with other fans. At the Hockey Garden you'll find:

- All the games shown on screens - also from Stockholm
- DJ, in addition live music before Team Finland games
- Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame exhibition
- Activities for children (face painting, photo opportunity with official mascot, Icy)
- Food and beverage services
- Championship products (NEH)
- Various activities for both adults and children before and after the games at the partner expos
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Action starts two hours before the first game of the day. Free entrance also without a game ticket. Age limit 18 years after 8.30 PM.

MORE INFO

Ice hockey is the most popular sport in Finland.

Hobby for 195,000 active players; 69,000 registered players; 438 clubs; 2,999 teams; 2,116 referees and linesmen; 256 rinks in 219 ice halls. Team Finland (Leijonat=The Lions) has won the World Championship title twice, in 1995 and 2011. In 2013 Finland hosts the men's World Championship for the eighth time.

Tournament info & updated visitor info at www.iihfworlds2013.com

Action in Helsinki outside Hartwall Arena.

The lively capital of Finland is filled with events, sights and things to explore also outside the Arena. Read more about events in Helsinki at: www.visithelsinki.fi

WELCOME TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP!