

Preparations for the 2008 EJC have started

Preparations for the 2008 European Junior Championships have already started. 'We want to be more than ready,' says Jolanda van Dalen, board member for Sport. But she is more than that. Jolanda is the project manager for the 2008 championship. Seven working groups have been formed to make the best of every aspect of the tournament.

Website in the air

Since July the EJC 2008 website is available. At the moment there is some general information about the 2008 championships and detailed information about the test competitions we will run in 2007. On the backside of this newsletter there is also more information about those test competitions. Reactions to our website are welcome and you can also send questions about the EJC 2008 to our special email address. Please go to www.ejc2008.nl.

Host for 2008

Reddingsbrigades Nederland (Dutch Life Saving federation) will be the host of the **European Junior Championships Life Saving in 2008**.

This will be the third time in history that The Netherlands will organize a major European event in Life Saving. 'We are proud to organize this event,' says Jolanda van Dalen. 'It is our intention to make this an event that everybody will remember for a long time.'

After careful thought Reddingsbrigades Nederland proposes **two host cities** for this championship: **Eindhoven**, a sports city in the south of The Netherlands with a brand new national swimming stadium;

Den Haag (The Hague), host of the Dutch government, in the west of the country, close to the sea with a great beach on the promenade in Scheveningen.



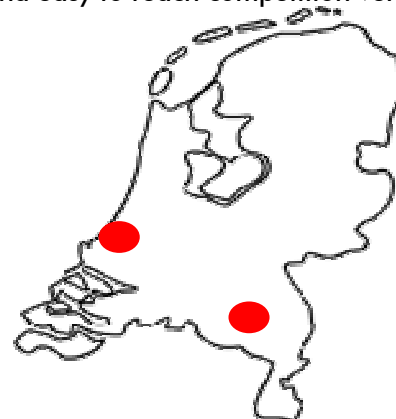
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Both cities have good connections by road and rail, and many enthusiastic volunteers can't wait for the event to start. In both cities we guarantee a great stay in top of the bill accommodations and easy to reach competition venues.



The federation Reddingsbrigades Nederland has a lot of experience in organizing major events. But also Life Saving education, life guarding on beaches and leisure accommodations and assisting in flood disasters is part of the federations work.

Hosting several young life savers from European federations gives an opportunity to show others what we can accomplish.

A reason more to welcome you.....

Competition week

- As **arrival day** we plan to welcome you on **Monday the 8th of September 2008** in Eindhoven.
- **Tuesday 9 September** will be a **pool training day**.
- **Pool competitions** will be on **Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 September**.
- On **Friday 12 September** we **travel to The Hague**. It's also an **open water training day**.
- **Open water competitions** and closing ceremony will be on **Saturday 13 September**.
- **Departure** is planned on **Sunday 14 September**.

Travel

Close to Eindhoven is Eindhoven Airport with several international daily flights. If you plan to arrive on Schiphol Airport there is a direct train connection to Eindhoven every 30 minutes. It's a 1 hour and 20 minutes trip.

From The Hague to Schiphol by train is 30 minutes and to Eindhoven Airport about 2 hours.

Dutch Open Championships Life Saving

To be well prepared for the 2008 European Junior Championships Life Saving, The Dutch Federation organizes 2 test competitions. The National Championships in 2007 will be open for any team interested in orientating on the accommodations, or interested in the way we organize our championships. The locations will be the exact ones of the 2008 EJC.

Open Water Championships



In the weekend of 14 to 16 September Schevingen Beach will be the location for our Open National Championship in Ocean Events. Each day we will have heats and finals. Top attraction will be the beach stadium, which we will also use in the EJC.

Friday 14 September 2007: Training Day.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2007:

Competitions in Ocean Events: heats and finals on both days.

DEN HAAG is the place to be that weekend.

Beach Stadium

Unique for beach competitions is the use of a Beach Stadium. The council of The Hague is the proud owner of the stadium in use for Beach Volleyball, Beach Soccer, Beach Handball, Beach Tennis, Beach Hockey and of course Life Saving.

Two major stands will be in use during our championships open to the sea. We plan to have the beach flags and the beach relay / sprint in the stadium. But also the finish for the Iron Man / Iron Woman and for the Surf Race will be in the stadium.



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Still Water Competitions

On Sunday the 4th of November you will be amazed by the fantastic Swimming Stadium of 'De Tongelreep' in Eindhoven.



All 6 individual pool event will be run in the 10 lane Olympic size pool with electronic timing and the chance to swim European records.

Friday 2 November 2007: Top Sport Clinic.

Saturday 3 November 2007: Pool Training Day.

Sunday 4 November 2007: Pool Competitions (direct finals).

So be in EINDHOVEN that weekend.

Swimming Stadium

After the swimming success of the speed swimming team at the Olympic Games in Sydney, the government and the local council of Eindhoven started making plans for a national swimming stadium. In 2006 the construction of the swimming stadium was finished. It is a fact that Eindhoven will be the host of the 2008 European Swimming Championships.

In the stadium (part of a larger leisure complex) we find: diving towers and a 20 x 25m pool for competition diving, a 10 x 50m training pool and a 25 x 50m competition pool.

In July, during the yearly maintenance period, special markings have been placed on the bottom of the pool for the placing of manikins.

So the pool will be ready for the 2008 EJC !!

