



## Göteborg Youth Games 2020 is cancelled.

It is with great sadness that we have to give you this devastating notice today. The 25<sup>th</sup> time of our beloved competition that was supposed to take place on the 3-5 of July 2020 cannot be held in a safe way due to the ongoing circumstances in the world and the restrictions we have been given from Swedish authorities.

It is a painful decision for us to make, but it is at the same time a quite easy one. We will of course always follow the rules and recommendations given from authorities. Events on this level and this magnitude cannot be held in Sweden this summer at all if we are to beat the spreading of the virus. Everybody's health and wellbeing is of course the most important thing for us.

We are suffering with all the track and field athletes who for the first time in 25 years cannot come and compete at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg, and after a packed day at the stadium, go to the theme park Liseberg with their friends.

And all our wonderful and much appreciated volunteers (around 300) who make this possible to begin with, they get a summer off. I am however convinced that they will miss the competition just as much as the participants. They are welcome back next year with full force.

Since our start in 1996, the competition has slowly but surely grown to what it is today, the largest annual competition in Europe for youth, last year reaching an amazing 8.716 starts. In all a total of 370 clubs from 25 nations visited us last year.

But now we will look forward to the future, the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of Göteborg Youth Games will be held in 2021, bigger and better than ever!

***Welcome to Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg 2021!***

Best regards

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