## Sweden

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There is a long tradition of sports among the officers of the Swedish Customs. Therefore it is a great pleasure to be a member in ECSA and to be able to participate in various European sports events.

Before we get into the presentation of our sports activities, let us give you some facts about the Swedish Customs Administration. There are approximately 2 500 employees in the service, including both uniformed officers working with border control as well as officers handling all other duties.

Swedish Customs sports activities take place both on a local basis as well as on a national one. We also attend to several international events, thanks to the membership in ECSA. The main sports for Swedish Customs are football (soccer), golf, skiing, running, padle and floorball.

## **Domestic sports**

The Swedish Customs National Sports Club (in Swedish: Tullens Idrotts- och Skytteförbund) supports the national competitions, but they are in all practical matters arranged by local Customs sports clubs. The latest year have had national competitions in golf and floorball.

ECSA Fitness Week is popular in Sweden. Every year in September many activities are organized in local sport clubs all around Sweden. Many of the events are on try out basis with focus on activating yourself together with colleagues. International sports

Many local customs sports clubs have had an exchange with foreign customs sports clubs for many years. Often this exchange has come out of contacts made in the line of duty. In recent years the international activities has increased, partly as a result of the ECSA membership.

Presenting international sports without mentioning World Police & Fire Games (WPFG) would be incorrect. This gigantic event attracts about 8 000 law enforcement and fire fighting officers from all over the world, who compete in more than 65 different sports (where track & fields were only one!) Swedish customs officers have participated in the games on and off since 1999 and made a remarkable effort resulting in several medals, even a couple of gold ones.

As you can see there are several opportunities to compete against Swedish Customs officers, in Sweden or abroad. We sincerely believe that the contacts made in sports effect also our work in a strongly positive way. To be able to have fun together and make friends across the borderlines may very well be the key to success when it comes to cooperation in our work. We would therefore very much like to hear about sports events in any country where we can participate.

## **Sports**

Badminton, Basketball, Bowling - Ten Pin, Cross Country, Darts, Floorball, Golf, Ice Hockey, Karate, Kubb, Orienteering, Pistol, Road Race, Sailing, Soccer, Table Tennis, Walking

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