

## **Eritrean sportfestival Scandinavian**

Eritrean sportfestival Scandinavian is freestanding association started by some native Eritreans in Gothenburg. The team had an idea longer time and decided having sport tournament for Eritreans in Sweden and all over across Europe. The entire working group concerned in strengthen and developing Eritrean youth mainly in Scandinavian. Eritrean sport festival has been organized, managed and hosted in Gothenburg, Sweden for ten years between 2005 and 2014. The eleventh year of Eritrean sport festival has been hosted in Märsta, Stockholm. The association comprises a collection of Eritrean parents, sport interested and volunteer from different corners of Sweden.

One of the main aims of the sport festival is to enrich Eritrean culture and building cultural identity performing connections within Eritrean youth. Different sport activities like soccer, running, volleyball, and basketball for many different ages occur in the colourful way during sport festival days mostly in middle of summer ('midsommar').

The eleventh year of Eritrean sport festival has been assigned as one milestone and pride for Eritreans in Stockholm. In earlier years sport committee in Stockholm has arranged different sport activities in conjunction with Eritrean national day and Eritrean Festival time. Although Stockholm has had such a long and wide experience in arranging such sport activities for Eritreans in small scale, hosting Eritrean sportfestival Scandinavian is a huge and special project which required a lot effort and time in structural way. Many meetings and discussions have been held within the association to make sportfestival in Stockholm real. Stockholm has learned and experienced a lot from sportfestival Scandinavian in 2016.

Many Eritrean youth soccer teams from different corners of the Sweden and countries in Europe like England, Germany, Denmark and Norway have been participated in sportfestival Scandianvian through the ages.

