



# POPRADE CANDIDATE FOR EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT 2023



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## INTRODUCTORY WORDS

### MAYOR

The City of Poprad is a vibrant, dynamically developing organism. Its vital connection with sport is evidenced not only by the excellent sports infrastructure, but also by the extraordinary interest of its inhabitants in sports activities. Many are engaged in sports recreationally, others on a semi-professional basis, while the tip of the iceberg includes professional sportsmen and representatives of Slovakia. The diverse range of sports sectors offers Poprad residents a wide range of sports opportunities to choose from. The title of European City of Sport would be a natural culmination of many years of efforts by the City administration to further sports in the largest City under the Tatras.

Anton Danko, undersigned  
Mayor of Poprad



## AMBASSADORS



**SAMUEL TAKÁČ**

A hockey player, raised in Poprad, representative of Slovakia, currently player of the champion HC Slovan Bratislava. He was a member of the team that won the Olympic bronze medal in Beijing 2022 and thus achieved the greatest success of the Slovak team sport under the five rings.

A Poprad native, the most successful Slovak and world's top Himalaya climber. He was the only Slovak to win the Crown of the Himalayas (by ascending all fourteen eight-thousanders) and also the Crown of the Earth (by ascending the highest mountains of all continents). He even stood twice on the top of Annapurna (8,091 m). The Internet portal Explorersweb ranked him among the 100 world's top explorers.



**PETER HÁMOR**



**PAVOL HURAJT**

A native of Poprad, the former biathlete and representative of Slovakia. At the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, he won a bronze medal in the 15 km mass start race. He also won two medal placements in the World Cup races.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

### POPRAD - A TOWN SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS

The Town of Poprad is an attractive urban destination. It lies at an altitude of 684 m above sea level in a wide basin of the same name.

City name: Poprad

Population: 49 430 (as of 31 December 2021 by the SR Statistical Office)

Area: 63.05 km<sup>2</sup>

Municipal Department in charge of sporting activities: Department of Education, Youth and Sport

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The City of Poprad is an administrative, economic and cultural centre of the rapidly developing sub-Tatra region.

The first written mention of an already existing settlement named Poprad dates back to 1256.

Poprad, as we know it today, was formed only after the 2nd World War, by merging five separate Spiš towns of Spišská Sobota, Veľká, Matejovce, Stráž pod Tatrami and Poprad into a single whole.

Individual municipal wards have preserved the basic features of medieval townships. The oldest and, at the same time, historically most valuable City ward is Spišská Sobota, which is one of the Slovakia's best preserved medieval urban quarters priding on its St. George Church of 13th century displaying an altar of Master Paul of Levoča.

Poprad is currently a town with developing economic potential. It seats many industrial enterprises, including large and successful companies (e.g. Tatrávagonka a.s., Whirlpool Slovakia a.s., Scame Tatra, Stig, Schulle and others).

The City's favourable geographical location and good transport connections allow access to the territory of four national parks (Tatra National Park, Low Tatras National Park, Pieniny National Park and Slovak Paradise National Park).

The City of Poprad can also boast of its air connections. The Poprad – Tatry International Airport is the highest situated airport in the Central Europe.

## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### HISTORY OF SPORT IN POPRAD

YEAR	EVENT
1906	Establishment of the first football club in the City ward od Matejovce
1925	Establishment of the first hockey club
1931	First official match of Poprad hockey players
1958	First ice stadium with an artificial ice surface First year of the Tatra Cup - the second oldest hockey tournament in Europe
1969	First automobile competition, the forerunner of Rally Tatry
1973	New covered ice sporting facility
1986	First indoor swimming pool
1994	First candidacy of the City of Poprad for Winter Olympics (Salt Lake City 2002)
1999	Second candidacy of the City of Poprad for Winter Olympics (Turín 2006)
2006	Arena Poprad Multipurpose Hall
2011	Establishment of the National Training Football Centre in Poprad
2022	Hockey Training Hall



## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

NAME	YEAR	CAPACITY ASPECTS	DIMENSIONS	OTHER PARAMETERS
Ice Hockey Stadium	1973	4233	29x60 m	
Hockey Training Hall	2022	179	60x26 m	Height 15,5 m
NTC Football Stadium	2011	5700	105x68 m	Heated lawn
NTC Training Football Field	2011	-	105x68 m	
NTC Football Stadium Poprad- Stráže	2020	108	105x68 m	Artificial lawn
Veľká Football Stadium	2014	417	105x68 m	
Training Football Field in Veľká	2015	-	100x58 m a 40x20 m	Artificial lawn Artificial lighting
Hockeyball Field	2021	-	52x26 m	Artificial lighting
Arena Poprad Multipurpose Hall	2006	1968	50x30 m	
Swimming Pool	2022	450	50x21 m	8 tracks, Omega timer, Led screen
Unroofed ice areas	2009 a 2021	-	40x20 m 52x26 m	Artificial cooling Artificial lighting
Municipal Tennis Courts	2009	200	6 courts - clay	Training wall
Skatepark	2018	-	1842,82 m2	42 concrete obstacles
Sport Hall at Komenského street	1975	350	17,7x32,8 m	
Bike Trails			15 km	



## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### PRIVATE SPORTS FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

#### Fitness centres:

- Fitness Centre in AquaCity, Športová 1397/1
- Fitness ARENA - Multipurpose Hall Arena Poprad
- Fitness Centre ABFit – Dostojevského 3313/12, Poprad
- Esprit Club Poprad – Nábr. Jána Pavla II. 15, Poprad
- BeHockey – Jahodná 3396, Poprad
- Fitness centre TATRA – GYM – Suchoňova 4, Poprad
- Fitness centre ALFA – Okružná 761, Poprad
- Golem Club Poprad – Nám. Sv.Egídia 3290/124, Poprad
- Active Gym Poprad - Nám. Sv.Egídia 29/69, Poprad
- Fitneska - Nám. Sv.Egídia 16/37, Poprad
- Cvičisko Poprad – Fraňa Kráľa 2081/14, Poprad
- HIIT FITNESS FACTORY – Železničná 1087/15, Poprad
- XBODY Poprad – Scherfelova 1309/25, Poprad

#### Yoga studia:

- Harmony Studio, yoga and health centre – Rázusova 3286/1, Poprad
- Yoga centre - Yoga in Everyday Life - Nábr. Jána Pavla II. 16, Poprad
- My Yoga – Partizánska 683/32, Poprad
- Balanse – Partizánska 86A, Poprad
- Bambino Maternity Centre – Zimná 3585/1, Poprad

#### Squash:

- Poprad Squash Centre – Partizánska 68332, Poprad
- Hotel Satel – Mnoheľova 826/5, Poprad

#### Badminton:

- Sportcentre Zámoček – Staničná 2, Poprad – Matejovce
- SPORT CLUB FOR ALL – Secondary Grammar School, Kukučínova 4239/1, Poprad

#### Tennis:

- Hotel Satel – Mnoheľova 826/5, Poprad – indoor tennis hall - hard surface
- Hotel Poprad – Partizánska 677/17, Poprad - artificial grass
- Club Hotel Olympia – Partizánska 684, Poprad – clay
- Sportcentre Zámoček – Staničná 2, Poprad – Matejovce - artificial grass
- Outdoor tennis courts at Primary School and Kindergarten A.V.Scherfela – Fraňa Kráľa 2086, Poprad – Veľká – clay
- Indoor tennis courts at Primary School and Kindergarten Francisciho 832/21, Poprad - clay

#### Bowling:

- City Bowling Shopping Centre MAX – Dlhé Hony 4587/1, Poprad
- Sportcentre Zámoček – Staničná 2, Poprad – Matejovce

#### Miscellaneous:

- WoodRock Climbing Wall – the highest indoor climbing wall in Central Europe – Partizánska 127/105, Poprad
- 18-hole indoor Minigolf Hotel Tatramonti – Popradskej brigády 741, Poprad
- Equestrian Centre Poprad – Kvetnica
- 74 children's and multipurpose playgrounds
- 5 workout playgrounds
- Cyclotrial Track Centre



# SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

## SCHOOL SPORTS FACILITIES IN POPRAD

Over the past 10 years, Poprad has built 4 multipurpose playgrounds on the premises of primary schools, and in 5 schools it has conducted reconstruction of gymnasiums.

SCHOOL	Large gym (dimensions)	Small gym (dimensions)	Grassy playground (dimensions)	Asphalt playground (dimensions)	Other outdoor playgrounds (dimensions or specification)	Athletic complex (dimensions or specification)	Gyms
Primary school and kindergarten, Dostojevského street	23,5x12 m	12,5x12,5 m	58x25 m	-	44x22 m 37x19 m	200 m oval, 2 pits	-
Primary school and kindergarten, Tajovského street	292 m2	147 m2	2450 m2	basketball 540 m2	multipurpose	running track 250 m	-
Primary school and kindergarten, Francisciho street	20x13 m	22,8x8,8 m with hurdles	-	-	-	-	-
Primary school and kindergarten, Jarná street	24x12 m	12x12 m-	95x47 m	30x30 m	50x42 m artifical grass	300 m/4 tracks 120 m/ 6 tracks	Yes
Comprehensive school, Letná street.	23x10,2 m	12,5x11,7 m	-	20x20 m	25x20 m	-	Yes
Primary school and kindergarten, Komenského street	17,7x32,8 m	17,7x11,8 m	-	-	children´s traffic playground, multipurpose	tartan track 100 m/4 tracks 250 m /3 tracks	Yes
Primary school and kindergarten, F. Kráľa street	20x10 m	14x8 m	90x45 m	-	teniss complexl, artificial lawn	100x58 m a 40x20 m	Yes
Primary school and kindergarten, Vagonárska street	26,5x14 m	14x11,5 m	-	-	basketball 24x13 , handball 34x16, tennis/floorba ll 34x16	running track 250 m	Yes
Primary school and kindergarten, Kopernikova street	24x12 m	12x12 m	60x20 m	-	multipurpose 28x19m	-	-

# SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

In Poprad there are 14 secondary schools, whose sports complexes and gymnasiums serve Poprad sports entities.

SCHOOL	Large gym (dimensions)	Small gym (dimensions)	Grassy playground (dimensions)	Asphalt playground (dimensions)	Other outdoor playgrounds (dimensions or specification)	Athletic complex (dimensions or specification)	Gyms
Comprehensive school, Mládeže street	23x12 m	10,5x10,5 m	cca 70x30 m	-	Indoor swimming pool 12,5x5m	200 m	Yes
Comprehensive school, D. Tatarku street	23,5x11,5m	-	-	-	approx. 50x30 asphalt area	-	-
Grammar school, Kukučínova street	37x18 m	10x8 m	Artificial grass 40x20 m	-	34x20 m synthetic surface outdoor tools	220 m tartan track, shot put sector, long jump pit	Yes
Business Academy, Murgašova street	24,9x13,3 m	12,3x5,7 m-	-	40x26,1 m	-	track 175 m, shot put, long jump	Yes
Electrotechnical Secondary Vocational School, Hlavná street	28x20 m	-	-	-	mini playground 33x18 m	-	Yes
Secondary Vocational School, Kukučínova street	30x18 m	-	-	-	33x18 m	-	Yes
Secondary Vocational School, Mnoheľova street	28x18 m	18x14 m	30x24 m	2 -24x13 m-	Indoor swimming pool 12,5x5 m	200 m atl. track, long-jump sector and shot put sector	Yes
Secondary Vocational School for Crafts and Services, Okružná street	20x9 m	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Private Secondary Vocational School, SNP, Poprad - Veľká	26x13 m	-	26x24 m	26x15 m	-	-	Yes
Secondary School for Nurses, Levočská street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive School of St. John Paul II., Dlhé Hony	19,4x9,6 m	-	40x28 m	25x18 m	25x18 m	-	Yes

## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

SCHOOL	Large gym (dimensions)	Small gym (dimensions)	Grassy playground (dimensions)	Asphalt playground (dimensions)	Other outdoor playgrounds (dimensions or specification)	Athletic complex (dimensions or specification)	Gyms
Life Academy - Private Comprehensive School, Rovná street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private Secondary Vocational School, 29.augusta street	23,5x11,5 m	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secondary Sports School	Yes	Yes			Ice hockey stadium, Work out playground Bouldering wall Streetball court	Yes	Yes

### EXPENDITURE OF THE TOWN ON THE MAINTENANCE OF SPORTS FACILITIES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS

Expenditure on the management of sports grounds	2019	2020	2021
Ice Hockey Stadium	694 437,38 €	586 940,71 €	622 823,40 €
Arena Poprad Multipurpose Hall	417 047,75 €	358 142,28 €	358 498,19 €
Football Stadium	121 406,78 €	107 021,77 €	108 021,70 €
Arena Mobile Ice Rink	17 859,05 €	37 385,12 €	40 596,47 €
Ice rink leisure center	0,00 €	0,00 €	3 256,50 €
Tennis courts	5744,02 €	3 582,65 €	4 931,01 €
Skatepark	1 500,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Total expenditure on the maintenance of sports facilities managed by the City of Poprad	1 258 005,42 €	1 093 077,75 €	1 138 127,27 €
Percentage	5,90 %	5,19 %	4,29 %
Total current expenditure of the City of Poprad	21 324 933,85 €	21 050 036,22 €	26 540 034,12 €

## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN ON THE MAINTENANCE OF SPORTS FACILITIES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS

Expenditure on the management of sports grounds	2019	2020	2021
Primary School and Kindergarten, Dostojevského street	7 930,00 €	6 820,00 €	7 170,00 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Tajovského street	16 743,36 €	8 816,82 €	22 301,28 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Francisciho street	6 302,40 €	6 884,40 €	7 394,30 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Jarná street	13 580,00 €	14 800,00 €	15 920,00 €
Comprehensive school, Letná street	5 067,00 €	5 094,00 €	80 132,00 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Komenského street	7 476,00 €	6 736,00 €	3 388,00 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, F. Kráľa street	17 517,00 €	16 290,00 €	17 390,00 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Vagonárska street	12 818,92 €	13 828,65 €	11 172,43 €
Primary School and Kindergarten, Koperníkova street	7 678,98 €	8 634,76 €	9 083,73 €
Leisure Centre	12 895,83 €	3 706,72 €	2 647,56 €
Total expenditure on school sports facilities	108 009,49 €	91 611,35 €	180 151,30 €
Percentage	0,56 %	0,44 %	0,83 %
Total current expenditure of budgetary organizations of the City of Poprad	19 234 668,93 €	20 911 637,49 €	21 616 046,26 €



## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### THE AMOUNT OF PLANNED INVESTMENTS IN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE IN 2023 - 2025

YEAR	Name of investment event	Planned budget
2022	Construction of Indoor Training Hall in Poprad - extension to the Ice Hockey Stadium	2 770 200,00 €
2022	Irrigation system for the field with natural grass at the Football Stadium Poprad - Veľká, Fraňa Kráľa street	25 000,00 €
2022	Building a social/sanitary facilities at the football field in Stráže	8 500,00 €
2022	Installation of a staircase from the service footbridge to the ventilation part of the rear facade of the Ice Hockey Stadium	12 000,00 €
2022	Reconstruction of the fire protection system of the Ice Hockey Stadium	12 000,00 €
2022	Modernization of equipment for refilling water into the ice resurfacer and into the storage container for cooling towers in the Ice Hockey Stadium	45 000,00 €
2022	Reconstruction of three changing rooms in the Ice Hockey Stadium	20 000,00 €
2022	Reconstruction of the gymnasium at the Primary School Komenského	1 600 000,00 €
2022	Restoration of play elements on children's playgrounds in kindergarten	30 000,00 %
2022	New children's and multipurpose playgrounds in Poprad	721 100,00 €
2022	Restoration of play elements and elements for leisure time activities	162 500,00 €
2022	TOTAL	5 406 100,00 €

Prospectively, in the years 2023–2027, the Municipality, with the support of available additional EU resources, is preparing larger investments in sports infrastructure aiming to complete the missing sports specialized centres, such as an extension of the gymnasium of the Primary School Komenského in the amount of € 1.8 million, the Tennis Centre in the amount of €5 million, the Swimming Facility in the form of an open swimming pool with a 50 m pool and adequate facilities with the necessary supporting infrastructure in the amount of € 5 million, including completion of the Skate Park by building changing rooms, sanitary facilities and solving the problem with the static transport in the amount of €500 thousand.

## SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES (Indoor/Outdoor)

### CONCEPT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN THE CITY OF POPRAD BY 2030

In cooperation with sports organizations the City of Poprad has developed its Concept for Development of Sports to fit its own conditions in supporting the construction, modernization, reconstruction and operation of sports infrastructure. The City of Poprad updated this strategic document in 2020 for the upcoming 10 years.

In compliance with this Concept, Poprad strives to support and develop the activities of sports clubs in the City with a priority focus on the young people and the key sectors achieving significant sporting success at both the national and international levels in the long run. The City of Poprad intends to pay the same attention to recreational sports for all residents. It is therefore necessary to create high-quality conditions for sports, building sports grounds and zones for active sporting of Poprad residents.

The document Concept for Development of Sports in the City of Poprad is based on four main pillars:

1. Create conditions for young talented sportsmen and support talented youth sports clubs. Financially support youth sports clubs that are determined and systemic in working with Poprad youth professionally.
2. Continue creating and improving the conditions for sports for adult citizens, seniors and disabled residents.
3. Cultivate spaces and facilities for large sporting events so that the Popradians can enjoy a true sports atmosphere on high-quality sports grounds in their City.
4. To support and help traditional sports which have their bases in Poprad historically and which have long contributed to building a positive attitude of the City's inhabitants toward sports.

### ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPORT AND YOUTH OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF POPRAD

Funding by the City of Poprad	2019	2020	2021
Budget for sporting events	40 590,00 €	24 000,00 €	22 000,00 €
Subsidies for activities of clubs and associations	811 150,00 €	498 090,00 €	489 000,00 €
Total expenditure of subsidies of sport and sporting events	851 740,00 €	522 090,00 €	511 000,00 €
Percentage	1,97 %	1,16 %	1,00 %
Total current expenditure of the City of Poprad + budgetary organizations	43 175 985,79 €	45 005 972,90 €	51 049 171,57 €

## ACCESS TO SPORTS VENUES AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Sports clubs and associations use municipal sports facilities, school gymnasiums and sports grounds administered or owned by organizations falling under the competence of the City of Poprad under favourable terms and conditions. Sports clubs dedicated to children and youth pay only symbolic rents after it being approved by the Municipal Assembly of the City of Poprad. The City of Poprad provides subsidies to priority sports - hockey, football, basketball and volleyball - not only for the activities themselves, but also to cover their operating costs.

The City of Poprad exempts the clubs and organizations that organize sporting events for children, youth and residents of the City of Poprad from the fees for the occupation of public premises – for example, Poprad Street Run, City Run, Orienteering Race, gymnastic pentathlon, Challenge Day, Mom, Daddy play sports with us, and others. The City of Poprad, in cooperation with SAD (Slovak Bus Transport) Poprad, has prepared a project called "The Road to Health". Since 1 September 2022, Poprad residents will be able to travel by the City's public transport free of charge.



## SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CITY

Hockey	HC Poprad ŠKP Poprad ŽHK Poprad	Judo	Judo club Katsudo Poprad ECC Judo club Poprad Sports Organization MLADOST' POPRAD
Football	FC Poprad ŠK Zemedar Poprad – Stráže Youth Football Academy Poprad	Karate	Central Karate club Poprad Karate club Shihan Poprad
Basketball	Youth Basketball Academy Poprad	Tennis	TK F1 Poprad School tennis Club Poprad – Veľká Municipal Sports Club Poprad – Tatry Perkins Poprad Tennis Club
Volleyball	Volleyball Club Junior 2012 Poprad	Table tennis	ŠK KST Poprad
Cyclotrial	Bike3alzone 3al biketrial club Poprad	Badminton	Sports Club badminton Poprad - Matejovce SPORT CLUB FOR ALL
Gymnastics	Sports Club GY-TA Poprad Luna GYM	Kickbox	Kickbox Body gym Poprad
Athletics	AK Steeple Poprad Running Club Poprad	Bodybuilding	ŠK GALAXY 2 Poprad Star Poprad Bodybuilding Club
Ball Hockey	Sports Ball Hockey Club Poprad	Capoeira	Capoeira Oxumare Poprad
Skiing	ŠK Junior Ski Poprad Sport Centre for Children and Youth Poprad – Tatry Bendik Racing Team A.S.P.Ski Freestyle ski profi team Poprad	Shooting	Association of Blind and Partially Sighted Sportsmen of Slovakia
Swimming	Swimming club AQUACITY Poprad Baby Club Hippo Poprad Fit-Flip Private Swimming School	Archery	Red Arrows Poprad
Triathlon	Tri Tatry Triathlon Team Poprad	Biking	CKM Poprad
		Dog agility	Local agility club Tatry Poprad Sports Cynology Club Canislog Poprad Agility club Kamzík

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Firemen	Volunteer Fire Brigade Spišská Sobota Volunteer Fire Brigade Poprad Volunteer Fire Brigade Veľká
Bowling	Bowling club Citybowling Poprad
Squash	Squash Poprad
Chess	Sports Organization Locomotive Start VD Poprad
Flying	AEROCLUB Poprad
Motorsport	AOS Club Poprad Tatra veteran car club Poprad Slovak Automotoclub Historic racing
Equestrian sport	Equestrian club Freestyle Poprad Kavallo Equestrian Sledding Club

Diving	D3 Scuba Diving Club Poprad Diving Club Kosatka/Killer Whale
Mountaineering	KROKUS EXTREM SPORT TEAM
Climbing on an artificial wall	WoodRock Sport Club
Fishing	Slovak fishing Association MO
Power Sport	Strongman Poprad Sports Club
Modelers	RC Modelling club Poprad
Krav Maga Self-Defence	RM SPORT CLUB
Dance Schools and Academies	Solus Dance Academy Fortuna Dance Centre

SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CITY



## SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CITY

### THE MOST IMPORTANT SPORTS ENTITIES IN THE CITY OF POPRAD AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS

#### HC Poprad

With its almost 100-year tradition, the HC Poprad Hockey Club is taking hold of the most popular team sport in the City. It headquarters at the Poprad Ice Hockey Stadium, while youth teams playing under the ŠKP banner use a modern training hall. HC Poprad is the main organizer of the Tatra Cup Hockey Tournament, which it has won several times. The Club plays in the highest national ice hockey competition Tipos Extra-League. During its long existence, HC Poprad became a 4-time Champion of Slovakia in the pre-war period and it has won two Vice-Champion titles in the modern Slovak history.

#### FC Poprad

Football has a long tradition in Poprad. Its origin dates back to 1906. The senior team currently plays in the third highest competition, but in the coming few years the goal is to return the A Team to the League Two. The Football Club takes under its auspices academies of all age categories of youth teams. A new philosophy has been set up for youth football. Instead of taking players from other cities and clubs, the systematic work with children residing in Poprad and its neighbourhood began, based on good diagnostics, expertise and conceptuality.

#### Municipal Sports Club Poprad – Tatry

The Poprad – Tatry Municipal Sports Club covers tennis and operates on the Municipal Tennis Courts in Poprad. In 2021, it achieved the historic success by winning the title of Slovak Champion in the finals of the Men's Tennis Team Extra-League. In 2022, it managed to defend this title. The Club organizes a major international challenger tennis tournament.

#### Youth Basketball Academy Poprad

Poprad basketball has more than 65 years of history in the City. The BAMP Poprad Club is mainly focused on women's basketball. It has raised many representatives of Slovakia and won 2 bronze medals in the national adult league. In the showcase of the Club's achievements there are several titles of the Champion of Slovakia in youth categories.

#### AQUACITY Poprad Swimming Club

Swimming is one of the younger sports in Poprad, but with its popularity and professionalism it covers a wide children's and youth base. From the first mentions of swimming in the City of Poprad, the pupils swimmers ranked among the very successful sportsmen not only on the Slovak scene but also internationally. In its almost 40-year history, the Swimming Club has raised a large number of Champions of the Slovak Republic, holders of either Slovak junior or senior records and Slovakia's representatives.

#### Sports volunteering in the City

In the City of Poprad, there is a Youth Parliament, composed of representatives of primary and secondary schools, which facilitates the City employees' arranging and organizing sports events for unregistered sportsmen from among children and youth.

Poprad sports clubs are also active in helping to organize and arrange for various sports activities in the City's territory and provide volunteers from their membership bases in organizing their own activities.

The City of Poprad has very good relations with school facilities located in the territory of the City of Poprad. Whether teachers or older pupils, all of them make a significant contribution to the successful functioning of sports competitions organized by the City of Poprad.

## SPORTING INITIATIVES, EVENTS AND PROJECTS DIRECTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY

- Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad for Primary Schools
- Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad for Kindergartens
- Pupils' League of the City of Poprad
- Awarding the most successful sportsmen of the year
- Public skating during the winter months on 2 outdoor ice rinks
- Skating Course for Kindergarten Children
- 3x3 Basketball Tournament
- Mayor's Ten
- Mom, Dad, Play Sports With Us
- Methodical Day for Primary School Teachers
- Come and Get Sweat and Muddy
- Poprad Badminton Elbow
- Carnival on Ice
- European Mobility Week
- To Work by Bike



### INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS IN 2019-2022 IN POPRAD AND ITS VICINITY

Organizer	Event	Years
AOS Club Poprad	Rallye Tatry	2019, 2021, 2022
Municipal Sports Club Poprad - Tatry	Tatry Open 2022 series ITF World Tennis Tour	2022
Slovak Volleyball Federation	CEV Volleyball European Golden league	2022
Festival Organizing Committee	International Mountain Film Festival	2019, 2020, 2021
Slovak Football Association	Qualifying Matches for the European Girls' Championship under 17	2021
HC Poprad	Tatra Cup	2019, 2020, 2021
CKM Poprad	Cyclocross World Cup 1st category	2019
Slovak Volleyball Federation	Qualifying Matches for the Women's European Championship 2023	2022
3AL Biketrial Club Poprad	HC GRAND PRIX Trial Poprad	2021

## SPORTING INITIATIVES, EVENTS AND PROJECTS DIRECTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY

### NATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS IN 2019-2022 IN POPRAD AND ITS VICINITY

Organizer	Event	Years
AQUACITY Poprad Swimming Club	Slovak Open and Junior Swimming Championships	2022
Slovak Volleyball Federation	Slovak Female Cadets Championships	2022
Slovak Football Association	Karol Polák Cup Semi-finals	2022
Poprad-Tatry Airport	Aero-moto Weekend	2022
Slovak Association of Dance Sport	Slovak Championships in Latin American Dances	2022
Sports Centre for Children and Youth Poprad - Tatry	Kubašok cup 2022 FIS World Snow Day	2019,2021,2022
ŽHK Poprad	Girls' Hockey Weekend	2021
Municipal Sports Club Poprad–Tatry	Poprad Mayor's Cup Tennis Tournament	2019,2021
Strongman Poprad Sports Club	Tatra Strongman & Eared children	2021, 2022
Slovak Association of Dance Sport	Slovak Championships in Ten Dances	2021
Running Club Poprad	Goat Trial	2019
AQUACITY Poprad Swimming Club	Olympic Hopes Swimming Cup	2019,2020
AQUACITY Poprad Swimming Club	Poprad Prize and Filip Lutz Memorial	2019,2022
Red Arrows Poprad	Slovak Veterans Championships in Target Archery	2019
Slovak Volleyball Federation	Slovak Male Cadet Volleyball Championship	2019
3AL Biketrial Club Poprad	Finals of the Slovak Cycling Cup	2022

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### MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL SPORTING EVENTS IN 2019-2022 IN POPRAD AND ITS VICINITY

Organizer	Event	Years
BAMP Poprad	Mini basket show	2019, 2022
BAMP Poprad	Let's Have Fun with Basketball	2022
City of Poprad	Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad	2022
City of Poprad	Mom, Dad, Play Sports With Us	2019, 2022
City of Poprad	Carnival on Ice	2022
City of Poprad	Come and Get Sweat and Muddy	2022
MIK Poprad	June Cycling Wednesdays	2021,2022
MIK Poprad	Adventure Saturdays	2021,2022
City of Poprad	Poprad Teacher's Elbow	2019, 2022
Sports Centre for Children and Youth Poprad	Dry Slalom	2019, 2021, 2022
City and BAMP Poprad	'Her World, Her Rules!	2019
CKM Poprad	Children's MTB VRL League	
Volunteer Fire Brigade Veľká	Iron Firefighter	2019
City of Poprad	Move Week	2019
Volunteer Fire Brigade Poprad	Ing. Pavol Rumler Memorial	2019, 2022
Sports Club Veteran Poprad	Xxth year of the Poprad Prize Table Tennis Tournament	2019

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## RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Return on investment	Income	Expenditure	% Return
Total year 2019	389 685,12 €	1 366 014,91 €	28,53 %
Total year 2020	300 686,33 €	1 184 689,10 €	25,38 %
Total year 2021	260 786,26 €	1 318 278,57 €	19,78 %

The primary goal of the City of Poprad is not to build sports infrastructure for profit making purposes. The sports infrastructure is mainly intended to serve in supporting sports activities of children, youth and all groups of the population, while the City of Poprad creates conditions in order that all sports facilities may be accessible to the general public under acceptable conditions (e.g. rents for 1 € etc.).



# MEASURES TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND INTEGRATION OF ALL SOCIAL GROUPS THROUGH SPORT

## School sports and school sports education

Compulsory physical education in conjunction with interest-based physical education at our schools has an irreplaceable place in the development of sport. These subjects are followed by other organizational forms that allow to increase the volume of physical and sports activities in the daily routine of pupils. A significant contribution is made by the system of school sports competitions with a progressive character from school through district and regional rounds to the Slovak Championships in particular sports disciplines. In the 2021/2022 school year, due to coronavirus, competitions were allowed in only the following 14 sports – table tennis, badminton, end-ball, cross-country run, athletic quadruple, water polo mix, swimming competitions, basketball skills competition, floorball, small football, mini football, wandering ball, MIDI cool volley and MINI cool volley. High school students played sports games competitively in basketball, badminton and cross-country run. The City of Poprad, through the Department of Education, Youth and Sport, entered the history of school sports competitions when it was the first city in Slovakia to organize the **Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad** for all primary schools in its territory. In the school year 2021/22, it was the 26th year of this competition. It is a pity that due to the coronavirus, this was preceded by a forced 2-year break. The Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad consists of two parts, the winter and summer parts. The winter part consists of 7 sports: swimming, bowling, bobsleighbing on trainer incline, speed skating, ski slalom, snowboarding slalom and cross-country skiing. The summer part is focused on athletics, team tennis, mix volleyball and football of the oldest pupils. This event also includes the **Kindergarten Sports Olympiad**, where preschool children compete in three disciplines.

The City of Poprad has also created and has long supported the **Pupils’ League of the City of Poprad**. This involves a year-round work of primary school pedagogical staff with children and youth, when by supporting out-of-school club activities, children acquire sporting habits. Teachers and children can choose from among 7 sports to fully engage in together and thus gain not only sports fitness and habits, but also learn to push their boundaries and limits. These sports include: wandering ball, end ball, table tennis, mini basketball, volleyball, small football jr. pupils and mini football coeducational teams. During the school year, the schools measure their strengths in four rounds and compare their work against their peers and teachers from other schools. At the end of the school year, the best teams and individuals will meet in the final tournaments, from which the winners of the Pupils’ League of the City of Poprad will emerge. These sports competitions not only promote in children their desire to play sports, but also serve to activate and improve the work of teachers and school headmasters, because they compete for the status of the Most Sporty School of the City of Poprad. The importance of these sporting activities lies mainly in the fact that they also allow unregistered sportsmen to join, including the children who are not regularly active in sports.

## Talented youth units in cooperation with sports clubs

There are 9 primary schools in the founding competence of the City of Poprad, four of which have registered sports classes in cooperation with sports clubs and relevant sports associations. They focus not only on collective, but also on individual sports – hockey, basketball, swimming, cross-country skiing and athletics. In sports classes, sports training is conducted by 17 teachers with the required pedagogical and coaching qualifications, 7 external staff with the required coaching qualifications and 7 qualified physical education teachers without coaching qualifications.

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### SPORTS CLASSES IN TEAM SPORTS

Sport	School	Number of classes	Number of pupils	Sports club
Hockey	Primary School and kindergarten, Vagonárska street	5	109	Hockey Club Poprad
Basketball	Primary School and kindergarten, Komenského street	4	89 of which 48 girls' basketball	girls: BAMP Poprad boys: MBK Svit
Football	Primary School and kindergarten, Fraňa Kráľa street	4	44	FC Poprad
<b>Individual sports</b>				
Swimming	Primary School and kindergarten, Vagonárska street	2	27	KP AQUACITY Poprad
Cross-country skiing and Athletics	Primary School and kindergarten, Jarná street	5	100	ŠK Jarná street

The Sports Secondary Grammar School was established in Poprad in 2016, and in the school year 2019/2020, the Secondary Sports School was added at the Secondary Grammar School on Kukučínova street. The Secondary Sports School was created to allow an optimal combination of quality study and top sports training. By graduating from the Secondary Sports School and verifying the acquired knowledge, abilities and skills, pupils will acquire professional competence to act as professional coaches of the 3rd qualification degree in the sport which s/he is engaged in on a competition level.

Pupils can study the study branch of sports high school – it is designed for talented sportsmen and, at the same time, excellent pupils who, in addition to pursuing their sports careers, also aspire to study at universities. As from the school year 2020/2021, the study branch of sports management has been introduced. It is intended for talented sportsmen and, at the same time, good pupils who, in addition to pursuing their sports careers, also intend to work in the field of sports as club managers, organizers or entrepreneurs, or to pursue their study further or work in managerial positions even outside the sports.

From the new school year, the Secondary Sports School of Poprad will use the newly built premises for the development of sports and education in the City of Poprad.

The City of Poprad does not leave in kindergartens either, as it has been preparing a preparatory skating course for preschool children on the ice rinks of the City of Poprad for decades. In the 2021/22 season, a total of 11 kindergartens with 422 children participated in this program. Children regularly visit the ice rink during 12 weeks on a certain day and time, where they are attended to by trained hockey coaches.

They then have the opportunity to improve the skills they acquired together with their parents during evening and weekend public skating on two outdoor ice rinks.

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In winter time preschool children also participate in the basic ski training under the guidance of certified ski instructors. The training usually takes place for one week, with instructors attending to the children according to their level of skiing skills and capabilities.

In the spring or autumn months, children are engaged in basic swimming training, as swimming is one of the most complex sports. Trainings take place either in Aquacity Poprad or in school training swimming pools. These activities are mainly about the children acquiring a positive attitude to water, in some cases perhaps it is about elimination of the fear of water. Children complete 12 hours of swimming training.

In the spring and summer months, kindergartens also participate in the project of the Slovak Football Association – Let's Score a Goal Together. This project has already completed four successful years and its main goal is to offer attractive football activities to children in kindergartens. On that occasion, teachers undergo training, thanks to which they receive a coaching license suitable for coaching children in any football club or club in the U11 category.

Through its Social Department the City of Poprad regularly organizes the Olympiad of Day Centres for Seniors. In order to further support the desire of these citizens to engage in similar activities, the City of Poprad has created a competition for the Travelling Cup of the City of Poprad, which will remind citizens of their efforts and desire to play games and win until the next Olympiad.

### Sports opportunities for different age groups of population

- In the City of Poprad the conditions have been prepared for the youngest children aged 0–4 years, to develop mainly their swimming or basic sports knowledge in the form of private courses. The basics of sports, such as skiing or skating, are acquired by children mainly with their parents during the winter months on the ice rinks of the City of Poprad and on the nearby ski slopes.
- Children of preschool age (5-6 years) together with kindergartens and a swimming school get acquainted with the basics of swimming sports. Basic skating training for these children has been organized for many years by the City of Poprad and its Department of Youth and Sports. The basic skiing course for children is prepared by a kindergarten in the vicinity of Poprad. A number of clubs and organizations have created preparatory courses for preschool children that serve to educate youth in sports activities. They can choose from many sports, such as gymnastics, hockey, tennis, football, judo, swimming and many more.
- Children entering primary schools regularly attend physical education classes. School facilities, together with the Leisure Time Centre, prepare children in various other out-of-school clubs for regular sports activities. The schools themselves, together with the City of Poprad, organize a number of sports events for children aged 6 to 15 years. It is at this age group from which the sports clubs build their sportsmen bases for their activities. In the primary schools of the City of Poprad, sports classes operate in 4 schools that have an increased number of lessons of physical education.
- Children aged 15 to 19 are already mostly active in the club structures, representing their clubs and the City at various sporting events and tournaments. In order to improve the conditions for these children, the City of Poprad has been striving for a long time and has thus successfully established the Secondary Sports School with reach over the entire Prešov region.
- Adolescents and people of working age have been created ideal conditions for sports at outdoor sports grounds of the City. These include ice rinks, athletic tracks and outdoor work out playgrounds. It is possible to use the centre for inline skating or a network of cycling trails. People of senior age are very fond of the possibilities offered by electric bicycles and thus make extensive use of the cycling trails in the City of Poprad and its surroundings. The City has created a Nordic walking track in the surrounding forests of Poprad, which is widely used not only for this sport but also for mountain biking or running.

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- The City of Poprad, through the Social Department, manages and administers 8 day centres (the former pensioners' clubs), where it creates conditions for the meeting of seniors and disabled citizens in the City and its respective municipal wards. It covers all operating costs and equipment of the centres (sports equipment for exercising, ergometers, in one day centre a gym with equipment has been established). Seniors residing in the City can also use the outdoor playground on Banícka Street – behind the Nursing Home, where the City has organized the Olympiad of Seniors in various disciplines this year – petang, minigolf, darts throw, rummikub, etc. The City of Poprad has been annually organizing the Sports Day for Seniors and Disabled People entitled “We are fit and up to it” in the Poprad Arena involving various age- and disability- adequate sporting disciplines.

### Sports courses for people with disabilities

Respective civic associations and local organizations with regard to individual types of disability organize, for example, special Olympiad for the blind in disciplines such as rifle and bow shooting (orientation to sound stimuli), football with a sounded ball and others.

### Promoting the integration of citizens through sport

The Pupils' League of the City of Poprad also allows children from socially vulnerable families or socially disadvantaged backgrounds to play sports, as these children have limited opportunities to use their leisure time fully for sports. Primary schools also organise their sports days in six sports disciplines annually, every pupil having to participate in two of them.

Every year, the City of Poprad organizes a senior Olympiad for the retired people. The City also annually provides the campus of the Primary School at Dostojevského street for the Olympiad of Children from Children's Homes within the Prešov Region.

### Educational opportunities for training coaches, instructors and educators

Every year, the City organizes a Methodical Day in cooperation with the Regional Office of School Administration in Prešov, where sports experts can present demonstrations of new and non-traditional sports. The Methodical Day is intended for teachers of physical education of primary and secondary schools and, since 2013, also for elementary grade teachers, who can even try new sports practically and include them in physical education classes as motivation or new curriculum. In this way, we managed to engage elementary grade teachers in regular sporting, sports club activities and motivate them to introduce Kinderiad – Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad for the Youngest Pupils. Every year there are various sports conferences organized in the City of Poprad, including training of coaches and educators, mostly in the congress premises of Aquacity Poprad or in the National Training Centre Poprad.

### Fair Play

The City of Poprad annually collects and evaluates the achievements of sportsmen and teams of the City of Poprad, based on which it will appraise the most successful sportsmen of the City of Poprad at the gala evening, where the Fair Play Prize is often awarded.

## DEGREE OF ENGAGEMENT OF POPULATION IN SPORTS

The City of Poprad currently registers 67 sports clubs and organizations representing 38 sports in its territory.

Age category	Number of registered sportsmen
4 - 16 years	2 890
17 - 34 years	1 295
35 and over	380

Due to the pandemic, a large number of sports clubs have experienced an outflow of members and their transition to individual sporting activities. Such sportsmen are largely customers of private sports facilities or they use, for example, cycling routes for cycling, skating or just walking around. Nevertheless, the City of Poprad is trying to continue helping these clubs and organizations, and supporting them in their efforts to bring sports as close as possible to children and youth.

At the moment, the City of Poprad does not have statistics that would accurately determine the percentage of the population engaging in recreational sports activities. Before the pandemic, it was over 60%. After an inevitable drop in the last two years, the number of sporting residents is starting to increase again.

### Measures taken by the Municipality to increase interest in sport

The City of Poprad is trying hard to provide residents with opportunities for sports, not only by building a new training hockey hall or a hockeyball field and ice rinks. It is currently working on the construction of other cycle trails on the routes Poprad – Veľká Lomnica, Poprad – Tatranská Polianka and Matejovce – Veľký Slavkov. This will expand the sporting opportunities for the population once again. In September 2022, another sports hall at the Secondary Sports School will start to operate. The City promotes voluntary participation of unregistered sportsmen in sports through a number of competitions. In Poprad all those who are fond of sporting have many premises and sports grounds available free of charge. All playgrounds situated in the campuses of primary schools are available to the public at any time after classes, including weekends. This also applies to hockeyball courts, sports grounds located in the housing estates and, in winter, skating areas near the Arena and Leisure Time Centre. The City regularly informs its residents about the possibility of using them. In winter, they can find ice rinks schedules on the City's website or in the Monthly Poprad, along with the times when they can be used.



## PROMOTING GOOD MOBILITY

The City has been exerting efforts in trying to create favourable conditions for the promotion of alternative mobility on a long term and systemic basis. The most significant measure in 2022 was the introduction of free public transport for every resident of Poprad.

For several years, the City has been creating conditions for shared mobility in the form of bicycles, e-bikes and electric scooters. These initiatives are supported by the completion of the missing infrastructure – cycle trails, bike racks and car parks.

The City of Poprad regularly participates in the European Mobility Week and the national project To Work by Bike.



## PROMOTION OF SPORTS TOURISM

Sports tourism is one of the sectors which is also addressed by tourism organizations in the region. For example, the City of Poprad, OOCR High Tatras, the City Information Office and the Poprad Urban Forests have jointly launched a project called Wood Carvings for Poprad, which aimed to take people out into the countryside and make their hikes in the beautiful Kvetnica resort even more enjoyable. This City ward is currently experiencing a tourist heyday also due to the epidemiological situation when other sports venues were closed for a long time due to Covid or operated in restricted modes. This fact has contributed to greater movement of people in the fresh air. For children's collectives, excursion routes were built leading to individual wood carvings of Kvetnica so that the children could begin to engage in hiking more extensively. Also, during the summer holidays, Saturdays sporting activities have been prepared for the smallest residents not only in this locality. Other events of this sort:

- Dancing in the Square
- Night Run
- June Cycling Wednesdays

Activities of meetings of sports associations and economic entities in the tourism and sport sectors.

The City of Poprad creates conditions for sportsmen that attract not only Slovak hockey and volleyball teams to training and preparatory camps, but also such renown teams as football juniors of Manchester United or London Arsenal. In cooperation with the relevant central Slovak sports associations, the City organizes important events such as the international tennis tournament Poprad Tatry Open 2022, the Slovak Swimming Championship, the Golden European League and qualifying matches of Slovakia in men's and women's volleyball, the Slovak Championship in Dance Sports or the Eurohockey Challenge in ice hockey.

Policy measures for the implementation of projects and sporting-tourist events in the Poprad territory

The City of Poprad pays due attention to the organization of any major sporting events taking place in the territory of the City. The Mayor or one of the Vice-Mayors are usually members of the organizing committees and thus ensure an adequate share of the Municipality in their actions in order to ensure the highest quality organization.



## COMMUNICATION PROJECT

### a) *Period of candidacy*

- Creating an official logo of Poprad candidacy for the European City of Sport (ECS)
- Creating and launching a sub-site devoted to ECS on the City of Poprad website
- Shooting a short videoclip on the Poprad ECS candidacy
- Shooting a film documentary on the Poprad ECS candidacy
- Meetings with selected Project Ambassadors
- Meetings with representatives of all sports entities aimed to provide information on the Poprad ECS candidacy
- Releasing a local TV Poprad broadcast on the Municipal Parliament meeting that approved the City of Poprad ECS candidacy
- Publication of an article on the City of Poprad ECS candidacy in the Poprad Monthly magazine
- Releasing an interview with the Poprad Mayor on the topic of the City of Poprad ECS candidacy in an official bulletin of the international challenger tennis tournament - Tatry Open
- Manufacture of a Pop Up wall with a speaker's desk displaying the City of Poprad ECS candidacy logo

### b) *Period after winning the 2023 ECS title – throughout the year 2023*

- Large-scale banners and flags showing the Poprad ECS logo will be displayed during all sports events organized by the City of Poprad, including the Pop Up wall displaying the logo as background wall behind the victory podium
- All information brochures, bulletins, leaflets and posters advertising sport competition organized by the City of Poprad will display the Poprad ECS logo
- All sports grounds owned by the City of Poprad will display large-scale banners showing the City of Poprad ECS logo
- The Poprad Monthly magazine as well as the City of Poprad website and social networks administered by the City will regularly provide information on sport events and activities conducted under the European City of Sport
- All regional media as well as representatives of regional editor's offices of all nationwide media will be invited to a press conference on the Poprad ECS
- Poprad TV will release a separate report on the Poprad ECS with numerous re-plays
- Poprad TV will also release a videoclip and a film documentary on the Poprad ECS

## CITY PROFILE AND ITS POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AS A EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT

### PLEASURE TO BODY AND SOUL

Movement is essential to our lives. Sporting strengthens social relationships, builds teams, promotes the sense of fair play. The City of Poprad therefore tries to organize as many sporting events intended for the public as possible. The strong city needs strong people. The young, the elderly and also the youngest ones. In Poprad, you can see them conquering kilometres on foot or by bikes on cycle trails. Teenagers love to spend their time on the workout playgrounds built by the City. The aim is to attract the widest possible group of residents to sport.

### BUILDING HABITS

As part of the promotion of sport, the City is primarily focused on the children and youth. It is already in the early childhood when hobbies are formed. In addition, sport teaches them to have the right pull on the goal – thus it fosters their determination ability. Therefore, the City of Poprad supports the establishment of any sports sections, clubs and organized activities so as to create good conditions for the children's self-realization.

### LEARNING RESPECT

Sport often brings in some losses, too. Learning how to show respect and congratulate your opponent is not easy. The City intends to build in children and youth the sense of fair play and the ability to enjoy the sporting process itself rather than just focus on its result. The City tries to preserve and support this principle in every competition. The title of European City of Sport will give these efforts even greater significance.

### WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

Among other things, sports activities strengthen teamwork. They teach the fact that if we want to win, we have to pull together. It does not matter where we came from, how many cars we have parked at home, what colour our skin is, or what our religion is. Sport unites us all. With the promotion of the ACES Europe programme and increased activities in the field of sports, the City wishes to attract more people to sport, who are not only concerned with performance, but also with mutual belonging.



## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE APPLICATION IS FILED

**Year-round activities :** HC Poprad – **hockey matches Tipos Extra League**, FC Poprad – **League Three East VsFZ**, BAMP – **Women's League One**, VK Junior 2012 Poprad – **Volleyball League**, **Pupils' League of the City of Poprad**, **school sports competitions, Erasmus+** (exchanges for youth and clubs), **Spartakiad** (active involvement of the public, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in the creation of choreography and top dancing performance on the joint Spartakiad Day), City League in Small Football

### JANUARY

Training of children of kindergartens of the City of Poprad in the basics of skating  
Public skating for the general public in the afternoon and evening hours 7 days a week  
Improvement skating lessons for primary school pupils within the framework of physical education  
FIS World Day of Snow – public ski race  
Crazy Ice Games - curling, slalom and the like

### MARCH

Poprad Elbow – badminton tournament  
Table tennis tournament for the Poprad Prize  
Volleyball tournament for the public  
Versatile physical activities for 5-15 year children, practicing falls as a prevention against injuries  
Tournament of visually disadvantaged in bowling  
Poprad 2023

### MAY

Mayor's Ten in Kvetnica  
Final tournaments of the Pupils' League of the City of Poprad  
Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad, summer part – Kindergarten Olympiad  
50th year of Rallye Tatry  
Ringo tournaments on the square for youth of the City of Poprad  
Come and Jump - jumping over rubber for kids  
Hockeyball tournament

### FEBRUARY

Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad, winter part – speed skating, ski slalom, snowboard slalom, cross-country skiing, bowling and sledging  
Carnival on Ice  
Training of children of kindergartens of the City of Poprad in the basics of skating  
Public skating for the general public in the afternoon and evening hours 7 days a week  
Improvement skating lessons for primary school pupils within the framework of physical education  
Valentine's Day Basketball Tournament 3x3  
Evaluation and gala evening of the Most Successful Sportsmen of the City of Poprad for 2022

### APRIL

Get in Bathing Suit Before Summer - dance marathon for the public  
Streetball tournament 3x3  
26th year of Poprad Youth Cup - karate  
Volleyball competition for the public in accuracy of serve  
Bushu Judoka Tournament  
Versatile physical activities for 5-15 year children, practicing falls as a prevention against injuries

### JUNE

Peter Sagan Children's Tour  
Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad, summer part – athletics, tennis, mix volleyball, football  
Olympiad of daily centres of the City of Poprad  
Cycling Wednesdays in Poprad surroundings  
GymFit - exercises for kindergarten and primary school children  
Poprad Rope Skipping Cup - rope skipping competition  
Come and Get Sweat and Muddy  
Tennis - M-SR youth and pupils

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### JULY

Adventure Saturdays in the City of Poprad  
Summer Sports Fridays (if concerts will take place in the City, it will probably be another day)  
Self-defence courses for women  
Boccia game for seniors and physically disadvantaged sportsmen  
Walk for Mom - walk of moms with babies and prams across the Poprad square / or other parts of the City  
Basics of Quidditch  
Summer Sports Cinema - sports film  
Retro Tennis Tournament with wooden rackets

### SEPTEMBER

Mom, Dad, Play Sports With Us – competition for the sportiest family of the City of Poprad  
Methodical day for primary school teachers  
Evaluation of the Sportiest School 2022/2023  
Open Day of the Leisure Time Centre in Poprad  
Cycling skills rides progression tournaments - primary school pupils  
Open Day of the clubs of the City of Poprad – public training  
Move Week  
11th Year of Poprad Mayor's Cup Tennis Tournament  
Memorial of Ing. Pavol Rumler (competition of young firefighters)

### NOVEMBER

Sports Olympiad of the City of Poprad, winter part - swimming  
Poprad Zombie Run  
Olympic Hopes Swimming Cup 2023  
Girls Hockey Weekend

### AUGUST

Dry Slalom  
13th year of Tatra Strongman & Eared children Tatra Cup  
Evening Run through Poprad  
Summer Sports Fridays (if concerts will take place in the City, it will probably be another day)  
Self-defence courses for women  
Boccia game for seniors and physically disadvantaged sportsmen  
Walk for Mom - walk of moms with babies and prams across the Poprad square / or other parts of the City  
Quidditch Tournament  
Summer Sports Cinema - sports film

### OCTOBER

XXVIth Poprad Prize and XIVth Filip Lutz Memorial - swimming  
Cycling skills rides progression tournaments - primary school pupils  
Finals of skills rides of primary school pupils  
Kite-flying "Šarkaniáda"  
XXXth International Mountain Film Festival

### DECEMBER

Mikuláš on Ice (St Nicolas on Ice)  
Christmas skating  
Training of children of kindergartens of the City of Poprad in the basics of skating  
Public skating for the general public in the afternoon and evening hours 7 days a week  
Improvement skating lessons for primary school pupils within the framework of physical education

