



# INVITATION

## *Stockholm Veteran Open*

### *February 17-18, 2024*

#### **ORGANIZER**

Spårvägens BTK, Tibble-Kungsängen BTK and Västerås BTK.

#### **VENUE**

The tournament will be played in Klöverhallen, Västerås.

Address: Klöverhallen 7, Västerås

The arena is located 4 minutes by car from Västerås Centralstation and 25 minutes by foot. There also buses from the Central station to the venue: Buses 7, 22 and 23 from the Central station stops just outside the arena.

#### **HOW TO TRAVEL TO VÄSTERÅS**

By car is of course an option but there are train connections from all directions. From Stockholm it takes one hour, from Malmö 5 hours and there are also good connections from Copenhagen. From Arlanda Airport, Stockholm's airport, there are buses every hour which takes 1 hour and 25 minutes to Västerås Central Station.

#### **SANCTION**

The tournament is sanctioned as an international tournament by the Swedish Table Tennis Association.

#### **THE TOURNAMENT**

After two years of hosting the tournament in Kungsängen, outside of Stockholm, we are now moving to Västerås, a little bit further away from Stockholm but with better connections from the airport and with excellent train connections. Our ambition is the same as before, to host an International Veteran's Tournament on a high level. A tournament for the players.

In 2023 we included events for players with Parkinson's disease. This was a success so the tournament includes events for veterans as well as for Parkinson-players.

In Kungsängen the tournament was played on 24 tables. We will now have a capacity of 36 tables which gives us an opportunity to increase the number of participants. We will have the same set-up with final matches played on Sunday and then finish off the tournament with a Handicap-event open for all participants where all players will have an individual starting score based on rankings and achievements in previous matches. Just as in the first two tournaments there will be considerable prize money at stake in the Handicap event.

In order to make this tournament a success it is also important to have focus on what's going on outside of the table tennis venue. We have made a deal with Elite Västerås Stadshotell in central Västerås where we hope all participants will stay

during the tournament. We are offering reasonable rates for staying at the hotel and we will also host a dinner Saturday evening at the hotel. See further details below at the Hotel and dinner section.

### **AGE CATEGORIES**

<b>Women 40</b>	<b>Born -84 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 45</b>	<b>Born -79 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 50</b>	<b>Born -74 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 55</b>	<b>Born -69 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 60</b>	<b>Born -64 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 65</b>	<b>Born -59 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 70</b>	<b>Born -54 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 75</b>	<b>Born -49 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Women 80</b>	<b>Born -44 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>

<b>Men 40</b>	<b>Born -84 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
<b>Men 45</b>	<b>Born -79 or earlier</b>	<b>Singles, Doubles</b>
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<b>Mixed 40</b>	<b>Born -84 or earlier</b>	
<b>Mixed 55</b>	<b>Born -69 or earlier</b>	
<b>Mixed 70</b>	<b>Born -54 or earlier</b>	
<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Open for all players</b>	<b>Singles</b>

<b>Men Parkinson A</b>		<b>Singles</b>
<b>Men Parkinson B</b>		<b>Singles</b>
<b>Women Parkinson</b>		<b>Singles</b>

### **FEES**

200 SEK in singles events  
200 SEK per pair in doubles events  
200 SEK in the Handicap event

### **LIMITATIONS**

Men can play one singles event, one doubles event, one mixed event plus the Handicap event.

Women can participate in two singles events, their own age category and one younger category, one doubles event, one mixed event plus the Handicap event.

In case of limited numbers of participants in an age category the organizers have the right to combine age categories.

We will try our best to make sure that all participants get an opportunity to play as much as they prefer to do. Based on this there may be changes or modifications when we see the number of participants.

## **SYSTEM OF PLAY**

All events will be played in groups of 3 to 5 players. The winner and runner-up in each group will play knock-out. Third, fourth and fifth in each group will be given the opportunity to play Consolation in knock-out format. All matches will be played in best of 5 games except in the Handicap event where matches will be played in best of 3 games. Players who want to play Consolation have to register after the qualification games.

In the Handicap event each player will be given a handicap which will be based on available rankings and results in the tournament.

All group matches, except the Handicap event, will be played on Saturday. Knock-out and Consolation will be played on Sunday except Mixed events where group games and knock-out/Consolation will be played on Saturday. Finals in singles and doubles events will be played at the same time on Sunday if the schedule works as planned.

## **PRIZE MONEY**

50% of fees paid in each event will be awarded as prize money. The number of awards in an event depends on the number of players in an event.

There will be considerable prize money in the Handicap event.

## **ENTRIES**

Entries shall be made via [www.stockholmvetanopen.se](http://www.stockholmvetanopen.se). The final date to enter is January 5, 2024. Reservations for hotel and dinner Saturday evening shall also be made via our webpage.

By having the possibility to use 36 tables we hope that we can include all who want to participate. All entries from players outside of Sweden will be accepted if received before the deadline. For Swedish players we will set up a stand-by list in case the maximum number of entries is reached before the deadline.

## **DRAW**

The draw will be done before each event starts. It is very important that all players present themselves to the organizers no later than 60 minutes before each event starts.

Names of players, schedule and draws will be available online: [www.resultat.ondata](http://www.resultat.ondata).

All players who want to play in the Consolation tournament have to note that on the qualification game result paper.

## **LIVESTREAMING**

The tournament will be streamed. [www.stockholmvetanopen.se](http://www.stockholmvetanopen.se) for information.

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS & INFORMATION**

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## **HOTEL AND DINNER**

Lodging will be available at Elite Västerås Stadshotell, 6 minutes by car from the venue, Klöverhallen. Nice single and double rooms available. Sauna and relax area also available. For more details visit: <https://elite.se/en/hotels/vasteras/stadshotellet/>



We can offer these prizes for overnight stays, including breakfast.

Single room	995 SEK
Double room	1345 SEK
3-course dinner Saturday	450 SEK

We have reserved a considerable number of rooms at the hotel, and we hope all participants decide to make use of this offer.

For dinner Friday evening there are several nice restaurants in central Västerås where the hotel is located. Within the hotel there is also a restaurant/pub, The Bishop's Arms.

Transportation will be available between the arena and the hotel.

The 3-course dinner will take place at Elite Västerås Stadshotell, Saturday evening.

Reservations for Hotel and dinner must be made not later than January 5<sup>th</sup>. Cancellations will only be accepted if made before January 31<sup>st</sup> in order for us to refund payments.

## **CAFE IN THE ARENA**

During the tournament there will be a cafeteria in the arena. Lunch will also be served, more details will follow.

**WELCOME TO  
STOCKHOLM VETERAN OPEN 2024  
in VÄSTERÅS**