

Arenastaden Växjö - under intense development

Ice hockey in the VIDA Arena

An ice hockey arena with space for 5,000 spectators is being built and will be completed in August 2011. It will be connected with two training halls for ice sports. Växjö Lakers ice hockey club are building the facilities in conjunction with the Municipality of Växjö. The VIDA Arena will be equipped with boxes, a restaurant with a view over the arena, bars and boutiques. The arena will also be able to be used for concerts, congresses and such.

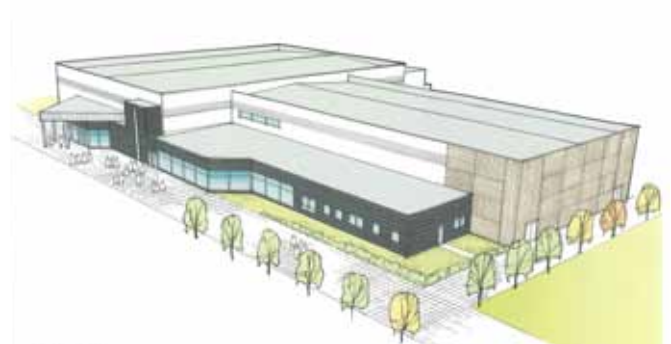


Football in the Öster Stadium

Östers IF football club shall build the Växjö Stadium that will be completed in the summer of 2012. The stadium will have a spectator capacity of 12,000. Östers IF are collaborating with the Municipality of Växjö on the new stadium, that will have four entrances, pubs, two restaurants, boxes, conference rooms and 144 toilets. At Arenastaden there are a further five football pitches of which, one is indoors. Öster Stadium will host UEFA Women EURO 2013.

Floorball in Sweden's most modern arena

Thanks to an initiative by Växjö Vipers floorball club, an arena primarily for floorball will be created at Arenastaden. Construction of the arena will start at the beginning of 2011 and be one of the most modern, cutting edge arenas in Sweden. The very latest technology will be fully taken advantage of in the building of the arena – which is most welcome as the number of active floorball players is growing all the time in Växjö.



Badminton, squash and climbing can be played and carried out in Idrottshuset, where there is also a gym and training studio.



Boule is a very popular sport for many people in Växjö. The Boules Hall has 16 indoor and 16 outdoor lanes.



Curling is played in its own hall in Arenastaden. There are three curling lanes in this pleasant hall that has hosted several championships.

Växjö – The Greenest City in Europe

Växjö is a dynamic city with just over 83,000 inhabitants that in recent years has received several national and international awards. The BBC and other well known media sources have declared Växjö to be "The Greenest City in Europe" thanks to its successful efforts with many environmental projects. The municipality runs a determined effort for the development of its city.

Växjö welcomes you to **ARENASTADEN**

Center for all sports – all year round



Växjö develops Arenastaden, an arena city, into one of the best sporting areas in the whole of Sweden. Four completely new competition arenas for athletics, icehockey, football and floorball are under construction or are planned. Together with the comprehensive range of existing arenas and facilities there will be excellent conditions for training and competition within 18 different sports.

Even better elders track and field at

The Municipality of Växjö, with great enthusiasm, supports the application to the IAAF to become an ATC. We believe that we can contribute to a strong and substantial centre with international competence and renown. The ATC can become an important part of Arenastaden's future as Arenastaden has excellent material and pedagogic possibilities for the development of athletes.

A completely new, unique arena for athletics only, is planned to be built in direct connection with the existing Tipshallen. The new arena will contain everything required – amongst other things, six running lanes encompassing the arena! Since the new arena and Tipshallen will form a unit, it can offer enormous possibilities for training and competition. It is possible to compete in all throwing events indoors, apart from the hammer. The World Indoor Throwing Gala has twice been held at Tipshallen in Växjö.

Two of the arrangers of the gala are Vésteinn Hafsteinsson and Agne Bergvall, who are also world renowned coaches for, amongst others, Gerd Kanter and Carolina Klüft respectively, and both of them operate from Växjö. In addition Arenastaden has excellent, high quality outdoor facilities, with a newly laid throwing field and an outdoor arena.

It is therefore only natural that Arenastaden is in the process of developing into an even more important centre for national and international sport – both in terms of conditions radically improving with new arenas and stadiums and more and more international coaches and active athletes finding their way to Växjö. Arenastaden, with its central location in Växjö is a sporting area and complex with a tremendous power of attraction.



Carolina Klüft and Agne Bergvall.



Vésteinn Hafsteinsson and Gerd Kanter in Tipshallen.

Växjö one of two APCs

For three years now, track and field athletes have had the possibility to combine their sport with academic studies at Linnaeus University in Växjö. This Athletic Performance Centre gives track and field athletes fantastic opportunities to improve themselves both within their sport and by means of academic studies. The pace of the studies is adapted to the athlete's need to develop within track and field. The APC became possible thanks to close collaboration between the Swedish Athletics Association, Linnaeus University and the Municipality of Växjö and is one of two such centres in Sweden.

Växjö was chosen as an APC, above all, for its strong club environment with recognised, skilled elite coaches. The short distances involved between training facilities and the place of study was also a determining factor.

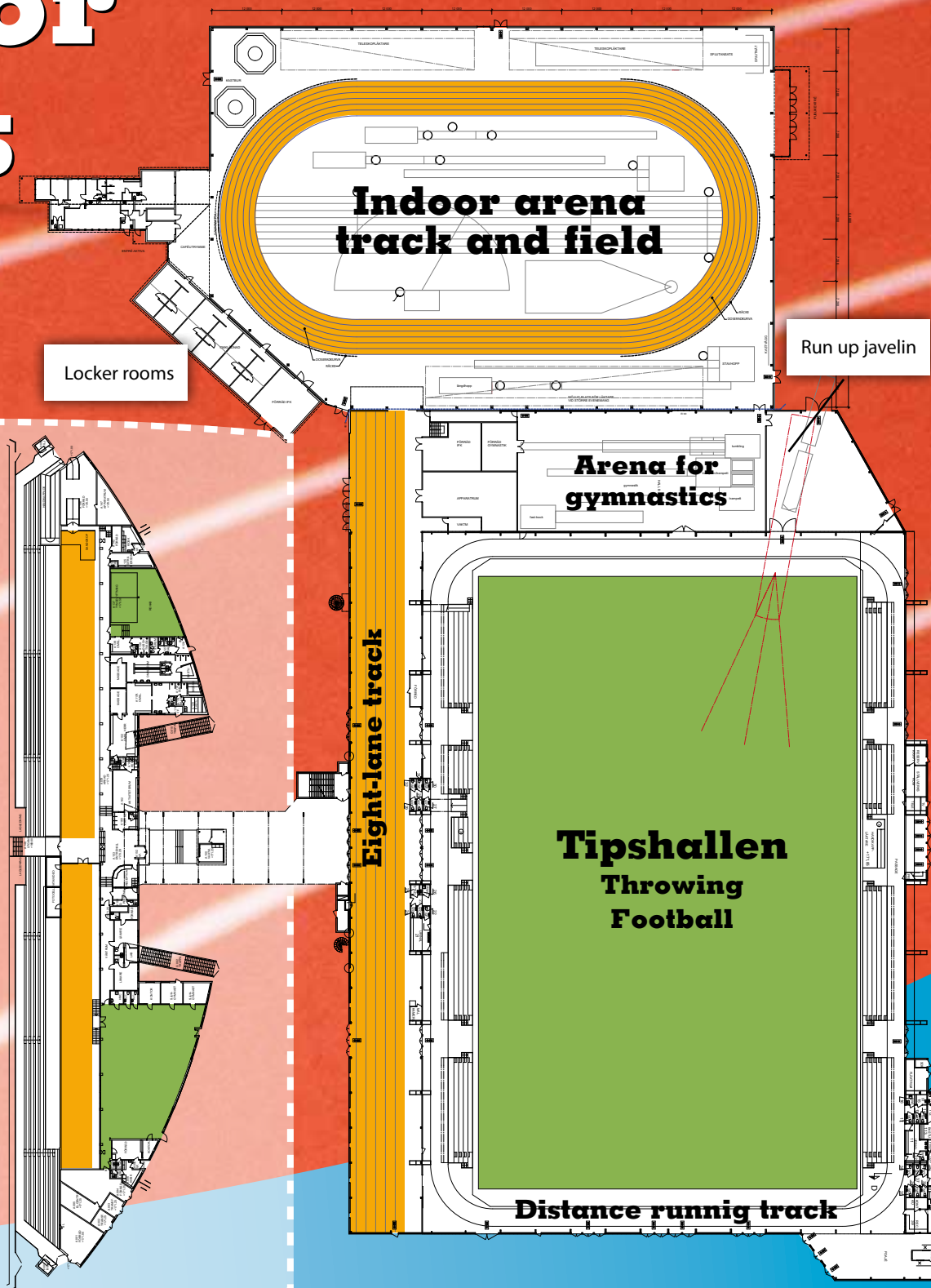
At the present time nine students have chosen the APC and Linnaeus University in Växjö and they represent a number of different events within track and field. Two of them study at the uniquely popular Coach and Sports Management programme, that offers studies to be able to become coaches and trainers at senior level.

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Training and educational centre

A new training and educational centre at Arenastaden is in the process of being realised, with the aim of becoming the very heart of the major and very high quality activity being run within the area, that seethes with sport.

The training and educational centre is being jointly created by Linnaeus University, the Municipality of Växjö and the activities within track and field that exist at Arenastaden. It will contain large areas for virtually everything that is required for professional service and help for track and field athletes, not least of all for elite athletes. Here there is space for training areas, test tracks, doctors, rehab, massage and much, much more.



Sporting visions for Arenastaden

- that it becomes an area where sport has the highest priority
- that it is attractive for sport, training and education
- that it unifies the needs of sport for training and match arenas with the needs of the region for a landmark and sporting experiences
- that it is nationally and internationally renowned as a training, educational and development centre – where academic studies and sport go hand in hand
- that it shall provide young people with the opportunity to develop and become positive role models
- that it shall be characterised by safety, service, and environmental thinking for sportsmen and women, club and team leaders, personnel, arrangers of events and spectators