



City of Bijeljina – European City of Sport 2020 candidate



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I OPENING STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR OF BIJELJINA

Residents and visitors of Bijeljina give our city numerous epithets, yet we are most proud of the epithet that our city is the city of youth and sport.

This is the result of, above all, the enthusiasm of numerous generations of athletes and sports workers in Bijeljina, as well as efforts of the local government to build sports infrastructure in the urban and rural areas of Semberija and support the work of clubs and sportsmen. This approach of the City Administration is part of the philosophy which we are committed to – the physical health of the population is a prerequisite for a healthy society and progress of the community.

Due to the years of persistent and systematic work with young people, sport in Bijeljina went a step further - our athletes and clubs started to enter the European sports scene, which was hard to imagine a decade ago. Sport in Bijeljina has become an example of how faith in success and dedication to aims yields results. Also, we are sure that our sports ambassadors and our efforts to build sports infrastructure will attract more European athletes to Bijeljina.

Bijeljina is a city on the border of three countries and it is on the crossroads of important roads, in a fertile plain inhabited by hard-working people. However, we believe that the entrepreneurial spirit, as an important tradition of Bijeljina, is the most meritorious for the accelerated development of our city, which has turned out to be not only the sports center of northeastern Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also economic, tourist, educational and health center, too, and this by importance is increasingly occupying an important place on the map of the region.

If we get the status of the "European City of Sport", it will act as a new stimulus to our efforts to build a healthy, humane and developed local community, with the same opportunities for all its citizens, regardless of ethnic, religious or other affiliation, as well as for people of different physical abilities.

The Mayor of Bijeljina

Mičo Mičić

II BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

- a) Name of the city: Bijeljina
- b) Population 114,663 (Data from 2019)
- c) Department responsible for sports: Department of Social Affairs
- d) Contact person: Samer El Chekh

III DEMOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF BIJELJINA



According to the latest official population census in 2013, the City of Bijeljina numbered 107,715 inhabitants.

It can be estimated that the majority of population consists of citizens aged 16 to 54 years of age. Compared to the 1991 census, the share of population over 65 years of age has an increasing trend, and the number of children and youth is significantly reducing. In this respect, compared to 1991, there was an increase in the number of working capable population (15 to 64 years) for about 35%, which is certainly a challenge from the aspect of employment.

Graph1. Number of inhabitants according to the last three population censuses

Total	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years	65-69 years	70-74 years	75-79 years	80-84 years	85+ years	Average
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*Table 1. The structure of the population of the City of Bijeljina
Source: Department of Economy of the City of Bijeljina*

According to local communities, there are 65,437 inhabitants in the rural area and 42,278 inhabitants in the urban area of the City of Bijeljina, which totals 107,715 inhabitants. Speaking about the density of population in the City of Bijeljina, we note that in the last few years we have had a slight growing trend that is slightly above 146 inhabitants per km².

IV HISTORY OF SPORT IN BIJELJINA

The beginnings of organized sports in Bijeljina relate to 1908 and the founding of the gymnastics organization Srpski Soko under the name "Obilic" which was a part of the Slavic Soko movement. Nearly all Serbian youth from the city were involved in "Obilic" and soon the organization counted over 250 members. They used to practice running, wrestling, shot put, lifting loads, javelin throw, exercising on apparatuses - parallel bars, horizontal bar or high bar, pommel horse, etc. In the same year, a Muslim Soko was founded, which, in addition to sports, had a choir and a tambura section, and shortly after, a Croatian Soko was founded, too.

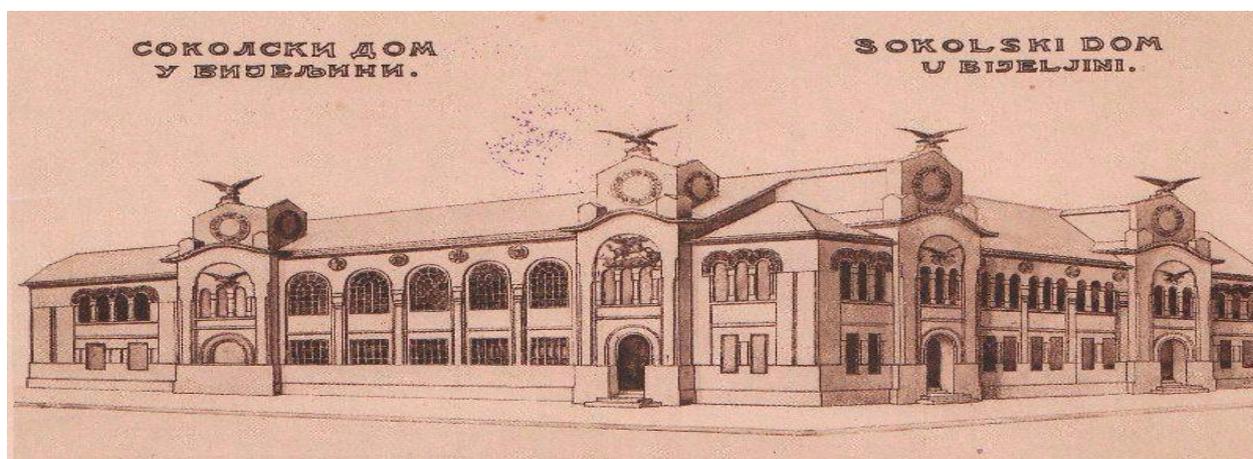


Members of Soko from Bijeljina, 1911



Practice of "Obilic" Soko at a competition in Priboj, 1910

In Bijeljina in 1929, with the help and effort of prominent citizens of Bijeljina, the construction of the Sokolski Dom (*home to Soko organizations*) began. It was completed in early 1932 and immediately became one of the most representative buildings in the city.



House of the "Sokols" (1932)

The first sport club in Bijeljina was founded in 1919 under the name Podrinje, followed by the founding of the clubs named Zora, Gradjanski and Semberija. Radnicki was founded in 1938, and that was the forerunner of today's Radnik.

After the Second World War, a fast development and an increase in practicing sports and physical culture occurred, as well as bigger sports fields in Bijeljina but in larger rural local communities as well, like the construction of the Olympic pool in Dvorovi.

Bijeljina athletes achieved significant results in the competitions they participated in, both locally and internationally.

Among others, the following accomplishments stand out...

Football club "Radnik" performed in the Yugoslav football league three times from 1945 to 1991. The greatest success of FC "Radnik", after winning the cups of Republika Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, was recorded in 2016 when, for the first time in history, it performed on the European football scene. In 1999, 2005 and 2012, FC "Radnik" was the champion of Republika Srpska, and in 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018 it won the Football Cup of Republika Srpska. In men's competition, volleyball club "Radnik" was the champion of Republika Srpska in 2002 and 2005, and the Cup winner in 2005; in women's competition VC "Radnik" won the Republika Srpska Cup in 2005. Women's and men's senior team of VC "Radnik" have been repeatedly selected the best teams in the selection for the best athletes in Bijeljina. In the season 2015/2016, the volleyball players played in the final of the RS Cup, the semi-finals of the Cup of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the semi-finals of the playoffs, while female volleyball players reached the quarter-finals.

Karate practitioners under the title "Partizan" competed in the II league of Yugoslavia, and under the name "Panteri" they were champions of the Premier League of B&H in 2006 with a number of medals won internationally and in Europe. Boxing club "Radnik" was the most successful boxing team at the territory of former Yugoslavia in the season 2007/2008, and a member of BC "Radnik" Velibor Vidic was fifth on the list of the Olympic Committee for Europe. Taekwondo clubs "Sokol" and "Jopa", Judo sambo club "Panter", Karate clubs "UNSU" and "Sampioni" record successes on domestic and international scene.

Basketball club "Radnik" won the title of Republika Srpska three times. Handball club "Bijeljina" has achieved a number of significant results (champion of RS 2003/2004, runner-up 2010/2011, champion of RS 2011/2012). Basketball club "Buducnost" became recognizable for their work with younger categories.

Special attention is paid to inclusion of girls in sports activities. Significant success is achieved by Women's football club ZFK "Radnik", which competes in the Premier League of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The club has won the B&H Cup and the RS Cup several times, as well as the Women's handball club ZRK "Radnik", which successfully competes in the First League of RS.

1. SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE - SPORTS FACILITIES (indoor / outdoor)

- a) Make a detailed list of sports infrastructure / facilities according to type, purpose and condition

- City stadium



The largest and most attractive sports facility used by sports clubs in Bijeljina. This building was built in 1976 and has had several reconstructions since. In 2007, a central area was covered and in 2012 chairs were placed. From 2015 to 2018 the complete turf on the central and additional pitch was changed, before that drainage had been done and a modern system for watering the pitch had been made. The existing changing rooms were adapted and new ones were built for younger selections; a medical room and office space were built, too.

The club uses a central football pitch, as well as two additional turf pitches that serve for matches and practice of younger selections of this club. In the space under the seating area there are offices, which, apart from the FK "Radnik" Secretariat, are used by the Municipal Football Association, the Regional Football Association, the Association of Football Judges and the volleyball club "Radnik", and Women's Football Club ZFK "Radnik Bumerang".

Below the first seating area there is a sports hall that has been redone and used by athletes of the Judo-sambo Club DzSK "Panter" who have offices above. Below the third seating area there is a sports hall with a ring and offices used by boxing club "Radnik". Under the third seating area, diving club "Panteri" has arranged a space for its own purposes consisting of warehouse, offices, toilets and showers.

At this location, there are four tennis courts used by tennis club "As", which are in good condition. In previous years, facility with two changing rooms with showers, toilets and office space were built.

Within this complex, there is a city shooting range operated by shooting club "Panteri", also used by members of shooting club "RVI Orao" for its activities. Also, this facility provides training classes for persons applying for permit to use hunting weapons, as well as training in the handling of firearms of the employees of security agencies. The building is maintained and in a proper condition, but reconstruction of certain parts, especially the roof construction, is required. Activities on the construction of lighting at the City Stadium are in progress.



- Sports hall



This sports facility has a sports hall, changing rooms with showers, offices and a refreshment room, and there is also a small gym on the upper level under the seating area.



- Sports complex of ethno village "Stanisici"



Within which there are two football turf pitches and one with artificial turf that are in exceptional condition. Also, tennis courts are part of the complex.



- Outdoor swimming pools in Dvorovi. Olympic pool and 3 small swimming pools.



- Sokolski dom

- Bowling center

- Football pitches (around 60)

They are located in rural areas and they are used for playing games organized by football association. Most of these pitches are in good condition and have accompanying facilities (changing rooms with toilets and showers). It is necessary to point out that football pitches located in rural areas such as Janja, Dvorovi, Brodac and Velika Obarska have excellent infrastructure, terraces and seating areas, changing rooms and additional pitches.



Stadium Velika Obarska



Stadium Janja

- Sports halls within elementary schools

A large number of halls have been reconstructed in the last few years and pupils have optimal conditions for practicing sports and having classes of physical education.



Sports hall Elementary school "Vuk Karadzic"



Sports hall Elementary school "Knez Ivo od Semberije"

There are also more specific facilities in the city for sports activities that are in private property. Mostly they are for futsal, basketball, mini-handball, bowling, etc.

Total number of sports courts in the area of the City of Bijeljina:

60 football pitches
4 futsal courts
37 basketball courts
6 for basket
35 for handball
29 for volleyball
6 for tennis
5 swimming pools
1 athlete track
1 hippodrome
1 shooting range
3 sports halls
12 school halls
2 bowling rooms
Sokolski dom (small hall)

- b) Make a detailed list of sports facilities that the City plans to build by the year for which the candidacy is announced

Start of activities on the construction of multifunctional sports hall that has a capacity of 3,000 - 4,000 seats (roughly EUR 1,550,000.00)

By building the sports hall, all indoor sports will be even more important. Expected results are: making indoor sports more popular, inclusion of 2,000 children in sports activities, possibility of organizing sports events at the regional level, which directly affects, in addition to sports, the economic development of the City.

- Construction of a lighting at the City Stadium in Bijeljina (EUR 615,000.00)

The construction of the lighting at the City Stadium gives the opportunity to play matches at night, which directly increases the number of spectators.

- Construction of school sports halls in elementary schools in Patkovaca and Velika Obarska, in Grammar school "Filip Visnjic" and elementary school "Sveti Sava" (EUR 1,172,200.00).

The construction of school halls in Patkovaca, Velika Obarska and two halls Bijeljina will enable playing sports during winter, which directly affects the sport activities of more than 1,000 children of school age.

Construction of a pitch with artificial turf at the City Stadium. (EUR 300,000.00)

By building a pitch with artificial turf at the City Stadium, the possibility of full-day football training of all age categories is given.

- c) What is the amount of the total funds spent by the City on the maintenance of sports facilities in the last three years. Sort by facility type

In the last 3 years BAM 510,000.00 was spent for maintenance of the City Stadium and sports hall. (about EUR 260,000.00) Funds were allocated to Public company "City Directorate of Construction and Development" that maintains these facilities.

The significance of the City's investment in infrastructure maintenance is reflected in the good condition of the sport terrains for the possibility of safe use by all interested actors.

- d) What is the average amount of investments in sports facilities in the last three years
 - 2016 - BAM 25,000.00 (EUR 13,000.00)
 - 2017 - BAM 129,978.34 (EUR 66,000.00)
 - 2018 - BAM 366,063.69 (EUR 190, 000.00)

Investments in infrastructure, first of all in the reconstruction and adaptation of the sports hall, have significantly improved sports practice in these facilities. Also, due to investing in these facilities, the number of new members has increased.

- e) Is there a Sports Development Plan for your City? What are the main objectives of this plan? Planned investments in the next three years.

There are the following documents:

- Local Development Strategy of the City of Bijeljina 2014-2023. (Revised for the period 2019-2023)
- Sports Development Program 2015-2019

Sports Development Program 2015-2019 is in accordance with the Local Development Strategy of the City of Bijeljina 2014-2023 (revised for the period 2019-2023). All planned investments from the Strategy containing the entire development of the City are included in the plan of the Program for the Development of Sport.

The main objectives of the plan are to develop the following areas in sport:

- HIGH-PERFORMANCE SPORT

The aim is to identify the most talented athletes in Bijeljina, to connect science and practice in order to achieve top sports results, and enable talented and already ranked top athletes to ensure unhindered

development and progress in all age categories and, consequently, better position of Bijeljina on the big sports scene.



- YOUTH

The aim is for young people to develop love for sports and recreation that will lead them to their lifelong participation in sports or recreation.



- SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

The aim is to develop and improve sports infrastructure in Bijeljina. All previous analyses have confirmed that sports infrastructure has been devastated to a great extent. The need for reconstruction of existing sports facilities and the construction of new multifunctional sports facilities and training centers has been expressed. Raising the capacity of sports infrastructure is a common obligation of all actors who care about sports, and in particular the role of republic institutions is important, primarily the relevant ministry.



The future sports center

Plan prostorne organizacije – Plan of spatial organization

Površine za rekreaciju – Area for recreation

Površine za sport i rekreaciju sa pratećim sadržajima – Area for sports and recreation with accompanying facilities

Zelene javne površine – Green public areas

Površine zaštitnog zelenila – Areas of buffer strips

Saobraćajne površine – Traffic areas

- RECREATION

We want a capable, sustainable and coordinated recreational sector that can provide quality opportunities for participation in their program for as many citizens of Bijeljina as possible.



Planned investments in the next 3 years:

- Construction of multifunctional sports hall with 3,000 to 4,000 seats. The main function of the hall will be aimed at playing basketball, handball, volleyball and other indoor sports, as well as the organization of large competitions. The value of planned works is EUR 1,550,000.00

- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of sports facilities in Racanska (street) in Bijeljina. The value of the planned works is approx. EUR 615,000.00.

- Construction of lighting at the City Stadium in Bijeljina. - The value of the works is about EUR 615,000.00.

- Construction of school sports halls in elementary schools in Patkovaca, Velika Obarska and in Bijeljina at Grammar school "Filip Visnjic" and Elementary school "Sveti Sava" - The value of the works is EUR 1,172,200.00

- Construction of a football pitch with artificial turf at the City stadium. Value of the works is about EUR 300,000.00

- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of public utility building - Sokolski dom. Value of works is about EUR 436,168.00.

PROGRAM 2.2.2. SPORT	P 2.2.2.1. Rehabilitation and reconstruction of sports hall in Racanska in Bijeljina
	P 2.2.2.2. Construction of lighting at the City Stadium in Bijeljina
	P 2.2.2.3. Construction of multifunctional sports hall
	P 2.2.2.4. Construction of the eastern stand and outdoor additional courts within the complex of the City Stadium

VI.1. Excerpts from the Plan of implementation of strategic projects and measures for 3 years (1 + 2)

f) Explain the annual budget plan allocated by the competent sports department and the percentage that represents this amount in the total budget of the City. Funds for sports and physical culture were planned by the Decision on the City of Bijeljina Budget, the Decision on Adoption of the Plan for the Distribution of Funds for Sports and Physical Culture and the Decision on the Allocation of Funds for Financing Projects to Citizens' Associations in the City of Bijeljina. Budget items where funds for sport and physical culture are planned are:

1. Sports funds according to the Rules on distribution,
2. Funds for financing physical culture-reserve,
3. School sport,
4. Procurement of construction objects-investments in sports facilities, and
5. Reconstruction of sports facilities.

In the previous year, BAM 1,723,854.18 was allocated for sports (EUR 883,000.00) that is 3.77% of the total budget of the City of Bijeljina, which amounted to BAM 45,725,575.00 (EUR 23,413,000.00). The City of Bijeljina, as a percentage of the total amount of the budget, allocates the most funds for sports in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Without such a significant allocation, it would not be possible to maintain the sport in Bijeljina at this level.

2. APPROACH TO FACILITIES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

- a) Explain how sports associations and sports clubs function in your city, agreements and grants, and opportunities for usage by non-registered members.

Access to sports activities through an organized system of competitions, but also sports and recreational activities are available to all residents of the City of Bijeljina through 150 sports organizations and professional associations dealing with sports activities. Sports organizations work in accordance with the Law on Sports and have to register their activities in the competent ministry for sport of the Republika Srpska.

Residents of Bijeljina who do not deal with organized competitive sports have the opportunity to, through various sports associations and fitness centers, engage in sports recreation and improve their health and fitness.

Each club / association retains the right to organize its own work and its own way of functioning. A large number of clubs have younger selections and provide the opportunity to be members of the club and practice for all interested parties. Clubs charge membership fees to their members and they pay coaches, rent for courts and other expenses. Regarding the use of facilities by recreational and non-registered athletes, they have the possibility to pay compensation to the owner of the facility. The city helps clubs by allocating significant financial resources that are divided according to the Rules and Criteria. Also, every year the City announces a Public Call for top sports clubs to which funds are allocated based on the Project.

- b) Explain the procedure: existing agreements, sports cards for entry at lower prices, public transport to sports facilities, etc.

The city of Bijeljina gives clubs the ability to regulate this matter. Considering that the City finances the clubs, they, based on their own club strategy, have the opportunity to give privileges to their members, fans and other interested parties. Bijeljina does not have a regulated agreement between sports organizations and their members on the use of sports facilities during the duration of a competition, that is, to receive tickets at reduced prices, but there are a large number of exceptions (in a declarative terms) where all sports organizations are allowed free entry sports facilities during the duration of a sports event if they approach us organized in the name of a sport organization they represent.

3. CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTICIPATION OF DOMESTIC SPORTS CLUBS OR SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN LEAGUES

- a) Make a detailed list of associations and sports clubs that compete in the first league, championships and national competitions (eg A, A1, A2, B)

A - Premier League of Bosnia and Herzegovina

A1 - First League of Republika Srpska

A2 - Regional Leagues

B - Municipal Leagues

C - Clubs that compete in tournaments or a different principle of competition

FK "RADNIK" Bijeljina	A
ŽFK "RADNIK BUMERANG"	A
FK "ZVIJEZDA 09"	A
FK "PODRINJE" Janja	A1
FK "PROLETER"	A2
FK "JEDINSTVO"	A2
OFK "SLOGA"	A1
All other football clubs	B
BASKETBALL	
KK "RADNIK BN BASKET"	A1
OKK "BIJELJINA PLUS"	C
KK "FENIX" Bijeljina	C
KK "BUDUCNOST" Bijeljina	A1
VOLLEYBALL	
OK "RADNIK" Bijeljina –muški	A
OK "RADNIK" Bijeljina –ženski	A1
OK "LIBERO" Bijeljina	C
HANDBALL	
RK "BIJELJINA" Bijeljina	A1
ŽRK "RADNIK" Bijeljina	A1
MARTIAL ARTS	
KK "PANTERI" Bijeljina	C
KK "SRPSKI SOKO" Bijeljina	C
KK "SAMPIONI" Bijeljina	C
KK "AKADEMAC" Bijeljina	C
KK "UNSU" Bijeljina	C
BK "RADNIK" Bijeljina	C
DzK "PANTER" Bijeljina	C
TK "SOKOL" Bijeljina	C
TK "FALCON" Bijeljina	C
TK "JOPA" Bijeljina	C
Kick Box Club "Panter"	C
RA "SRPSKI SOKO" Bijeljina	C

TENNIS AND TABLE TENNIS	
TK "AS" Bijeljina	C
TK "TOP SPIN" Bijeljina	C
ST "RADNIK" Bijeljina	C
ATHLETICS	
AK "AKADEMAC" Bijeljina	C
DIVING CLUBS	
RK "PANTERI" Bijeljina	C
RK "NAUTILUS" Bijeljina	C
CHESS	
ŠK "Svetozar GligoriC"	C
ŠK "Dvorovi"	C
BOWLING	
KK "OSSA"	A
HORSE RACING	
KK "SEMBERIJA" Bijeljina	C
KK "VRANAC"	C
CUE SPORTS	
BK "MAKS" Bijeljina	C
MOUNTAINEERING	
PED "MAJEVICA" Bijeljina	C
SHOOTING SPORTS	
SK "PANTERI" Bijeljina	C
SPORTS CLUBS FOR DIASBLED	
OKI "SEMBERIJA" Bijeljina	A1
KKK "BIJELJINA" Bijeljina	A1
SK "RVI ORAO" Bijeljina	C
Gymnastics club "BE-EN"	
Gymnastics club "BE-EN"	C

Bijeljina Weight Lifting Club	C
OFK "Soccer kids"	C

Bijeljina runs recreationally	C
KK "Partizan BN" Bijeljina	C

A – Premier League of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 4 clubs
A1 – First League of Republika Srpska - 9 clubs
A2 – Regional Leagues – 5 clubs
B – Municipal Leagues - 56 clubs
C – Clubs that compete in tournaments or a different principle of the competition - 35 clubs

All sports clubs and associations have the importance and influence on the interest in sports. Depending on the branch of the sport and the current situation in some sports, certain sports are popularized. For example, The European Handball Championship directly influences the number of children interested in practicing handball, the Tournament in Wimbledon directly affects the number of those interested in practicing tennis, etc. The duty of the local community is to exploit the potentials and needs of young people and stimulate them to practice sport.

- b) Provide detailed information about sports volunteers in the city: how they are organized, the procedure for volunteering, how to find new volunteers, what are the advantages of volunteering

Through the Local Volunteer Service managed by Citizen Association "Otaharin", volunteers are recruited and trained and, besides being at service to the association, they are at service to sports organizations. This Local Volunteer Service has a large number of volunteers registered in its base, which consists of volunteers of different age with different interests. The service register has 376 volunteers aged 15-32. Volunteering is reflected in the improvement of the quality of life, active involvement of citizens in social processes and the development of a more humane and equitable democratic society. Educational, humanitarian, entertaining activities are just some of the most common activities where volunteers play an important role. Since the sports events in our city have intensified in recent years, at the same time, the interest in involving volunteers in their organization has increased. Also, the clubs themselves organize and train volunteers, most often from their own groups when organizing the competition. This type of cooperation is organized in a way that the City administration has constant correspondence with citizens' associations that have a large number of volunteers and they are engaged in the event. City administration helps volunteer work, among other things, through the procurement of T-shirts, food, and refreshments and alike. Their engagement in sports was helping to organize sports competitions within the non-governmental sector.

4. SPORTS INITIATIVES, EVENTS OR PROJECTS DIRECTLY FINANCED OR PROMOTED BY THE CITY

- a) Make a list of public sports events organized by the City

All listed manifestations are organized by sports clubs and associations but are financed from the city budget:

1. The selection of an athlete of the year of the City of Bijeljina
2. Cycling race Banja Luka - Bijeljina - Belgrade
3. Balkan Volleyball Championship
4. The finals of the Small Olympic Games
5. Street basket played as a part of City's Patron Days (Saint Pantaleon)
6. Open championship in diving disciplines
7. International Handball and Mini Handball Tournament
8. Horse races held as a part of City's Patron Days (Saint Pantaleon)
9. Athlete race
10. Karate Tournament "Night of Champions Bijeljina Open"
11. Panther's trophy in judo
12. Memorial tournament in karate "Dragisa Jovic"

13. International tournaments in taekwondo "Sokol Open Bijeljina" Championship of B&H organized by Taekwondo club "Jopa"

14. Mini basket festival in basketball
15. Winter League in futsal.

More than 100 sports events have been organized over the past three years in the City area. These sports events have a great impact on the development of awareness of citizens of Bijeljina about the importance of practicing sports and physical culture. Also, each event gathers a large number of participants and popularizes sports.

- b) Make a list of agreements, conferences, seminars or other events that are of importance for sport and in cooperation with bodies that are relevant to sport, taking into account the most important topics related to sport and anti-doping activities

Clubs regularly attend the following conferences and seminars each year:

- Forum of managers from the region where one of the topics is related to sports
- Seminar on financial fair play
- Seminar on safety of sports grounds
- Seminar on sporting issues
- Seminar on health status

The mentioned seminars are organized by sports associations under the sponsorships of the City.



- *Forum managers in which the participants were famous Serbian basketball players Dejan Tomasevic (2018) and Dusan Ivkovic (2019).*

c) Make a list of international, national and local sports events that have been held in the City or wider City area in the last three years:

Balkan Volleyball Championship (Participation of 10 teams from Europe, organized by Volleyball Association of Europe)

European Volleyball Cup (Participation of 4 teams from Europe, organized by Volleyball Association of Europe)

International Bicycle Race Belgrade - Bijeljina - Banja Luka (Participation 180 competitors from 18 countries, organized by the Cycling Union of Serbia and Republika Srpska, the race points were calculated for the Olympic Games) (April 2016,2017,2018) Open International Cup in Judo (Participation of 150 competitors from 8 countries, organized by Judo Federation) (November 2016,2017,2018)

Open international tournaments in Taekwondo (Participation of 200 competitors from 11 countries, organized by Taekwondo alliance) (November 2016, 2017, 2018)

Open International Karate tournament / Participation of 200 competitors from 7 countries, organized by Karate Federation) (September 2016, 2017, 2018)

Final tournaments of the Cup of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Cup of Republika Srpska in basketball, volleyball, handball. (May - June 2016, 2017, 2018) (Organized by national associations)

Qualifications for the European Football Championship in several age categories (under UEFA)

Open championship in diving disciplines (August 2016, 2017, 2018)

International Handball Tournament (August 2016, 2017, 2018)

Tournament in street basket (August 2016, 2017, 2018)

Final of the Small Olympic Games (UEFA Ministry of Sports) (May 2016, 2017, 2018)



- d) Make a list of international, national and local sports events planned in the City by the year when the candidature becomes active

International cycling race Belgrade – Bijeljina – Banja Luka (April 2020)

Open International Cup in Judo (November 2019)

Open International Tournaments in Taekwondo (November 2019)

Open International Tournaments in Karate (September 2019)

International Tournament in Mini Handball (August 2019)

Tournament in street basket (August 2019)

Final of the Small Olympic Games (May 2020)

Athlete race (September 2019)

Manifestations that would directly relate to sports activities of pre-school and school age are planned.

By the end of 2020, thirty sports events are planned, which will be of great importance for the development of sports in the City.



- e) Analyze and explain the way in which the investment is paid by itself from use by citizens (sale of advertising space, renting, other items, etc.)

After construction, sports courts – whose construction is an investment of the city – are given to the management of the Directorate or schools in case of school halls. These entities charge rentals to third parties (renting to citizens for the purpose of recreational sports) and have the possibility of selling advertising space. The funds given are spent on maintenance of these facilities. Clubs also sell advertising space to interested legal entities around the sports field and thus f the budget.

5. MEASURES FOR PROMOTING HEALTH AND INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORTS IN ALL OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- a) Are there any special health care programs that are related to sports for all citizens?

In the past period, the City Administration has made great efforts in improving the conditions for sports recreation and co-financing of numerous projects in the field of sports recreation. Accordingly, in the past few years several outdoor courts have been built, and several recreational and sports playgrounds and trim tracks have been renovated.

Assistance in organizing programs that promote health care through sport and physical activity is reflected in sponsoring and co-financing events with a special emphasis on events where all citizens can participate. The healthcare of athletes, as legal obligation in financing sports and physical culture, is included in the Sports Development Program of the City of Bijeljina through funds from the budget of cities and municipalities. In accordance with the Rules on allocation of funds to sports clubs, the clubs receive funds from the City budget and from this allocate a part for health care. Also, the authorized institution performs examinations of athletes up to 18 years free of charge at least once a year, while all athletes of younger categories have a free systematic health check with a certified health insurance card.



- b) Are there special opportunities for different age groups of citizens to engage in sports? Who gives them that chance?

Apart from the individual capabilities of each individual, sports associations give the opportunity to citizens, who do not compete at official sports events, to practice recreational sports. City Administration of Bijeljina has been supporting various programs in the field of sports recreation for the past four years, which are intended for different age groups of the population. Support is reflected in co-financing of association projects through Public Calls. Also, Citizens Association "Bijeljina run recreationally", which gathers lovers in a healthy lifestyle through sports, is directly financed from the City budget.



City Administration of Bijeljina has been supporting various programs in the field of sports recreation for different age groups of population over the past years. The support is reflected in co-financing of sports organization projects through Public Calls. This type of support is in accordance with the Republika Srpska Law on Sport, which says, inter alia, that "Recreational, mass and traditional sports activities of citizens of all ages contribute to the progress and improvement of their physical and psychological development, affirmation of human values of life and maintenance of tradition and customs of citizens of Republika Srpska". "The mentioned activities are realized through various sports-recreational activities, such as mass, collective and individual actions, movements, manifestations, and are in accordance with the aforementioned law". With the transparent support of sports organizations that carry out various forms of sports activities aimed at citizens, the City Administration provides the opportunity for its inhabitants to pursue these activities for the sake of a better and longer life.



c) Are there special sports courses (schools) for those with a specific social status or physical disability?

There are three clubs in Bijeljina for people with disabilities: Volleyball club of invalids "Semberija" Bijeljina, Wheelchair Basketball club "Bijeljina" and Shooting Club "RVI Orao" Bijeljina. A large number of people with disabilities are involved in the work and practicing of these clubs.



The game, sport, the maintenance of psycho-physical fitness and competitions are one of the most effective means of rehabilitation and re-socialization of individuals with disabilities into society. Games and sports create a unique sports and educational environment. By engaging in sports, people with disabilities have the opportunity to develop their psycho-physical possibilities more fully and creatively engage in sports to confirm their individual, human and sporting values. By practicing sports, individuals with disabilities and children from socially vulnerable families have the opportunity to develop their psycho-physical possibilities more fully and thus stabilize their health.



➤ d) Is there an initiative to promote integration through sport?

NGOs by applying for projects financed from the City budget receive funds for affirmation and inclusion of children from socially vulnerable families through the use of sports activities to take advantage of all benefits of such engagement. The city of Bijeljina also signed a contract with Association Otaharin that gathers the Roma population on free sports improvement and practicing sport. Also, through program co-financing, Bijeljina supports sports activities of associations dealing with children with special needs.



One of the most important goals is to put in and awaken our society's awareness of the importance of constituting a sports society as an appropriate form of social organization for people with disabilities and children from socially vulnerable families so that they are able to take all opportunities given through engaging in sports activities.



- e) Are there opportunities to train coaches and instructors?

Every sports association through branch associations organizes education for trainers and instructors with a special emphasis on working with young people.

- f) How does the City promote Fair Play?

Fair play is promoted at all competitions and sports events that are organized by the City.

1. It should be pointed out that these values through the competition in school sport under the auspices of the Small Olympic Games of Republika Srpska are affirmed. This most massive participation of pupils of elementary and secondary schools in Republika Srpska is conducted through competitions within the Small Olympic Games. The competitions in futsal, basketball, volleyball, handball, athletics, gymnastics, and chess from this school year are held in all primary and secondary schools of Republika Srpska and are conducted through municipal, regional and republic competitions each year. Every year, competitors from schools from the area of Bijeljina actively participate and win medals at the final republic competitions.



2. Financing clubs for organizing events where pre-school and school age children exclusively compete:

- Tournament in mini-handball
- Athletic school crash
- Days of football

Also, all sports associations that receive funds from the City budget must promote the Fair Game. In case of violation of this principle they are removed from the budget. Sponsoring and financing manifestations and competitions that promote fair play, especially with the youngest population, are the measures the City applies in this domain. Inclusion of as many children and adults as possible in sport, while, through competitions, they help one another and by doing so realize true moral values, is highly important.



- g) Provide additional measures through which the City would promote health and integration through sport until the year when the candidacy will be active.

It is planned to organize workshops, seminars and lectures to sports clubs and associations, with the active participation of representatives of the local community, the Health Center Bijeljina, NGOs and other associations dealing with this issue.

6. SPORTS POPULATION OF THE CITY

- a) Group the total number of registered members in sports associations and clubs, if possible, by age: 4-16 year olds; 17-34 year old; 35 -...

The total number of registered members is around 10,300.

4-16 year olds = 3,650,

17-34 year olds = 5,100,

35 -... = 1,550.

One of the most important elements is the large number of members in associations and clubs because they are the drivers of development of sports in the city. Also, a large number of members open possibilities and the need to build new sports facilities.

- b) How many citizens from your city are actively involved in sports? Please explain the methodology you used to obtain the information

Based on data provided by associations, clubs and institutions dealing with sports and physical education, around 13,500 citizens are directly involved in sports. In addition to 10,300 active athletes, the rest involved in sports are trainers, technical officers (secretaries, janitors, and club staff), medical staff, volunteers, etc.

The greater the number of citizens engaged in sport, the healthier the city is. The aim is that young people develop love for sports and recreation that will lead them to their lifelong participation in sports or recreation.



- c) Explain additional measures that the City uses to increase the number of athletes and recreational players in all parts of the population. Submit the approximate data that you believe will be achieved by the end of the candidacy period and during the candidacy.

In the Sports Development Program of the City of Bijeljina adopted by the City Assembly, one of the four priorities of this topic has been defined.

Additional measures that the City uses to increase the number of athletes are reflected in:

- Constant investment in school sport with the aim of motivating as many pupils as possible to engage in sport
- Constant investment in infrastructure to create conditions for practicing sport
- Programs for motivating amateurs for practicing sport

The expected results for the candidacy period and during the candidacy are inclusion of around 1,500 - 2,000 citizens in sports activities. (Recreational running, cycling, swimming, fast walking and other kinds of recreation).

Sport accessible to all members of the society, i.e. to everyone, is one of the main goals of the candidacy. All activities and plans go in that direction. Achieving this goal is planned through Projects of sports associations, which will focus on popularization of recreational sports.



- d) How does the City encourage voluntary participation in sports?

The City of Bijeljina encourages volunteering in many ways. The most impressive motivation for young people to engage in volunteer work is reflected in the awards of the following:

1. "LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE VOLUNTEER/ORGANIZER OF VOLUNTEERING",
2. "AWARD OF THE CITY OF BIJELJINA FOR VOLUNTARY ACTIVISM"

These recognitions are awarded each year. Also, the City encourages volunteering in sports by securing all conditions for smooth work at sports events i.e. food and water supply for volunteers, as well as necessary equipment and alike. Bearing in mind the importance and humanity that is expressed through volunteer work, the obligation of the City is to provide the best conditions for volunteers.



7. PROJECT OF PUBLIC PROMOTION OF THE APPLICATION

- a) Explain the plan of promotion, presentation and identity of the project in the area
 - Introductory and final press conference,
 - Round tables with topics that are in line with the candidacy,
 - Announcements in the media
 - Official pages of Bijeljina City Administration
 - Official pages on social networks
 - Planned production of promotional material
 - Participation in TV shows.

The promotions of the project have multiple benefits. First of all, the benefit that is directly related to sports. Through the construction of new sports facilities, the adaptation of the existing ones, the possibility of dealing with sports of a large number of citizens is directly created. From the economic side, we expect a profit that will come through the presentation of the City as a tourist destination, investment opportunities in the economy and alike.

- b) Explain how the organization uses the information technology sector to promote the candidacy

Public announcements through media, press conferences, announcements on the official websites of the City of Bijeljina and social networking pages, promotional video production. The project will be promoted on the official websites of the City of Bijeljina (website and social network), but also through local and regional media (internet portals and alike).

8. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AT LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE LEVELS

- a) Provide details of agreements, relations between the City and local, regional and state sports organizations

Agreement on cooperation with citizens' associations, which in their description of activities also have the task to make practicing sports more popular. This agreement was adopted by the Assembly of the City of Bijeljina. The City of Bijeljina has established cooperation with sports associations at the local level, also the City has excellent cooperation at the state and regional level through the organization of various manifestations, European competitions and alike. The mentioned manifestations are of great importance for the promotion of sports at the city level.

- b) Explain how the candidacy promotes agreements with local, regional and state sports industry, sports federations and other important factors for the promotion of sports

The candidacy itself promotes all activities related to sport (associations, clubs, competitions, health, events, etc.) and in this way we expect the signing of new agreements that will be related to the welfare of sports. Cooperation with sports institutions and associations has been frequent and constant. In this way, constant promotion of the importance of sports among the citizens is carried out.

- c) Explain investments in local sports that are related to economics, research and innovation. Please provide details on the events and activities in this field that were realized in partnership and cooperation with sports organizations and institutions at the national and European level.

All investments for sports are directly related to the Sports Development Program and the Development Strategy of the City of Bijeljina. During the preparation of these documents, a series of public debates were held in which representatives of sports associations participated actively with their remarks and suggestions. The organization of each sport event provides a greater number of sponsors and investments in the sports infrastructure that is at the disposal to the citizens after the competition. In this way, the inclusion of a large number of young people in sports activities is expected.

- Explain which new agreements you expect to achieve with these relevant institutions if you receive a candidacy

First of all, we expect agreements that will allow easier access to the European funds for the means that will be spent on constructing sports infrastructure. Also, the emphasis will be on signing the agreement i.e. cooperation with institutions that promote health, fair play and moral principles.

If the City of Bijeljina gets the candidacy, the greatest significance will be the promotion of sport and healthy life. Sport as one of the very important factors in the development of each individual by obtaining a candidacy becomes even more important, which entails greater investment in infrastructure. Promoting sports and a healthy lifestyle in the city and in the region in the event of a getting the candidacy would be of great importance in all segments of life.

9. PROFILE AND POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AS THE EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT

- a) Explain the role of sports in your city in order to achieve the five main objectives of the ACES Europe Manifesto (enjoyment in exercise, desire for achievement, a sense of community, learning fair play, improving health)

Strategic directions for the development of sports, defined by the Sports Development Program of the City of Bijeljina for the period 2015-2019, actually involve the main objectives of the ACES Program Europe. These goals will be realized through program and project activities:

- b) How does your city see its social advantages as the European City of Sport?

The City of Bijeljina is located on the borders of three countries and its geographical position, with adequate road infrastructure that will be improved in the future, enables easier organization of regional and European sports events. The advantages of the "European City of Sport" candidacy and title will be reflected in the networking of winners of these titles and greater accessibility of European financial funds to include as many people as possible in sports and recreational activities.

The candidacy itself draws the interest of a large number of sports members from Bijeljina and the region. Obtaining a candidature will accelerate a large number of projects that have already begun or need to be started. Consequently, there will be more interest of institutions in the region. Bearing in mind the geostrategic position of the City, which is on the borders of three countries (B&H, Serbia and Croatia), the significance of the candidacy is even greater. Also, Croatia, which is a member of the EU, borders our city and that gives the City of Bijeljina the opportunity to promote its commercial, economic, tourist resources and all its advantages.

- c) What kind of initiatives and activities is your city ready to contribute to the work of ACES Europe?

Present the "Campaign List" for the candidacy.

Considering that the City of Bijeljina, in the area, is recognized as a city of youth and sports, our activities will go in 3 directions:

- Inclusion of preschool children in the sports activities through financing schools and outdoor playgrounds,
- Promoting sports spirit for all generations by strengthening the infrastructure and accessibility of sports fields to all interested,
- Strengthening cooperation between the Health Center and sport associations through the organization of seminars and the education of the importance of sports..



10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / SPORTS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YEAR WHEN THE CITY COULD WIN THE TITLE OF THE EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT

- a) Submit a list of events (including conventions, seminars, congresses, etc.) and the candidacy-related measures, as well as measures related to obtaining the title "European City of Sport"

The City of Bijeljina will, according to Sports Development Program of the City of Bijeljina, with priority areas of financing for the year 2020 define four priorities regarding the "European City of Sport":

The significance of sport for society is greater than it is usually thought. Sport raises young people in a positive direction, teaches them that giving something up in order to achieve success is sometimes necessary, it teaches them to compete with oneself and overcome their own limitations. Sport contributes to physical and mental health and the prevention of diseases caused by physical inactivity, which, unfortunately, affects more and more people in the world and our country, too. Research shows that we do not have enough physical activity and that is why we need to do everything that is in our power to change it.

This information is the main guidance that the City should follow during the candidacy, i.e. to undertake numerous activities that will popularize and present sports and health as something that inseparable.

- HIGH-PERFORMANCE SPORT

The aim is to identify the most talented athletes in Bijeljina, connect science and practice in order to achieve top-quality sports results and enable talented and already ranked top athletes to ensure unhindered development and progress in all age categories and, consequently, better position Bijeljina on the big sports scene.

- Organizing sports events with the participation of professional clubs and athletes. The goal of these manifestations is the arrival of famous top athletes in Bijeljina who are idols of young people. In this way, it is possible to motivate young people from the places such as Bijeljina, and show them that they can achieve success and top results.

- YOUTH

The aim is to develop love for sports and recreation among young people that will lead them to their lifelong participation in sports or recreation

- Organizing sports events with the mass participation of young athletes. In this way, a large number of children and young people are involved in sports activities with the aim of understanding the importance of dealing with sports and all its advantages. (Improvement of psychical, mental and all other conditions).

- SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

The aim is to develop and improve sports infrastructure in Bijeljina. In all previous analyses, it has been confirmed that sports infrastructure has been devastated to a great extent, and the need to pay attention to the reconstruction of existing sports facilities and the construction of new multifunctional sports facilities and training centers has been expressed. Raising the capacity of sports infrastructure is a common obligation of all actors who care about sports, and in particular the role of the republic institutions is important, primarily the relevant ministry.

- By receiving the title "European City of Sport", the expectations are to invest further in infrastructure through cooperation with business entities, as well as through access to EU funds.

- RECREATION

We want a capable, sustainable and coordinated recreational sector that can provide high quality opportunities for participation in its programs for as many citizens of Bijeljina as possible.

- Promoting Bijeljina as the "European City of Sport", continuous promotion through media and social networks, organization of seminars, lectures on the importance of dealing with sports, health, fair play, understanding of all social groups and their communion are elements that will lead to massive recreation and accessibility to sports courts all citizens of Bijeljina.