



The ISRAEL *International* E.M.S CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

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Teams of Magen David Adom (MDA)-the Israel National EMS system-treat 450,000 cases annually, of which 150,000 cases at the advanced life support(ALS) level. Over 50,000 Trauma cases, and over 2000 casualties in Terror related Mass casualty Incidents.

In JUNE 2006 MDA Held the first ISRAEL E.M.S CHAMPIONSHIP. With the participation of 22 MDA Teams, 2 Teams from IDF and 4 Teams from: Czech Republic, Poland, Canada and Turkey.

The second E.M.S Championship is planned to be international. It will be held on September 7th through September 9th 2008 in the southern region of ISRAEL.

The professional competition will be on two levels – The BLS teams staffed by EMTs and volunteers and the ALS teams staffed by EMTs, Paramedics or Nurses and Doctors according to the system used in each Country .

From MDA 11BLS teams and 11 ALS Teams will participate, from the I.D.F 3-5 ALS Teams .

We look forward to the participation of up to 11 ALS teams from countries with ALS pre hospital system. And up to 6 BLS teams from countries with BLS pre hospital system.

Each team from abroad will be staffed by three team members, according to the level of treatment, each team will have an equipped ambulance and an Israeli driver/translator (Paramedic or EMT – according to the teams Level). The official language for communication and translation will be ENGLISH.

All the expenses for each team while they stay in ISRAEL will be paid by MDA, International flights not included.

What is a Championship?

The championship is a professional competition, in which medical BLS and ALS teams are activated and required to respond to Medical, Trauma, Pediatric and other emergencies – in 10 simulation stations.

The championship will be held in two days in two circular routs, consisting of five stations each. In addition, a night station will be held on the first night.

Simulation scenarios consisting of actors and mannequins combined in the various medical stations will focus on different medical treatments required on an array of medical emergencies.

Qualified professional paramedics, who are examiners in the final paramedic qualification exam, will evaluate the professional activity of each team – summing up each team's professional level, practical skills, their team work, safety of work and environment and the emergency vehicle driving and navigating abilities.

This evaluation and scoring system supervised by the ISRAELI national institute for testing and evaluation will enable us at the end of this competition to declare the most professional teams in each category.

The professional EMS Paramedic conference.

On September 10th we plan to hold a professional conference for the participants of the Championship and others: managerial staff and researchers in the field of EMS and pre hospital emergency medicine.

The three main topics for this conference are:

The best way to treat major trauma victims on scene: "scoop & run" versus "stay and play".

The best ALS team : with doctors or paramedics only ?

Intubation in the pre hospital: Life saving procedure or a waste of time?

The official language of the conference will be ENGLISH.

EMS general directors or medical directors who are interested in sending a team to the Championship and participate or present in the EMS conference please Email me.

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