

SPORTS HERE AND THERE!

The organized sports in Costa Rica are played at any time of the year. Soccer is the most popular sport in our country. Between national and international events, soccer occupies the calendar from January to December. The other sports have planned their activities around the soccer calendar.

In countries that have four seasons like the USA, the sports activities are organized taking into account the different seasons. Because of the weather, there are some sports practiced indoors and some outdoors. The first group are mainly played in the cold winter season. In summer, when it is warmer, the outdoor are practiced more.

The two most popular sports for the winter are football and basketball. Although football is a winter sport, it is also an outdoor sport. The players have to dress in warm clothing to protect themselves from the cold weather. Sometimes they even have to play in the snow. In the high mountains covered with snow, skiing is a very popular winter sport practiced outdoors. Baseball is played during the spring, summer, and early fall months.

When it is warm, people take the opportunity to go swimming, go fishing, play tennis, and organize picnics and other outdoors activities, to enjoy nature during the summer months of June, July, and August.

1) There are soccer games _____ in Costa Rica.

- a. in the winter
- b. in the dry season
- c. all the year round
- d. in the rainy season

2) In the US, you can go to a baseball game in the _____.

- a. winter, summer, and fall
- b. spring, summer, and fall
- c. summer, fall and winter
- d. fall, winter, and spring

3) The most popular winter games are _____.

- a. soccer and football
- b. baseball and soccer
- c. basketball and football
- d. basketball and baseball

4) The warm months are good to _____.

- a. go skiing
- b. stay inside
- c. be close to nature
- d. dress in warm clothing