

## Olympic Shooting Range

The Olympic Shooting Range was constructed in 1989 in the Apalos area of Latsia. It belongs to the Lefkosia Shooting Organization and is considered one of the best shooting ranges in Europe. Its facilities meet the demands of the strictest guidelines and it is due to this fact that the Range has hosted several international and European events, such as Shooting World Cup events in 1994, 1997, 1999 and 2001, in addition to the 2000 Final. It has also hosted European Championship events in 1998, 2004 and 2008 as well as World Championships in 1995, 2003 and 2007. It consists of four Olympic – quality skit and four trap fields. It also has eight fields dedicated to the popular 'Sporting' event. The Olympic Shooting Range houses 10m air-riffle target facilities with 18 spaces.



## Cycling

Cyprus is a cyclist's paradise. It offers many mountain-biking thrills on a variety of routes, while optimum weather conditions make cycling a year round sport.

There are many cycling clubs in Lefkosia that organize events (both competitive and recreational) across the island. The Cyprus Cycling Federation offers information on related activities that take place. One of the best-known events is the 'Lefkosia Sunshine Cup', which includes the highly popular Afxentia route in the Machaira Forest. Many famous cycling personalities have been known to attend, such as Sabine Spitz, (the German Beijing 2008 champion), Roel Paulissen, (the Belgian mountain bike marathon champion), Frederik Kessiakof (the Swedish 2007 Maribor champion) and many others.

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## Some of Lefkosia's most contemporary sports facilities include:

### GSP (Gymnastikos Syllogos ta Pagkypria - Pancyprian Sports Club)

The GSP stadium consists of two main sporting units: a football stadium and a track and field area.

The football field opened in 1999 and has been graded by UEFA as a Category 3 facility, the highest possible score in its category. It offers a modern, fully equipped weights room and medical centre, locker rooms for teams and athletes, training fields, air-conditioning in all common areas in addition to many other facilities for athletes who require a fully comprehensive training facility.

The track and field stadium is the only one of its kind in Cyprus and is built specifically for classical sports. Fully equipped for track events, it has been classified by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) as suitable (Class 1) for international track events. The synthetic track ('tartan') was refurbished in May 2007.

The stadium often hosts international track and field events and was used by several athletic teams as a training centre ahead of the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

