

Minutes, conclusions and decisions of the meeting about EFC Cadets Circuit held in Novi Sad on 28 of February 2016

Present:

EFC Secretary General Max Geuter

EFC Regional Sport Director Director Julius Kralik

Representatives of European federations (18):

BEL BLR BUL CRO FRA GBR GEO GER GRE IRL ISL ITA LUX ROU SLO SRB SVK SWE

Discussed issues and decisions:

1) Individual competitions are running well. Season 2015-2016 was marked by repeated increasing of participation reaching new records as for total of fencers on pistes – 8147 fencers, so for ranked fencers – 3897 fencers, from 60 countries (38 from Europe and 22 out of Europe)!!!

2) EFC CC Calendar.

2a) Season 2015-2016 continued to be problematic for organisers in sabre competitions in Moscow whilst Tbilisi withdrew from organisation in that season. Thus, Moscow remained without awarded points due to failure to fulfil defined criteria.

Minimum criteria for awarding points in the EFC Cadets Circuit:

5 countries

30 participants

among them 30% of foreigners.

All 3 criteria are to be fulfilled in the same time.

- 2b) Tournament in foil competitions in **Moedling** was marked by **extraordinary bad organisation** and running of competitions, what was heavily criticised by participants. The tournament **will conditionally remain** in Calendar for one more time upon declaration of the organisers to ensure substantial improvement of management of competitions in coming season. Second problematic tournament was that in Bratislava, where the first day with new record participation of over 250 girls in women epee and over 200 men foilists led to holding medal ceremony at 10 p.m. what is not suitable. Bratislava is preparing measures for avoiding that imperfection with increasing number of pistes (now it was 24) and probably also adapting the programme of competitions.
- 2c) Mixed teams. The FIE addressed the EFC asking for testing the possibility of new team formula where both gender would be present in a team with 2 boys and 2 girls. The EFC has chosen 6 tournaments where that formula was tested giving high satisfaction what

was reported to the FIE. Upon those results the FIE decided continue tests at FIE JWC in 2016-2017 season.

2d) **FIE Calendar 2016-2017** is bringing new changes, which will have impact on EFC CC Calendar. In the same time team events in Cadets Circuit were discussed with following conclusions and decisions:

- From 2016-2017 the entries for teams must be done respecting deadline at the same level as it was by now in individual competitions. **The entries must be mandatory done including names fencers in teams**
- The exception is allowed only for teams composed from different countries, which can be created day before team event on the spot.
- Starting 2016-2017 will start also EFC CC ranking of **teams, which are still not limited** to 1 by country; **however, no more than 5 teams** per federation can be entered for given competition.
- Formalisation of team events is conditioned by availability of new ranking and results system in EFC CC from 2016-2017 season.

3) About FIE test of mixed teams: the forum of the meeting expressed its opinion about larger context of that project run by the FIE. Delegations agreed that general outputs, running of competitions and their evaluation were positive and can be considered also in the future as new approach in fencing. However, in the same time delegations expressed opinion that adopting immediately that formula in team events could lead the IOC to the conclusion that fencing is no more interested for obtaining missing 2 medals at Olympic Games what is not true and fencing should continue to fight for getting 12 medals at OG as there are also 12 medals at all fencing championships. Upon this statement the conclusion from the meeting is to organise in 2016-2017 officially only traditional team events – separately for boys and girls, where mentioned EFC team ranking will be introduced.

If some organisers would wish to organise mixed teams they are free to do so out of EFC ranking system.

4) **Referees.** EFC was running new project aimed at improvement of quality of refereeing in EFC CC joined with creation of category of referees “Zonal Referee License”, what should be considered at proposals of candidates for FIE exams in the future. That project was supported by the FIE because its outputs are planned to be used as model for other continent. Evaluation and conclusions from that project will be subject of special meeting of EFC Referees Commission in Torun (June 2016) and those will also be presented at the Congress 2016.

5) EFC RSD mentioned state of play at of new project covering connecting age category to cadets – U14. Report about running of that project will be presented by end of the season, basically at the Congress in Torun. In any case **the federations would be free to choose the circuit in region** the most suitable for them.

6) Winners of European Cadets Circuit 2015 – 2016

Men's Foil Cadets: **BORODACHEV Kirill RUS**
Women's Sabre Cadets: **MIKHAILOVA Alina RUS**
Men's Epee Cadets: **JURKA Jakub CZE**
Women's Foil Cadets: **TOMCZAK Renata POL**
Men's Sabre Cadets: **POZDNYAKOV Vladislav RUS**
Women's Epee Cadets: **PREDESCU Alexandra ROU**

Report presented by: Julius Kralik (SVK), EFC/CEE technical Director and Administrator of EFC Cadets Circuit

Bratislava, March 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that appears to be the name 'Julius Kralik'.

Attachment:

EFC CC Calendar 2016 – 2017

List of participants of the meeting