

Preparatory meeting

for the 13th European Championship in Forestry Skills for Students

27th - 30th October 2013 at the Fachschule Fürstenburg in Burgeis (South Tyrol) Italy

Sunday, 27th October 2013

Report of the Championship 2013 in St. Andrä (feedback, changes...)

The general opinion of the participant is that the competition in St. Andrä was great and amazing, super atmosphere and it has have a rich accompanying program.

However, in the future we should think about few things:

- The most important part of every competition are the competitors. The accompanying program don't have to be so rich in every country (that is decision of the organiser), but we have to take care of the good prepared and fair derivative competition.
- The time table of the competition should not be too full (especially when the accommodation for the teams is not in the neighbourhood), because the members of the team (who are the judges or technical support of the competition) need some time to be with their team too.
- During the competition all changes in the program of competition have to be published in one place, which all the participants know where it is.
- We have to take special care about the judges because all the judges are not so familiar with the competition, that 1 hour before the start would be enough for introduction. Problems with the rules have some domestic and a foreign judge. Because of that foreign judges don't have to be from each participating country.
- All the girls participants should have the same conditions in undercut and felling cut (simulator felling or mast tree felling), although they are in boys team or in a girls team. In Austria was that kind of solution arranged in the preparatory meeting.

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Team work: technical events

Based on past experience, it is necessary to:

- Upgrade the competition rules (in the existing rules, we have to put the additions from previous years). They have to be clear for all whom preparing competition and for all whom attending competition.
- Changes of the basic regulations. The organization of the competition from informal associations has to become more formal organization. The organisation of the competition has to be more transparent and we need the statute of the organization.
- In the future we have to think about one home page of the competition, with all important information and one logo.

Result of the team work:

- Proposal of a new organization of the competition:

European championship in forestry skills

COMMITTEE
Richard Pastoors (NL) Peter Tretter (GER) Markus Wilfinger (AUT) Petra Prelc (SLO)

HEAD JURY
Nim Bries (BEL) Simone Götsch (ITA) Brede Lauten (NOR) Richard Pastoors (NL) Peter Tretter (GER) Marko Vinni (EST) Markus Wilfinger (AUT)

JURY OF THE TASK	
Fitting a new chain	Tomaž Ščuka / Marko Vinni
Bucking by combined cut	Esa Eloranta / Sarah Kandel
Precision cut	Otmar Gnitzer Franz Wigoschnig
Undercut and felling cut	Julian Bruhn / Jochen Grünberger
Limbing	Gerard van Looijengoed / Erik Pander

Jury of the task:

The responsibility of the jury of the task is to help judges and also to make some final decisions. If the domestic judges don't abide the instructions and decisions of the jury of the task, the competition stops.

Head jury:

The head jury considered 7 members five of them are permanent members, 1 member is always from the organizing country and 1 member is from country, where the competition will be next year.

The five permanent members are responsible to make the final decision by an unclear situation. And the other two members had the possibility to see and learn for the next championship.

All decisions of the head jury concerning to competition are final. Organizer has no right to change it.

- All additions and changes of rules we put directly in to the rules document. Gerard van Looijengoed from Netherlands will prepare a new document and he will change also the protocols for judging, which will be in accordance with the all regulations. The presentation of rules and protocols will be at the meeting on the championship in May 2014.

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Additions to the regular rules for the competitions in year 2014

- If the competitor doesn't have first aid kit, don't get the permission to start. He gets 50 penalty points and he has 5 minutes to find it.
- All the measuring is done only by jury. The competitor has to wait in the safety zone, until the jury invite him to come closer. If the competitor complains about the measuring, the jury measure again. The result of the second measuring is final.
- At limbing we will use new position of the branches. The position it the will be the same as it was on the world championship in Belarus. (look at www.ialc.ch)
- Branches at limbing will to be made of spruce wood.
- The forestry course should be approximately at the same altitude and is not necessarily to be in circle. The competitors should come at the particular task from upper side.
- Stick for the forestry course will be 1 m long, with a plate of 4 cm (the factor to multiply is 4).
- The organiser could guarantee accommodation for 16 teams, but they will try to accept all teams which would like to participate. If they will have enough space, they will accept also girls' teams.