

Report about EFC Cadets Circuit 2017 - 2018.

In ending season number of participants in EFC CC increased again from 8147 in 2015-2016, 8399 in 2016-2017 reaching **8885 in 2017-2018!** Also number of **countries** came to **67** and special record was registered in Bratislava where inscriptions in **men's epee** reached **300 fencers!** Big success was achieved also at one of biggest tournaments, that in Moedling foil competitions, where all delegations expressed high satisfaction of well running competitions with 232 men's foil and 230 women's foil participants and competitions ending at 6 p.m.! It was also registered that number of team events was in some cases replaced upon decision of organisers by complementary U14 competitions instead.

Problem of low participation in Moscow saber tournament did not stop and the tournament remains without points in saber rankings of both, girls and boys. In a view that no new candidates appeared, the tournament will remain in EFC CC Calendar also for coming season 2018 – 2019.

1) Main components of the Circuit

- a) **Formula of competitions:** it is giving full satisfaction. However some proposal for unifying 3 possible formulas to only one was registered and can be subject of consideration at traditional meeting of delegations in Sochi.
- b) **Teams:** the team events became standard part of the Circuit, respecting principals adopted in Plovdiv, especially using initial seeding of teams according to actual EFC Ranking, whilst for ECH in Sochi initial seeding of teams will be strictly based on individual results of team members.
- c) **Rankings and Results system:** during current season EFC contracted Fencing Time Company for development of new Results and Rankings system, which was functioning well. Some de-bugging was necessary, but it showed its efficiency and showed clear improvement on administration side.
- d) **Organisations** of competitions: no major complaints were registered, principally all organizers respected new rules about posting pools composition day before and opening web site with on line results. With clear rules and definition of equipment subject of control before competitions focused on security aspects helped at making that procedure smoother and less stressing for young athletes and their teams especially regarding competitions with over 200 participants.
- e) **Referees.** The project dealing with evaluation of referees officiating in EFC CC continued successfully. In a view that FIE adopted new rule regarding conditions for becoming candidates of FIE exams, the EFC Referees commission designated its delegate to every competition, creating optimal conditions for federations and giving maximum opportunities for achieving requested good notes of evaluations.
- f) **Inscriptions for competitions and results:** in individual competitions entries work very well. Also in team competitions the procedure at entering teams with members was substantially improved, but that should be still improved in order to reaching the level at entries of fencers. Same refers to entries of referees, what became more important in a view of necessary preparation of list of referees for evaluations procedure well before start of competitions.
- g) **Assessment of experiences** at development of the project EFC Cadets Circuit, was leading to make some proposals for discussion and decision making by EFC Comex as well as by participants of Meeting with delegations to be held on 1st March 2018 in Sochi as follows

- 1) Due to increased administrative charge at handling permanently enlarging participation in EFC CC, but also that for U23 and U14 project coming soon with new EFC web site, but also in context of expenses connected with project for evaluation of referees where support from FIE is ended, it is proposed to bring EFC license fee to 20 EURO/person/season
- 2) Several organizers of team events would like to limit participation of teams and in the same time slightly increase entry fee. Proposal: in team events the organizer can optionally limit participation to 2 teams per country (i.e., he can decide if entries remains open or with some limitation) and maximum entry fee will be 80 EURO/team (obviously organizer is free to decide any lower fee according local conditions and policy).

2.1 Statistics EFC Cadets Circuit 2017 — 2018:

INDIVIDUALS

Sabre men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Godollo	192	51	141	20
Eislingen	233	46	187	25
Konin	132	43	89	14
Meylan	125	64	61	14
Moscow	72	52	20	6
Sofia	138	20	118	18
Moedling	188	7	181	24
Bucharest	126	49	77	21
London	100	34	66	20

TOTAL: 1306

Sabre women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Godollo	169	35	134	17
Eislingen	229	48	181	22
Konin	123	41	82	12
Meylan	97	61	36	10
Moscow	58	45	13	4
Sofia	131	18	113	14
Moedling	190	1	189	23
Bucharest	103	45	58	12
London	74	24	50	17

TOTAL: 1174

Foil men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Manchester	145	51	94	20
Budapest	194	32	162	27
Thessaloniki	102	27	75	17
Moedling	232	17	215	28
Halle	227	64	163	24
Cabries	238	62	176	28
Bratislava	171	5	166	24
Roma	198	64	134	30
Warszawa	134	60	74	21

TOTAL: 1641

Foil women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Manchester	114	45	69	24
Budapest	205	38	167	30
Samorin	107	8	99	14
Moedling	230	12	218	27
Tauber	223	61	162	25
Cabries	178	60	118	22
Poznan	183	64	119	18
Roma	171	64	107	24
Satu Mare	82	20	62	12

TOTAL: 1493

Epee men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Antalya	70	48	22	10
Budapest	280	64	216	26
Klagenfurt	210	24	186	22
Bonn	222	64	159	27
Espoo	141	16	125	19
Grenoble	193	63	130	24
Bratislava	293	14	279	35
Copenhagen	112	8	104	20
Krakow	226	56	170	31

TOTAL: 1747

Epee women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Geneva	96	30	66	15
Zrenjanin	106	10	96	16
Klagenfurt	210	10	200	24
Heidenheim	234	63	171	23
Espoo	140	10	130	21
Grenoble	194	63	131	17
Bratislava	245	3	242	27
Copenhagen	89	7	82	20
Krakow	210	61	149	29

TOTAL: 1524

Total of fencers on pistes in 2017 – 2018 season: 8885 fencers (in 2016-2017 that was 8399).

Grand total of participants in 2017 – 2018:

European federations: AUT, AZE, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CYP, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISL, ISR, ITA, LAT, LTU, LUX, MDA, MON, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR (**40 countries**)

Out of Europe federations: ALG, ARG, AUS, BOL, BRA, CAN, COL, EGY, HKG, CHI, CHN, JAM, JOR, JPN, KAZ, KUW, MAS, MEX, PHI, PUR, QAT, RSA, SGP, SRI, TUN, UAE, USA, VEN (**28 countries**)

Fencers in rankings: 3984 (3898 in 2016 – 2017)

TEAMS:

Sabre men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Godollo	37	6	31	15
Eislingen	27	0	27	12
Sofia	34	5	29	12

Total: 98

Sabre women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Godollo	32	5	27	12
Eislingen	35	4	31	14
Sofia	31	4	27	11

Total: 98

Foil men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Budapest	36	5	31	16
Thessaloniki	25	8	17	9
Moedling	44	1	43	19
Halle	33	9	24	12
Cabries	51	15	36	15
Bratislava	13	1	12	10
Warszawa	26	12	14	9

Total: 228

Foil women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Budapest	35	4	31	14
Samorin	22	2	20	9
Moedling	32	1	31	16
Cabries	33	9	24	12
Poznan	38	11	27	15
Satu Mare	20	5	15	8

Total: 180

Epee men	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Antalya	12	8	4	5
Budapest	35	8	27	12
Klagenfurt	38	3	35	15
Bonn	31	5	26	13
Espoo	31	5	26	11
Grenoble	26	4	22	11
Bratislava	43	1	42	15
Copenhagen	21	1	20	10

Total: 237

Epee women	Participants	Org. Country	Foreigners	Countries
Geneva	9	2	7	7
Zrenjanin	16	0	16	6
Klagenfurt	38	1	37	16
Heidenheim	21	2	19	14

Espoo	26	3	23	12
Grenoble	28	4	24	11
Bratislava	39	1	38	15
Copenhagen	15	1	14	6

Total: 192

Total of teams on pistes in 2017 - 2018: **1033** (898 in 2016 – 2017)

Grand total 2017 — 2018:

1033 teams on pistes all weapon together (10 countries coming out of Europe)

European federations (34):

AUT, AZE, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, LAT, LUX, MDA, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR

Out of Europe (10): ALG, ARG, AUS, CAN, EGY, JPN, KUW, QAT, SGP, USA

Teams in rankings: 499 (422 in 2016 – 2017)

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Given that, I am working in organising Hungarian competitions, and I look the cadet competitions of the EFC, please allow me to make two recommendations concerning the coming tournaments.

1. Implementation - At the moment, the hosting country can choose from several options. Regarding to the competitions often last longer than expected, because of the different quality in organisation and happily because of the bigger popularity, I recommend the following:

The options have to remain, but one point should be added to the regulation:

In case the host decides to hold the individual competition in one day, and the number of participant are over 150, then the competition should be held in the same way as the junior world championship formula.

2. Currently, the EFC delegates a supervisor from the referee's commission to the competitions, in order to control the refereeing, but has no power at all.

My recommendation:

Similarly to FIE, the competitions should have a supervisor who actively helps to run the competitions. The supervisor should be elected from the Referee commission or the Competition commission, and the elected person should help the organisation and implementation of the competition actively as a DT member. (No DT President, it is for the host country.) In my opinion, this act would enhance the refereeing and the organisation of the competition by a lot.