



European Fencing Confederation

### **The Pilot Project for the category Under 23.**

In a view that EFC awarded already the title of the Champion of Europe under 23 and upon results of two European Championships of this category I think some preparation and relevant European ranking should be put in place in order to provide more balanced split of fencers into groups (the imperfection discovered last times in Debrecen). Therefore some similar procedure as we did for cadets could be applied as a pilot project for coming 2009-2010 season.

In an effort to respect overcharged fencing competitions calendar my proposal goes to the use of existing competitions regrouped in Calendar 2009-2010 for Under 23 age category with following rules and principles:

1) Chosen Satellite competitions included in FIE Calendar would be used principally for the creation of the EFC Ranking under 23, which would serve as a criteria besides FIE senior ranking for initial seeding of fencers at next European Championships under 23 in 2010

2) Taking into account that there are not many available Satellite competitions in some weapons, only 3 competitions would be counted for this pilot operation of the Circuit. In women foil there is only one available Satellite competition therefore two international B-category competitions are proposed. Unfortunately there are not available satellite competitions organised before EC 23 for women sabre:

Men Epee:

11 Oct. 2009 Beograd (SRB)

28. Nov. 2009 Dublin (IRL)

06 Feb. 2010 Stockholm (SWE)

Women Epee:

11 Oct. 2009 Beograd (SRB)

14 Nov. 2009 Arhus (DEN)

07 Feb. 2010 Stockholm (SWE)

Men Sabre:

24 Oct. 2009 Gent (BEL)

14 Nov. 2009 Amsterdam (NED)

13 Feb. 2010 Orebro (SWE)



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### Men Foil:

- 18 Oct. 2009 London (GBR)
- 14 Nov. 2009 Amsterdam (NED)
- 27 March 2010 Koppenhagen (DEN)

### Women Foil:

- 21 Nov. 2009 Budapest (HUN)\*
- 28 March 2010 Koppenhagen (DEN)
- 18 April 2010 Modling (AUT)\*

### Women Sabre:

No competitions are available. If there will be some positive experiences obtained from other weapons, those will be used for this weapon in next season.

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3) For the initial ranking of fencers at EC 23 in 2010 first the fencers with points in FIE senior ranking would be seeded and then the final EFC under 23 ranking would be used for better and more just split of fencers into groups of the first round

4) No special rules are required at management of chosen competitions – the only request would go to organisers to send the results under XML format to EFC Technical Director who would fulfil also the task of an administrator of the Circuit.

4) It can be said that the project is aimed first of all to federations with relatively limited number of fencers who could reach the goal to keep longer the fencers leaving the category of junior who very often make stop to their fencing activity due to lack of success in senior World cup and GP competitions. Coordinated series of competitions with B category level ended by European Championships could substantially motivate them to continue their fencing activity, which would be definitely fruitful for their federation.

5) Upon an evaluation of results carried out at the meeting organised at the occasion of European Championships Under 23 in 2010 decision can be taken about the future of this project.



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The pilot operation of the project in the season 2009-2010 was approved by EFC Executive Committee.

Results from competitions should be sent to [julius.kralik@gmail.com](mailto:julius.kralik@gmail.com) under XML format.

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