

Report to the Admincom, Stansted November 2022

From the 27th to the 30th of July, we had the European Barefoot Championships in Chartres (FR). The organization and the water conditions were excellent. We had 47 participants from eight different countries, which is certainly not bad after a period of three years without European championships due to the well-known reason.

We divided the competition into two groups: we started off with the juniors and seniors & finished up with the open skiers. Because of this we could use (skiers) officials who attended the seminar in March. This turned out to work well and everyone was motivated.

The council is very grateful for the financial support of the French federation concerning the doping control.

The accommodation of the officials has been supported by the council; we also paid the lunches of the new officials during the competition.

From the 12th to the 14th of August, we organized the Combined Nationals in Maurik (NL). These are the Nationals for Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. At this competition we had 30 participants.

Most European countries have organized their Nationals but didn't register in the EMS and are therefore not included in the ranking list.

Next year, the European Barefoot Championships will be held from the 2nd to the 5th of August in Wallsee (AT). The LOA has been sent to the Austrian Federation.

Athlete of the year will be discussed at the council meeting in November.

To end the season, two E&A officials went to the Masters World Barefoot Championships in Texas (USA). This was a beautiful competition with lots of happy faces.

It is a pity that there was only one athlete from Europe (who lives in Florida). Hopefully this will change for the next edition...

The season is now really coming to an end and the boats are taken off the water.

The next challenge is the Open Barefoot World Championship next year in Mulwala (AU).

Because of the worlds, I will not attend the Congress and the Admincom meeting in Antalya.

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