

Preparatory meeting Goraj-Zamek

16 – 19. September 2010

Representatives from Austria, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania and Slovenia

1. Review Luxembourg 2010

- Thanks and respect to the organisation team doing a great job!

2. Regulations

Preparing the 11th European Students Championships in Forestry Skills we decided, that we continue to use the rules from the World championships for Loggers (2009) with some changes and adaptations. You may find these basic rules and other explanations: www.grabnerhof.com or: www.zsl-goraj.cil.pl

TREE FELLING

Decision (8:0): In 2011 will be a real tree felling for the first time. Every nation agreed to this proposal of the organising team.

Some advice: Pine trees, 98 years old, similar and regular crowns, 23 – 24 meters high, 32 – 36 cm diameter in breast height, about 36 - 40 cm diameter in stock height; marking in breast height (= 130 cm) and 110 cm below (as in the rules); flat ground, enough time for the competitor to take a look at the tree (may be a day before) and set the target (30 minutes).

Wind: If there is too much of it, we have to wait

Time table: All competitors in half a day (min. 5 hours, may be more), the organisation team plans 4 lanes.

In March 2011 there will be the National Polish Competition there: Interested people are invited to see that it is possible. The interested individuals are asked to inform ZSL Goraj that they want to come for the competition by the end of January 2011: pawel@zsl-goraj.cil.pl or biuro@helpkursy.pl

There are not any teachers/trainers allowed in the felling area!

The organising team needs 4 (or better 5) measuring tools for the stock: Richard Pastoors will try to get these tools.

The referees will arrive one day earlier before the competition starts and get the necessary instructions.

Decision (8:0): Every competitor has to wear a helmet all the time in the felling area. There is no permission to take it off even when the tree is felled.

FITTING ANOTHER CHAIN

Time: The time is measured on a fully visible digital display (Measuring accuracy = 0.1 seconds), this time is valid, a judge takes additionally manual the time (in case the technique does not work)

Starting will be with a light barer; the whole body has to be behind the starting line.

The competitor stops the time by pressing a (moveable) button.

BUCKING BY COMBINED CUTS and PRECISION BUCKING

The organisation team plans 3 lanes for each discipline. There was a proposal to use the same referees for both disciplines (as in Luxembourg), but the organisation will use specialists (as in former times).

LIMBING

Decision (7:1): The arrangement of the branches stays the same as in Germany and Luxembourg (= World Championships 2008 Germany)

The branches are round (30 mm in diameter) and of pine wood.

A normal chain is to be used with minimum 3 mm length of the shortest part of the top plate (as in the rules).

There will be enough referees for each lane.

Further technical advice for all technical disciplines

The referees will be instructed to measure the time for preparation of the single competitor.
Teachers/trainers will not be allowed in the arena (no coaching inside).
The arena will be shown one day before the competition starts.
The international referees will be instructed in time.
The official ESCFS protocols will be used.

FORESTRY COURSE

Decision (8:0): The lists of species will not be enlarged (stays the same).
One or two members of the head jury will check the course before it starts.
The length will be maximum 2 – 2.5 km.
Penalty points for time crossing will be given, if the team needs more than the average time of all teams + 20%.

3. Head Jury

The head jury has 6 members: **Vanessa Boscolo, Brede Lauten, Piotr Madrzak, Richard Pastoors, Peter Tretter** and **Markus Wilfinger**. These persons will be present during the whole competition and also work in the “evaluation group”. Therefore they will be invited to the competition beside their National team.

The organising team will arrange a place to work for them, technical equipment and enough personal support (at least 5 persons for scoring).

The evaluation programme will be sent to the organising team by Markus Wilfinger.

4. Common advice

The organising school may start with a team outside the main competition (without scoring).
There was the proposal that every nation will send one boy and one girl team to the competition.
The organising team said that this is not possible.
The competition will take place 25 – 29 May 2011.

5. Future

The preparation days for 2012 in Postojna, Slovenia will take place 27 – 30 October 2011, the competition 25 – 29 April 2012.

We are looking for a organising country in 2013 (may be Romania, France or Hungary?)!

STIHL is interested in a longer termed cooperation. Peter Tretter will keep contact and ask for details.

EUROPEA: During the next competition there will be time to talk about official support and better contact to EUROPEA. Suggestions are welcome! Peter Tretter will try to get basic informations and contact to the officials.

A school from Serbia is interested to take part 2011. The contact is sumarska@gmail.com (www.sumarska.edu.rs).

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Peter Tretter