

# **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Report 2014 – 2015**

The Junior Development Committee (JDC) was elected during the WAE Congress in Amsterdam (NED) 20 May 2012 for four years. It was composed by three members: Mr Gullimar Akerlund (SWE), Ms Paola Bertone (ITA) and Ms Irena Rosa (SLO). Ms Irena Rosa was appointed by WAE Council as chairwoman of the Committee. In 2013 JDC suggested to WAE Council to change the name of Junior Cup and Junior Championships to Youth Cup and Youth Championships and this was approved by WAE Council in November 2013. Also the name of the committee was proposed to be changed to Youth Development Committee.

The primary objective of the YDC is to oversee the European Youth Cup and Youth Championships in such a way as to encourage cadets and juniors to prepare for international competitions. Members of the Committee are connected by e-mail and we always try to be present on all Youth Championships and European Youth Cup competitions – as coaches, team managers, judges or technical delegates and collaborate with coaches and team managers of WAE Member Associations.

After changes accepted during WAE Congress in 2010 we have only one Youth Cup event in the year when the European Youth Championships is organized and two Youth Cup events when there is no European Youth Championships.

In 2014 we had only one Youth Cup event organized in Moscow (RUS) and European Youth Championships in Ljubljana (SLO) which was also the first leg of Youth Cup 2014 and Continental Quota Event for Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, China. Technical Delegate for the European Youth Championships was Mr Hakan Cakiroglu and for Youth Cup tournament Ms Irena Rosa. During these competitions the YDC members prepared the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2014 and prepared the final awarding. We also updated the list of participating countries on Youth Cup events. For the coach of the year 2014 the YDC selected the team of coaches and team managers from Croatia, Mr Dubravko Buden and Mr Igor Orlic. They were awarded with the photo and name plate. The open annual meeting of YDC with coaches and team managers was organized during the Youth Cup tournament in Moscow (RUS). The Youth Cup Rules for 2015 were revised by e-mail.

In 2015 we had two Youth Cup events: Klagenfurt (AUT) and Rome (ITA). TD for both tournaments was Ms Irena Rosa. YDC again prepared during these competitions the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2015 and prepared the final awarding. We also updated the list of participating countries on Youth Cup events and among the candidates we selected the coach/team manager of the year. The title coach of the year 2015 was won by Mr Mikhail Puziak from Belarus.

The meeting of YDC was organized during the Youth Cup in Rome. YDC organized there a yearly open meeting with coaches and team managers during the TM meeting. After these the Youth Cup Rules for 2016 were modified.

In 2013 YDC also realized that there are many problems with not respecting the deadlines for sending preliminary and final entries and hotel reservation forms in time. We started with the activities to force the participating countries to respect all written rules and deadlines published in the Invitations to the competitions. After some penalties were charged the situation became much better.

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