

WORLD ARCHERY EUROPE 3D AND FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

For the Committee these past four years were quite difficult years marked by the passing away of Michel Adnet, a great friend. His great experience and skills had deeply helped the initiatives for the development of Field Archery. He was replaced by Josep Gregori Font whose exceptional personal business didn't let him to follow assiduously our activity.

Over the last four years the Committee had only two official meetings, in Val d'Isere in 2012 and in Terni in 2014, later then we had some other opportunities to meet Cenneth Ahlund in several international events. Particularly, in Tallinn, during the 3D E.Ch. we asked for a meeting with the team managers of the attending nations in order to cover many topics about 3D. All the relevant info covered during that meeting were communicated by Cenneth Ahlund to the WA Committee, of which he is one of the members. What should not be ignored, it is the contrariety of the most of people to the very frequent changes in the Rules.

During these four years, we had the following four European tournaments:

- 2012 European Championship 3D Trakoscan (Croatia): 180 participants of whom 46 Barebow (32 M and 14 W), 50 Compound (33 M and 17 W), 34 Instinctive (22 M and 12 W) and 50 Longbow (38 M 12 W); 22 Teams (14 M and 8 W). 22 attending nations.
- 2013 European Championship Field Terni (Italy): 201 participants of whom 31 Recurve Senior (17 M and 14 W), 17 Junior Recurve (12 M and 5 W), 46 Senior Compound (33 M and 13 W), 19 Junior Compound (14 M and 5 W), 37 Barebow Senior (22 M and 15 W), 12 Barebow Junior (8 M and 4 W); 18 Teams Senior (10 M and 8 W) and 9 Junior Teams (6 M and 3 W) - 17 participating nations
- 2014 European Championship 3D Tallinn (Estonia): 216 participants of whom 48 Barebow (27 M and 21 W), 56 Compound (38 M and 18 W), 47 Instinctive (28 M and 19 W) and 65 Longbow (41 M 24 W); 26 Teams (16 M and 10 W). 21 attending nations.
- 2015 European Championship Field Rzeszow (Poland): 201 participants of whom 46 Recurve Senior (29 M and 17 W), 19 Junior Recurve (13 M and 6 W), 54 Senior Compound (33 M and 21 W), 20 Compound Junior (13 M and W 7), 45 Barebow Senior (27 M and 18 W), 17 Barebow Junior (9 M and W 8), 19 Teams Senior (11 M and 8 W) and 8 Junior Teams (5 M and 3 W) - 21 attending nations.

Looking at the participants' number of those events, it arises a significant increase in the number of participants in the 3D (2012/2014 + 20%) while in the Field that number has remained unchanged despite being increased the number of participating countries. In both cases, it must be underlined a copious increase of women participation in all Divisions.

Finally, we note a steady growth of 3D nevertheless its official appearance in W.A. takes place in 2003.

While Field Archery is keeping almost constant. Actually, the interest and the participation had decreased. compared to the great growth of registered athletes in W.A. in these last 40 years.

Those different trends lead us to find solutions, which might carry the characteristics of the Field paths to those of 3D, i.e. shorter duration of the race times to no more than five hours experimenting with several solutions to achieve this goal.

Let me conclude such a report with a personal note: now I am 76 years old so it is time for me, after 4 elections, to leave the floor to the younger friends, who have the task of leading our future in Archery. At last, I wish to thank sincerely all the friends with whom I had the opportunity to work along those several past years.

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The Chairman

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