

WAE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (YDC)

Report 2024 - 2025

Till the WAE Congress organized in Essen (GER) on 4 May 2024 members of WAE Youth Development Committee were: Mrs Irena Rosa, SLO, Mr Wolfgang Halvax, AUT and Mr Endre Vik Larsen, SWE. Mrs Irena Rosa was chairperson of the Committee. As Mr Endre Vik Larsen became unactive, three members for the Youth Development Committee were elected during the WAE Congress organized in Essen (GER) on 4 May 2024: Mrs Irena Rosa, SLO and Mrs Karin Larsson Brolund (SWE) were elected for four years term (till 2028) and Mr Sermet Cinar (TUR) was elected for two years term (till 2026). Mrs Irena Rosa was appointed by WAE Executive Board as chairperson of the Committee.

The primary objective of the YDC is to oversee the European Youth Cup and Youth Championships in such a way as to encourage youth archers to prepare for international competitions. With the new elected members into the YDC which are also coaches and team managers it seems that we will have again more possibility to be present on all Youth Championships and European Youth Cup competitions – as coaches, team managers or technical delegates and collaborate with coaches and team managers of WAE Member Associations, which is very important role of the committee. We hope that the work of the committee will become again more active.

According to the rules, we should have two Youth Cup events organized in the year when there is no European Youth Championships and only one in the year when the European Youth Championships is organized; however, this one is also counting in the final ranking of the Youth Cup.

In 2024 we had one Youth Cup event in Sofia (BUL) and European Youth Championships in Ploiesti (ROU) which was also the second and final leg of Youth Cup 2024. TD for Sofia was Mrs Maria Kirillopoulou and for Ploiesti Mrs Irena Rosa. The yearly open meeting with coaches and TMs was organized immediately after the end of Team managers meeting in Ploiesti, but unfortunately with only two members of the committee. Mr Sermet Cinar had to cancel his participation because he was busy this year with the preparation of the senior team for the Olympics. There were also some proposals and discussions about some possible changes in the rules during the event on the competition field.

In 2025 we had two Youth Cup events, one in Sofia (BUL) and one in Čatež (SLO). TD for Sofia was Mrs Irena Rosa and for Čatež Mrs Maria Kirillopoulou. The yearly open meeting with coaches and TMs was again held immediately after the end of Team managers meeting in Čatež, but unfortunately again with only two members of the committee. There were some changes accepted in the Youth Cup rules for 2025: prices for accommodation and entry fee raised, BU21 was included and point system for teams/countries changed. It is also worth mentioning that the number of participants in the Youth Cup events has become quite unpredictable: In Sofia, there were only 256 competitors and officials in total, and in Čatež, exactly 500.

YDC again prepared during these competitions the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2024 and 2025 and prepared all results for 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/team manager of the year 2024 was won by the team of coaches and team managers from Spain and for 2025 by the team of coaches and team managers from Italy. They were awarded with the photo and name plate. The number of participants by category on each Youth event in last 10 years was updated as well. The Youth Cup Rules for the following years were revised by e-mail.

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