

# **WAE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Report 2022-2023**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic WAE congress was not held in 2020 and all the terms were prolonged for one additional year. The 17<sup>th</sup> WAE Congress was organized in Antalya (TUR) 30 May 2021 where there were changes decided about elections and terms. Therefore two members (Ms Irena Rosa, SLO and Mr Wolfgang Halvax, AUT) were elected for three years term (instead of four) and one member (Ms Maria Kyrillopolou, GRE) was elected for one year term (instead of two). At 18<sup>th</sup> WAE Congress organized in Munchen (GER) Mr Endre Vik Larsen, SWE was elected for the four years term. 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. In the past committee members tried 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, which is very important role of the committee. By getting some changes in the composition of the committee it was looking like we will get some new ideas, force and enthusiasm, but unfortunately the two new members of the committee are not trained technical delegates and are not members of national teams. This made for the committee members some difficulties to meet on Youth Cup events and the work of the committee less active and rational. This problem came up in 2022 and 2023.

According 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 2022 we had one Youth Cup event in Bucharest (ROU) and European Youth Championships in Lillehall (GBR) which was also the second and final leg of Youth Cup 2022. TD for Bucharest was Mr Darko Uidl and for Lillehall Ms Irena Rosa. It looked like there will be no member of the committee present on Youth Cup event in Bucharest but later fortunately Ms Irena Rosa was invited by the organizers to help in the organization. We organized the yearly open meeting with coaches and TMs in Lillehall, but unfortunately with only two members of the committee. Mr Endre Vik Larsen had to cancel his participation at the last moment.

In 2023 we had two Youth Cup events: in Catez (SLO) and in Sion (SUI). Although as mentioned two members of the committee are not trained technical delegates, for Catez Mr Wolfgang Halvax was appointed as TD as it was known that Ms Irena Rosa will be there as event manager. Ms Irena Rosa was appointed TD for Sion.

YDC again prepared during these competitions the partial and final results of Youth Cup 2022 and 2023 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 2022 was won by the team of coaches and team managers from France and for 2023 by the team of coaches and team managers from Israel. 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 and confirmed by WA EB.

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