

1 Basic Regulations

1.1 General

1.1.1 Goal of the European championships for students

Short-term goal of the competition is the presentation of the latest achievements in logging techniques, logging machinery tools and logger's safety equipment and a comparison of these at an international level in theory and practice.

Students between 16 – 25 years of age, who are in forestry training, take part 2 times (see point 1.2.4).

This competition is a team competition between schools of the EU and organised from EUROPEA (www.europea.org) (The best team=school should come to the competition).

In planning and carrying out the competitions, special attention is paid to safety aspects in working techniques.

Long-term aim of the competitions is to increase the appreciation of forest work and to draw general attention to forestry training and the forestry industry on both a national and international level. These competitions play a particularly significant role in creating international contacts between students and schools, which contribute to the furthering peaceful coexistence between nations.

1.1.2 History of European Student Championship of Forestry skills

The list of countries that have arranged competitions and the winner are as follows:

1.	2002	Austria	1 st Austria	2 nd Luxembourg	3 rd Lithuania
2.	2003	Finland	1 st Estonia	2 nd Finland	3 rd Austria
3.	2004	Estonia	1 st Estonia	2 nd Slovenia	3 rd Austria
4.	2005	Lithuania	1 st Austria	2 nd Germany	3 rd Slovenia
5.	2006	Austria	1 st Austria	2 nd Slovenia	3 rd Germany
6.	2007	Belgium	1 st Austria	2 nd Italy	3 rd Lithuania
7.	2008	Norway	1 st Slovenia	2 nd Austria	3 rd Germany
8.	2009	Germany	1 st Austria	2 nd Slovenia	3 rd Poland
9.	2010	Luxemburg	1 st Austria	2 nd Slovenia	3 rd Estonia
10.	2011	Poland	1 st Austria	2 nd Germany	3 rd Poland
11.	2012	Slovenia	1 st Slovenia	2 nd Austria	3 rd Norway
12.	2013	Austria	1 st Slovenia	2 nd Austria	3 rd Italy
13	2014	Italy			

1.2 Basic Regulations for the arrangement of European championships for students

1.2.1 The European organizing committee

The European organizing committee consists of members of participating schools at the time being: Representatives from Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia and Italy.

1.2.2 Tasks of the European committee

- a) To handle and confirm the rules of the European championships and to take into consideration all changes and additions that the organizing country or other participating countries may suggest.
- b) To determine the places where the competitions are to be held and to make other arrangements in accordance with the rules.
- c) To deal, at a meeting held during or after the competition, with the applications for the arrangement of the following competitions in every year (2005, 2006..), and to decide where the following competition is going to be held.
- d) To act as the highest jury (head jury) during the competitions and to settle every difference in opinion by an open vote.
- e) To control the level of the arrangements made for the competitions in order to
approve that similar conditions are offered to all participants.
- f) To select the judges among the technical leaders of the teams and to define the tasks of the judges and assisting personnel that has to count the scores, as well as to supervise their activities. Should a person that has been appointed judge or who belongs to the assisting personnel or to the group that has to count the scores turn out to be biased or prejudiced, the organizing committee is entitled to replace him.
- g) To cast lots on the order of performance of the participants and to see to it that unbiased conditions are created for all participants.
- h) To determine at a meeting held before the competition, suitable measuring devices to be used in measuring the results.
- i) To deal with remarks and protests made by the participating delegations during the competitions and to make final decisions concerning them.
- j) When required, to disqualify those who violate the rules of the competitions or who otherwise offend the spirit of the competitions.
- k) To make summaries of the registers of the competitions and to announce the winners.
- l) To hold the presentation ceremony.

- m) The organizing committee is obliged to see to it that the competitions are carried out in an honest way and in the spirit of friendship, co-operation and mutual respect.
- n) The rules can be changed by members of the Preparatory Meeting. The decision must be made by 2/3 of the votes.

1.2.3 Participation in the competitions

Participation in the European championship is within the discretion of each country. Participants must be in forestry training.

A team consists of 4 participants. Each participant must compete in theory and practice.

The rules confirmed by the international organizing committee shall be observed in the competitions. Each participating country may send a national delegation to the competition, on the choice and training of which it makes its own decisions. The national committee is responsible for the observance of the regulations.

1.2.4 Eligibility for start

- a) Participants must be in forestry training (school, college), not apprenticeship without formal connection to the school.
- b) Age level: 16 - 25 years
- c) The students can take part two times.

1.2.5 Organization of competitions

Competitions are held according to the international organizing committee's decision in one of the participating countries that has voluntarily accepted to carry out the organizing work.

1.2.6 Tasks of the organizing country

- a) To give, not later than during the preceding competition, a written application to the organizing committee concerning its willingness to organize the following year's competition.
- b) To arrange, at the latest 5-6 months before the competition, a meeting of the members of the organizing committee.
- c) To get familiar with the sites of the competition and other arrangements affecting the general procedure of the competition.
- d) To prepare a list of problem points which might possibly come up and which can be discussed at the jury's meeting to be held during the course of the competition.

- e) To discuss other possible problems, which because of their nature or actuality are to be dealt with by the organizing committee.
- f) To inform the invited nations of any change of rules or amendments based on conditions at the locality not later than 3 months before the opening of the competition. If separately agreed upon with the organizing country, a member of the organizing committee may bring an expert with him to the said meeting. The expert, however, has no right to vote.
- g) The invited delegation of the countries participating in the competition is to consist of the following:
 - 1. one head of the delegation (=judge)
 - 2. one technical leader of the delegation
 - 3. four contestants

Of these persons the leader of the delegation and the technical leader may be elected members of the jury for different contests during the competition.

- h) To appoint the measuring groups.
- i) To instruct the measuring groups and the judges concerning the method of measuring and measurement devices.
- j) To forward these regulations to the participating countries and one (1) copy to each member of the international committee.
- k) Apart from the official representatives, the organizing country may invite observers and other guests to attend the competition.
- l) The organizing country shall see to it that the participants coming first, second and third in the contests are awarded medals and diplomas, this applies to (as a minimum):
 - Medals:
 - 1. Best 3 teams for technical events, forestry course and total score
 - 2. Best 3 individuals in technical result
 - 3. If ladies take part medals / diplomas are given for the single ranking
 - Diplomas:
 - 1. The best 3 of each technical event
 - 2. Diplomas for all participants who take part.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Summary	Diplomas
Fitting a new chain	0	0	0	0	3
Bucking by combined cut	0	0	0	0	3
Precision bucking	0	0	0	0	3
Undercut and felling cut	0	0	0	0	3
Limbing	0	0	0	0	3
Individuals as total technical result	1	1	1	3	80
Teams for technical events	6	6	6	18	6
Teams for forestry course	6	6	6	18	6
Teams for total	6	6	6	18	6
Total	19	19	19	57	113

Special price for fairness

Every team gets a voting paper at the beginning of the competition. Every team has to vote and rank 3 teams who have shown the best behavior during the competition (except the own team). The points for place 1 are 3 points, 2nd place 2 Points and 3rd place 1 points. The counting will be made by the int. Jury. Only the winning team (1st place) gets a price.

- m) The country organizing the competition shall bear the costs occurred in connection which the arrangements made for the competition:
1. The costs of the preparatory meeting of the members and experts of the European organizing committee (accommodation, meals etc.).
 2. Costs of the upkeep of the delegations participating in the competition and the members of the European organizing committee during the course of the competition (accommodation, meals, etc.)
 3. All expenses caused by the technical preparations for the competitions.
 4. Costs for medals and other awards and souvenirs.

1.3 Events of the European championships for students

The competitions will be carried out in the following separate events:

Individual (Technical events total: About 1500 pts. per person):

Event I	Undercut and Felling Cut	(total 660 pts.)
Event II	Fitting a new chain	(total 120 pts.)
Event III	Bucking by combined cut	(total 160 pts.)
Event IV	Precision bucking	(total 200 pts.)
Event V	Limbing	(total 400 pts.)

Team:

Event VI	Forestry Course	(total 6000 pts.)
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