

Tender

26. European Championship in Hand Mowing 2019

The working group for issues in the rural youth in the chamber of agriculture in collaboration with the Rural Youth Austria and the Rural Youth Upper Austria presents the

26th European Championship in Hand Mowing

from the 14th - 15th of August 2019

in **St. Florian/Inn**, Upper Austria.

The contest is supported by the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism.

I. Place of performance

Registration point/Info point:

- Berufsschule Schärding (vocational school)
Ziergartenstraße 2
4780 Schärding

Owner of the mowing area

Etzelsdorf 1
4782 St. Florian am Inn

II. Accommodation

Accommodation for official participants

- All official participants (participants, jury, timekeeper, team supervisor) will have an accommodation in the vocational school.

Bedding is available, **towels are to take along!!**

Contact partner for application (official participants)

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Contact partner for accommodation (official participants)

- Rural Youth Upper Austria Stefanie Schauer: stefanie.schauer@ooe-landjugend.at or +43 50 6902 1277

Accommodation for fans:

- **Berufsschule Schärding** (vocational school)
(About 100 beds available for fans)
Contact partner: Rural Youth Upper Austria - Stefanie Schauer
- **Tourismusverband Schärding** (Tourism association Schärding)
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III. Timetable

Wednesday, 14th of August 2019:

From 13:00 to 15:00	Arrival of the participants, registration at the registration point, moving into the rooms
Forenoon	unofficial acceptance of the parcels
15:30	Team supervisor meeting in the competition office
16:30	acceptance of the parcels by jury and head referees all nations
19:00	start of social framework programme in the marquee
19:30	opening ceremony and lottery of competition numbers
Subsequent	evening event

Thursday, 15th of August 2019:

07:00	breakfast
09:30	holy worship in Wagholming
10:30	parade of the mowers to the competition area
From 11.00	training opportunity
11:30	judge meeting and enrolment for jury, time keeper and the hayers
13:00	official opening and speech at the competition area
From 13:15 to 13:30	inspection of the competition parcels
13:30	Start – junior competition (5x7 metres)
14:00	Start – women’s competition (5x7 metres)
14:45	Start – men’s competition (10x10 metres)
17:00	end of competition
Subsequent	final meeting of team supervisor and head referees of all countries in the competition office
19:30	award ceremony in the marquee
Subsequent	winner’s party

Friday, 16th of August 2019

Until 10:00	breakfast and departure
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IV. Eligibility

Women and Men

See regulations – point 2 “Entitlement for the participation & Age limit”

Juniors Competition

See regulations – point „Regulations European Youth Championship in Hand Mowing 2019“

V. Report

The working group for issues in the rural youth requests the report of the participants (name, address, date of birth), one team supervisor, one head referee, two jury members and two time keepers of the countries of origin (name, address) as well as the report if an accommodation is needed and the approximate arrival until

Friday the 14th of June 2019.

Please send the report via email to the Rural Youth Austria to oej@landjugend.at.

VI. Competition equipment

For the European Championship in Hand mowing any scythe and any whetstone can be used. The participants have to bring their equipment on their own. Only the participant himself is allowed to sharpen the scythe during the competition. The cutting edge of the scythe has to wear a covering before and after the competition. There will be a guarded place for the scythes.

VII. Competition parcels and vegetation

a) Size and arrangement of the competition parcels

See regulation – point 8 “Contest Procedure“

The arrangement of the parcels is side by side and in a row. Around every parcel is a mowed space of two metres to the next parcel. The parcels are marked in the left front corner.

b) Vegetation

Third cut of a ryegrass permanent meadow.

VIII. Competition rules

1. Lottery of the parcels:

The starting numbers will be raffled by the starting blocks. One person per country has to start in each block.

Further information: see regulation – point 9 „Other information“

2. Procedure of the competition:

The participants of each block start at the same time. A signal will be given which marks the start of the mowing process at each parcel.

Further information: see regulation – point 8 „Contest Procedure“

Any changes in the parcel are forbidden. It is only allowed to raise the grass or to remove molehills.

3. Timekeeping:

See regulation – point 6 „Measure of Time“

4. Cleanliness:

See regulation – point 4: „Quality grading“

5. Spare parcels:

The participant has the possibility to scan its own parcel during the inspection of the parcels. If it turns out, that the parcel has some bigger irregularities the participant has to report this immediately during the inspection to the Higher Arbitral Tribunal. The jury members may assign a spare parcel. Further the participant has also the chance to report a problem if there is a problem with loss of timekeeping.

6. Access to the competition parcels:

After completing the mowing work only the jury members, the time keepers and the auxiliary staff is permitted to enter the parcels.

Further Information: see regulation – point 8 „Contest Procedure“

IX Team classification

See regulation – point 7 „Grading“

X. Jury and Higher Arbitral Tribunal

The entire jury consists out of two jury members of each participating country of origin. Out of the six nominated head referees three persons will be elected into the Higher Arbitral Tribunal. The Higher Arbitral Tribunal is allowed to decide by a simple majority about disputed matters. These decisions are final and can't be challenged (*see regulation – point 4 „Quality Grading“*).

The duties of the Higher Arbitral Tribunal:

- Inspection of the competition area
- Measurement/Check of the parcels
- Elimination of parcels which have bigger irregularities
- Announcement of the competition rules to the participants
- Instruction of the participants and other auxiliary staff
- Marking of the competition parcels
- Assignment of the spare parcels
- Decisions on complaints, rule violation, questions of interpretation concerning the competition rules (Higher Arbitral Tribunal)
- Endorsement and punishment for rule violation
- Prior checking of results/assessments (couriers)

XI. Complaints and punishment on rule violation

a) Complaints:

Complaints can be brought in by participants, team supervisor, time keeper and jury members. The Higher Arbitral Tribunal has to be notified before the period of objection has

ended. The period of objection of the parcel ends at the time in which the cleanliness evaluation of the certain row is completed. The Higher Arbitral Tribunal has to make the decision about the complaints before the next series starts. The decision is final and no further complaints can be made for the parcel.

b) Punishment on rule violation:

The punishment on rule violation occurs by time penalty or disqualification. The time penalty is laid down in the regulation and is carried out by the Higher Arbitral Tribunal, as well as disqualification of participants in the case of new rule violation after warning.

XII. Cost coverage

In the case of registration we also ask for a valid billing address.

Chairman:
Martin Kubli m.p.

Secretary General:
Ferdinand Lembacher m.p.

Chairwoman:
Helene Binder m.p.