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1- INFORMAÇÕES DA LIGA EUROPEIA DE NATAÇÃO

Junto se anexa informações recebidas da LEN

2 – CAMPEONATO NACIONAL JUVENIS FEMININOS TORNEIO FINAL B (ADIAMENTO)

Por solicitação da ANNP, responsável pela organização do respectivo Torneio, informamos que o mesmo realizar-se-á nos dias 31 de Maio e 01 de Junho de 2003.

Oportunamente será enviado o calendário e o local de realização.

3 – ENDEREÇO ELECTRÓNICO

Na sequência de comunicações anteriores, vimos mais uma vez solicitar o envio do endereço electrónico, para recebimento de correspondência da FPN, até ao próximo dia 23 de Maio, quem não tiver E-mail agradecemos a sua informação.

Pela Direcção da FPN
O Vice-Presidente

Carlos Emídio Lopes

17.13 Internet

The Bureau is informed that there is an average of 9000 individuals visiting the LEN web site every month, with a sensible increase during the major events. The number of hits (namely visited pages) has reached a peak in December of 2002 with the European Short Course Swimming Championships and 172476 pages that were viewed.

18. LEN TWPC MINUTES (7-8 FEBRUARY 2003, KRANJ, SLO)

18.1 The LEN Bureau Members received a letter by the President of the Italian Swimming Federation deploring the fact that information concerning a new format for European Water Polo competitions had been circulated to the Press prior to the discussion by the LEN Bureau and/or with the Member Federations of LEN. The Federation further criticizes the proposed format as it would jeopardise -to their opinion- the future Water Polo championships for clubs on national level and also endanger the promotion of Water Polo considering an unacceptable international calendar with too many Events running over 12 months.

The Chairman of the LEN TWPC express his regrets with the letter he only received at the meeting and states the Italian Federation did not understand the project and that it was unanimously approved by the Technical Committee, including the Italian Member within the Committee. The project therefore reflects the views of the large majority, Italy being only one Member.

The Bureau express the view that any Federation shall have the opportunity to address the Bureau with their remarks and play an active role in the general discussion. However, the Bureau don't see a reason to call for an Extraordinary Congress dealing with Water Polo, as requested by Italy.

18.2 The Director inform the Bureau that the Honorary Secretary of the LEN TWPC was actively assisting the founding meeting of an "Association of European Water Polo Clubs". He further express his opinion that it is most disreputable for LEN this meeting to be staged in Nice during the draws of the European Water Polo Club Cup competitions organised and subsidised by LEN.

18.3 The LEN Bureau discuss and approve the new system for the European Champions League, starting with the season 2003-2004 (**Annex IV**).

18.4 The LEN Bureau request the LEN TWPC to review the new system for the LEN Trophy season 2003-2004. New Regulations shall be submitted to the Rules Commission within 15th May. It is agreed by the Bureau that the Cup Winners Cup will be eliminated.

18.5 The LEN Bureau decide that the European Water Polo Championships, after 2003, will take place in 2005 as proposed by the LEN TWPC. The LEN Bureau reject the proposal of the LEN TWPC concerning the qualification format towards the European Water Polo Championships of 2005. It is agreed that the format of the European Championships of 2005, and its qualification process, will be played according to the identical system of the period 2001-2003.



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EURO LEAGUE

Federations could enter two (2) teams for the Euro League. Furthermore, the federations which finish in the last eight in the previous years in the Champions Cup will be eligible to enter a third team. (immaterial of the number of teams which ended in the last eight from the same federation)

For the 2003/2004 season the following teams will be eligible to enter a third team:

CRO, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, ITA, ESP & YUG

Each Federation is to indicate on the entry form the classification of each team. 1st for the National Champion, 2nd for the Runner up and 3rd for the 3rd place team. Federations can send any number of entries once it does not exceed the maximum to which they are eligible.

PHASE A

The two teams from federations which did not figure in the last eight of the previous year, and the third classified club team of the National Championships of the countries which had a team in the last eight in the previous year will start from Phase A of the Euro League.

GR A	GR B	GR C	GR D	GR E	GR F	GR G	GR H
3 rd ESP	3 rd CRO	3 rd ITA	3 rd GER	3 rd GRE	3 rd HUN	3 rd FRA	3 rd YUG
1 st RUS	1 st SVK	1 st ROM	1 st TUR	1 st NED	1 st SLO	1 st MLT	1 st BEL
1 st UKR	1 st ISR	1 st SUI	1 st POL	1 st BLR	1 st IRL	1 st FIN	1 st GBR
1 st AUT	1 st POR	2 nd RUS	2 nd SVK	2 nd ROM	2 nd TUR	2 nd NED	2 nd UKR
1 st SWE	1 st MKD	1 st DEN					

- 1) The matches will be played in a group on a round robin basis.
- 1) Batches of teams for the draw will be formed according to the classification of the previous years
- 1) The first two classified teams of each group go through to the next round Phase B. The third classified teams of each group are eliminated from the EURO LEAGUE, but will be eligible to play in the LEN Trophy (Phase 2)

PHASE B

The 2nd classified club teams of the federations which have the right to participate with three teams and the teams qualified for the Euro League from Phase A will participate in this phase.

GR A	GR B	GR C	GR D
2nd ESP	2nd CRO	2nd ITA	2nd HUN
2nd GRE	2nd GER	2nd FRA	2nd YUG
1 st A	1 st A	1 st A	1 st A
1 st A	1 st A	1 st A	1 st A
2 nd A	2 nd A	2 nd A	2 nd A
2 nd A	2 nd A	2 nd A	2 nd A

- The matches will be played in a group on a round robin basis.
- Batches of teams for the draw will be formed according to the classification of the previous years
- The first two classified teams of each group go through to the next round Phase C
- The third and fourth classified teams of each group are eliminated from the EURO LEAGUE, but will be eligible to play in the LEN Trophy (Phase 2)

PHASE C

The 1ST classified club teams of the federations which have the right to participate with three teams and the teams qualified for the Euro League from Phase B will participate in this phase.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
1 ST ITALY	1 ST HUNGARY	1 ST CROATIA	1 ST GREECE
1 ST YUG	1 ST GERMANY	1 ST FRANCE	1 ST SPAIN
1 ST Phase B	1 ST Phase B	1 ST Phase B	1 ST Phase B
2 nd Phase B	2 nd Phase B	2 nd Phase B	2 nd Phase B

- ❖ The matches will be played in a group on a home and away basis.
- ❖ The draw will be carried out according to the classification of the previous competition. As far as possible teams from the same country will not be in the same group.
- ❖ The top two teams of each group go through to the next round.

PHASE D

QUARTER FINALS – HOME & AWAY BASIS

- 1ST Classified team Group A vs 2ND Classified team Group B, C or D
- 1ST Classified team Group B vs 2ND Classified team Group A, C or D
- 1ST Classified team Group C vs 2ND Classified team Group A, B or D
- 1ST Classified team Group D vs 2ND Classified team Group A, B or C

The winners of the Quarter Finals go through to the Final Four which is to be played on the existing system.

FINAL FOUR

DRAW FOR SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

- 1ST DAY - SEMI-FINALS
- 2ND DAY - FINALS