

EUROPEAN ROPE SKIPPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ceremony Procedures and Event Officials

Article 1: Rights over the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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All profits derived from the celebration of the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS shall be applied to the development of our sport.

Article 2: Ceremonies

1 The opening, medal and closing ceremonies shall be held in accordance with the protocol decided by the ERSO. They should reflect and portray the humanistic principles of our sport and contribute to their spread.

2 The Opening Ceremony shall take place not earlier than one day before the competitions. A Medal Ceremony shall take place at the end of each day of competitions. The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the last day of the competitions.

3 The detailed program of such ceremonies including the respective procedure as described below shall be put forward by the event host and submitted to the approval of the ERSO Executives prior to the beginning of the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS event.

Section 1: Opening Ceremony

1.1 The EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS shall be proclaimed open by an appropriate official person of the host country.

1.2 The official person of the host country is received at the entrance of the venue by the President of the ERSO and by the President of the host organization. The two Presidents then show the official person of the host country to his place in the official stand/seating area.

1.3 The parade of the participants then follows. Each delegation, dressed in its official uniform, must be preceded by a name-board bearing its name and must be accompanied by its flag, to be carried by a member of the delegation. The flags of the participating delegations, as well as the name-boards, shall be provided by the host organization and shall all be of equal size. The name-board-bearers shall be designated by the host organization.

1.4 No participant in the parade is permitted to carry flags, banners, banderoles, cameras or other visible accessories or objects which are not part of his uniform.

1.5 The delegations parade in alphabetical order according to the language of the host country, apart from the host country, which brings up the rear. Only those athletes participating in the ERSO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and the ERSO EUROPEAN YOUTH/OPEN TOURNAMENT may take part in the parade, followed by a maximum of six officials per delegation.

1.6 The delegations walk past looking at the official person of the host country and the President of the ERSO. Each delegation, after completing its march, proceeds to the places which have been reserved for it in order to watch the ceremony, with the exception of its flag bearer who remains on the field.

1.7 The President of the ERSO, accompanied by the President of the host organization, proceeds to the rostrum positioned on the field in front of the official stand/seating area. The President of the host organization gives an address lasting a maximum of three minutes, followed by these words: *"I have the honor of inviting ..., President of the European Rope Skipping Organization, to speak"*.

1.8 The President of the ERSO then gives a speech and further declares: *"I have the honor of inviting ... (the official person of the host country) to proclaim open the European Rope Skipping Championships."*

1.9 The official person of the host country proclaims the Games open by saying: *"I declare open the European Rope Skipping Championships held in (the host town)"*.

1.10 While Fanfare music is played the ERSO flag is brought to the rostrum, the flag bearers of all the delegations form a semicircle around the rostrum and a competitor and a judge of the host country mount the rostrum.

1.11 Holding a corner of the ERSO flag in his/her left hand, and raising his/her right hand, the competitor of the host country takes the following solemn oath:

"In the name of all the competitors I promise that we shall take part in these EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams".

1.12 Immediately afterwards, a judge from the host country also holding a corner of the ERSO flag in his/her left hand, and raising his/her right hand takes the following oath:

"In the name of all the judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in these EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship".

1.13 The national Anthem of the host country is then played or sung. The flag bearers then proceed to the places which have been reserved.

1.14 In the event of the ERSO authorizing a secondary opening ceremony to take place at another ERSO venue or day, the ERSO Executive Board shall determine its protocol, on the proposal of the host Organization.

Section 2: Medal Ceremony

2.1 The medals shall be presented during the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS by the President of the ERSO (or a member selected by him), accompanied by the President of the host organization (or his deputy), if possible immediately after the event at the place where the competition was held and in the following manner:

2.2 The competitors who are first, second and third, wearing their official or sports dress, take their places on a podium facing the official stand/seating area, with the winner slightly higher than the second-placed who is on his right, and the third-placed who is on his left. Their names, as well as those of the other certificate-receivers, are announced. The flag of the winner's delegation shall be hoisted in the center, and those of the second and third to the right and to the left of the central flag, looking towards the arena. Whilst the (abbreviated) anthem of the winner's delegation is played, the medal-winners shall face the flags.

2.3 For the individual events, the first prize shall be a gold medal and a certificate, the second prize a silver medal and a certificate, and the third prize a bronze medal and a certificate. The medals must mention the sport and the event for which they are awarded, and be fastened to a detachable chain or ribbon so as to be placed around the athlete's neck. Competitors who will have placed fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth shall also

receive a certificate during the ceremony, but no medal. In the case of a tie for a first, second or third place, each competitor is entitled to a medal and a certificate.

2.4 For team competitions, each member of the winning team having taken part in at least one event during the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS or the ERSO EUROPEAN YOUTH/OPEN TOURNAMENT is entitled to a gold medal and a certificate, each member of the second team to a silver medal and a certificate, and each member of the third team to a bronze medal and a certificate. The members of a team placed fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth shall receive a certificate during the ceremony.

2.5 The medals and certificates awarded on the occasion of the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS must be different from those used for the EUROPEAN YOUTH/OPEN TOURNAMENT.

2.6 The commemorative certificates and medals shall not be given to the members of a delegation which has withdrawn from the Championships/Tournament.

2.7 A trophy may be presented to each overall gold medal winning individual or team in each age division of the ERSO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and the EUROPEAN YOUTH/OPEN TOURNAMENT: Team Female, Team, Male, Team Mixed, Masters Female and Masters Male.

2.8 No prizes or awards other than those described above shall be given at the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2.9 If a competitor is disqualified, his medal(s) and certificate(s) must be returned to the ERSO.

Section 3: Closing Ceremony

3.1 The closing ceremony must take place in the venue after the end of all the events. The participants in the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and the EUROPEAN YOUTH/OPEN TOURNAMENT take the seats reserved for them in the stands. The flag bearers of the participating delegations enter the venue in single file in the same order and form a semi-circle behind the rostrum.

3.2 The President of the ERSO and the President of the host organization mount the rostrum. The flag of the host country is then hoisted to the right of the rostrum, while its national Anthem is played. Finally, if the next host is known, the flag of the host country of the next ERSO Championships is hoisted to the left of the rostrum to the strains of its national anthem.

3.3 The official person of the host country joins the President of the ERSO on the rostrum and returns to him the ERSO flag that had been displayed in a prominent location in the host city. The president of the ERSO then entrusts it, if a person is present, to an official person of the host country of the following EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. This flag must be displayed in a prominent location of the latter city.

3.4 After an address by the President of the host organization, the President of the ERSO gives the closing speech of the ERSO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, which he ends with these words: *"I declare these European Rope Skipping Championships closed and, in accordance with tradition, I call upon the European youth to assemble two years from now at ... (if the city has not yet been chosen, the name of the city is replaced by the words: "the place to be chosen"), to celebrate with us there the next European Rope Skipping championships"*.

3.5 A fanfare then sounds and the flag bearers leave the rostrum.

Section 4: Protocol

1 Throughout the period of the ERSO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, the ERSO alone has the authority to determine the protocol applicable at all the venues placed under the responsibility of the host Organization.

2 At all functions during the EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, honorary members of the ERSO in their order of seniority (the President leading, followed by the Vice-President,) take precedence followed by the members of the host organization and then the Presidents of the national organizations.

Article 3: ERSO Event Officials

Section 1: TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR and ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Directors are chosen by the ERSO Executives and oversee the organization in conjunction with the Technical Director, and the Championships host committee to insure its proper implementation for the Championships. In consultation with the ERSO Executives, the Tournament director is responsible and makes all final decisions

The Tournament Director and the Assistant Tournament Director have their food and lodging provided for by the Championship host. The length of stay will be in consultation with the championship committee

The Responsibilities include the following:

- Prepare coaches packages which include the specific information and entry forms, etc.
- Ensure all arrangements for the facilities and equipment are completed.
- Gymnasium
- Warm-up Area
- Announcer
- Floor managers
- Runners
- Computer operators
- Judges
- Locker rooms
- Rest Rooms
- Seating arrangements for athletes and Spectators
- Table and chairs for officials
- Paper and pencils for the judges
- Roped off areas
- Awards/Medals
- List of VIPs to present the awards
- Shirts for judges
- Shirt for officials
- Secure all officials at least two months before the championships (Announcer, Floor-managers, computer operators and all judges (including Head judges)).

- Judges Clinic - Refresher - Training manual
- Insure medical coverage of Championships

Section 2: TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

The Technical Director is chosen by the ERSO Board and oversees the technical organization and its implementation for the Championships in consultation with the championship committee and the ERSO board of directors

The Technical Directors' food and lodging will be provided for by the Championship host, for the total length required.

The Responsibilities include the following:

- Aid to the Tournament director as needed
- Distribute the preliminary information and entry forms for the championships at least six months prior to the event date and ensure that the general information provided by the championship committee is sent at least three months in advance.
- Ensure that all arrangements for the facilities and equipment are completed, and the testing and proper functioning of the results equipment (software and hardware):
 - Computer system
 - Results printer
 - Photocopier
 - Sound system, Microphone, Cassette Player, CD player, Digital Player
 - Stop watches, Counters
- Receive the names of entries at least 2 months before the championships and prepare the order of the competitors, the order of the competitors and the time table.
- Score cards for all events and competitions
- Publish a Link for Live streaming on the ERSO website
- Ensure that information published concerning the European Rope Skipping Championships on web sites is correct in all aspects

Section 3: EUROPEAN CAMP DIRECTOR

The Camp Director is chosen by the ERSO Board and oversees the Camp Direction, the setting up of the Camp and staff criteria. He/she is responsible for the final choice of the senior and Junior Staff required, fulfilling the Camps obligations and its implementation for the Championships in consultation with the championship committee and the ERSO board of directors

The Camp Directors food and lodging will be provided for by the Championship host, for the total length as required.