



Press Release 11: Adjustments in the tournament set up in Oltremare

This press release has been prepared in a co-operation between Stefano Coppa, organizer of the Oltremare Championships in Naples, Italy and Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, ETBF Vice President.

Based on experiences and observations during the 2nd Columbia Open - Oltremare Championships, conducted in Naples 7-13 November 2005, a number of adjustments to the tournament format and tournament administration has been decided to be implemented at the 3rd Oltremare Championships, which will be conducted 13-19 November 2006 as Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2006.

In this press release we will refer to the following changed policies for the tournament:

Re-entry procedure

Before the tournament each player can pre-order one primary entry and one re-entry. This "two entries in the bank" procedure will be in effect during the whole duration of the tournament as well.

During the tournament each player can, from the conclusion of the first qualification squad and until the start of the last qualification squad, sign up for additional re-entries by filling in a small simple form. As stated a player can have not more that two entries in the bank and if a player is on the lanes for the first of these two squads, another re-entry can not be ordered before the players has ended the squad.

Each valid order will be listed in priority number after the first-come-first-served method. If someone in a squad cancels his entry or re-entry, the first just outside the squad takes the free spot in the squad and so on.

No other method for deciding the players in the squads will be used and lists including the signed up players for the squads will frequently be published in the centre with the players presented and sorted by their priority number in the squads.

The time schedule

The time schedule has been adjusted, now with 3,5h in between shifts on the first days in the tournament (basically national) and with 4h in between the shifts on Friday and Saturday (basically international). Furthermore the schedule for the final steps on Sunday has been adjusted and is now fitting with the changed format as presented on www.etbf.eu - These changes will ensure a smooth conduction of the tournaments with squads running on time.



Practise time

The practise time will be 10 minutes before each squad as requested by the EBT 2006 Rules.

Result service

A more comprehensive result service (internally and externally) will be provided, showing the results and standings of each squad, the qualification results and standing and the results and standing of each final step; all game scores will be presented together with the handicap and the total of each result.

Referees just behind the players area

Dedicated referees (2-3 per squad) will be appointed and dressed in easy recognizable shirts; these referees will be positioned in or just behind the player' area for easy access for the players.

Various other changes

A number of other changes have been implemented for the format and the prize list etc. All the presented changes and other changes can be found at www.etbf.eu in the Tournament Calendar under the 3rd Oltremare Championships (2006).

We are convinced that the many adjustments and changes will improve the tournament and present a high international standard at Oltremare in 2006. We welcome all players previously taking part back to Naples and indeed all players not having visited the city and the tournament before.

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