



## **Press Release 21: Claims after the Maribor Open cancellation**

Late August we were unfortunately forced to announce the cancellations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maribor Open Strike Tournament from the European Bowling Tour 2008 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maribor Open Strike Tournament from the European Bowling Tour 2009.

Due to the late cancellation of Maribor Open this year, we expected a number of claims from players as a consequence of partly or full non refundable flight tickets.

Since Wolfgang Lohschmid was hired to organize the Maribor Open (on conditions as employee, indeed not as a co-organizer), Wolfgang kindly accepted to collect players claims followed by a presentation of claims for the organizer in Maribor; with the goal that all players should be refunded 1:1 for all documented non refundable expenses.

The task of collecting the claims (the number became 24 from players) ended for many weeks ago and since then Wolfgang has been trying to address the organizer with the claims from the players, with a 3.500 € claim from ETBF and with Wolfgang's own personal claims.

The efforts has, so far, not paid back and Wolfgang and ETBF has therefore agreed that time has come to release Wolfgang from seeking refunding of the player's and ETBF's expenses, which hereafter will be continued more formally by ETBF.

The organizer has, however, in an email from late August announced that he is aware of the existence of related costs when a tournament is cancelled. We must therefore presume, that the refunding will take place even we never are able to deliver any complete guarantee.

How long time we will need is not known, but we can ensure that we, if needed, will keep this case alive for a very long time, like we have done in similar cases back in the history.

In case of a break through or if just new information becomes available, all involved will be contacted directly by me and/or by another representative of ETBF.

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