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Dear Members,

With this monthly letter we want to update you with regards to the latest developments in our organization.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

European Championships Men, Women, U23 & Wheelchair Athletes:

In consultation with the Turkish Billiard Federation, it has been decided to postpone the European Championship again. After evaluating the current situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, it was decided to postpone the event. However, it is planned that this event will be held in Antalya - Turkey in 2021. The new playing dates are now: 01.11.2021 - 11.11.2021.



European Championships U17, U19 & Girls:

The European Championship U17, U19 & Girls is still scheduled for July 2021. Preparations for the venue and the hotel are underway. We will start sending the information in early April.

European Championships Seniors & Ladies:

The European Championship Seniors & Ladies is planned for 2021 in Petrich / Bulgaria. The Bulgarian Billiard has now given the green light after talks with the Municipality.

EPBF Sports Calendar:

As you maybe saw the EPBF Sports calendar is now updated. Since a few days the EPBF board does have their own access to make changes to the sports calendar. With the development of the new website and program it we didn't have that possibility yet. This means that we will be able now to update information quicker. Therefore keep an eye on the sports calendar. It will be more up to date as it was.

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EPBF General Assembly 2021:

Due to the fact that the EC Men, Women, U23 & Wheelchair athletes is postponed the EPBF board is looking if we have to move the EPBF G.A. along with the EC. As you probably know the EPBF statutes state that an EPBF G.A. should be held in conjunction with this EC now held in November. We will keep you posted.

Euro Tour Events 2021:

As you know the first planned Euro Tour event Men & Women is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The second Euro Tour, which will be held normally in conjunction with the EC, is moved to November 2021.

This means that we are planning now to have the first Euro Tour event Men & Women 2021 in St. Johann Im Pongau / Austria. Unfortunately we had to move the events a week forward because we did face a date collision with an WPA sanctioned event. After consultation with the host and the Austrian Billiard Federation the Euro Tour dates are moved forward one week.

EPBF Instructor's education Program:

As mentioned in previous letters the EPBF board was underway to complete the preparations with regards to the EPBF Instructor's education program. Unfortunately we do face the problem that, as you know, our main instructor, Jorgen Sandman, was involved in that devastating landslide in Norway around Christmas time 2020. Due to this we have to postpone the start of the project till further notice. Without Jorgen's input it is not possible to finish the preparations. We will keep you posted when we have more information.

EPBF / WPA Crowdfunding initiative:

Right after the devastating landslide in Norway the EPBF and the WPA started a joint venture project to help and support Jorgen and his family with a Crowd Funding initiative. Last week our press officer did send out a press release with the first result of this initiative. Until last week the sum of € 9.900,00 was donated which of course is great result but we hope that more will be donated in the upcoming period. Together with the WPA it is decided that this initiative will end at 20.02.2021. We will then inform the outside world what the final amount is and then we will transfer the amount to Jorgen and his family.

I want to thank everybody already for their donation. It feels good to see how the billiards world comes together in times of adversity.

Questionnaire WPA in case of estimated numbers:

You all did receive this questionnaire from the EPBF office and we did receive already some answers but there are still a lot of members who did not send the filled questionnaire back yet.



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Of course the deadline for returning the form is not reached yet but we did receive a few comments that it is very hard to send the figures, simply because this information is hard to get and therefore it is understandable that members are finding it difficult to just put some numbers in without substantiating information. We do understand the problem but want to just ask you to fill the form to the best of your ability. The WPA did ask for this information because the IOC did want to have an idea about these figures. Everybody does understand the problems of putting the right numbers in. It is very important that we do get all forms back, so please send the filled forms to us by the deadline of 15.02.2021.

WCBS Anti-Doping rules per 01.01.2021:

You did receive all the WCBS Anti-Doping rules as per 01.01.2021. Along with this document you all received also the answering form were your federation basically does state that they will accept these rules. Also here the deadline is not reached yet but I want to point out here again that it is important that we do get these forms back. We have to report to the WPA (who will inform then the WCBS) which EPBF members did not sign the document. This will then automatically mean that athletes of those members can't participate at events for the WCBS, WPA & EPBF. Looking at these severe penalty it is very important you, as EPBF member, does fill the form and send it back before the deadline.

EPBF Website:

The new designed and programmed website is finally approaching the finish line. More & more information will be filled and if all goes according to plan the Euro Tour history will be updated completely by the end of this month. The history of the European Championships will be online around July 2021.

This then will enable you all to get information about past events again via our website. As it was mentioned before we need all athletes to register again at the website in order to have the possibility for them to join the EPBF events. Therefore we want to ask you to point that out to your athletes again. They need to register via the following link: <https://www.epbf.com/player/registration/> Even if they were registered via the old website, it is needed to register again. After they did that the "old" profile, when available, will be linked to the new registration and all information and archive will be available for them.



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WPA World Championship Youth 2021:

The WPA did announce that the 2021 WPA WC Youth will probably be held during or in conjunction with the WPA WC 10-Ball men which will be held at the Rio Casino in Las Vegas. The proposed date would be September 2021.

Hope we did inform you well for the moment. The next update letter will then be issued in March 2021.

Regards,

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