



Maribor Open Cup - 1st JJEU European Challenge Cup circuit



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Evropski pokal
29. - 30. maj '04
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Slovenia has never shied away from work when there was something to be done for the JJIF or the JJEU and the chance to host the second competition of the first European Union Challenge Cup ever to be held has certainly proven this point once again.

On May 29 and 30, the second largest city of this beautiful country had 224 athletes from 14 countries willing to show just how good they were.

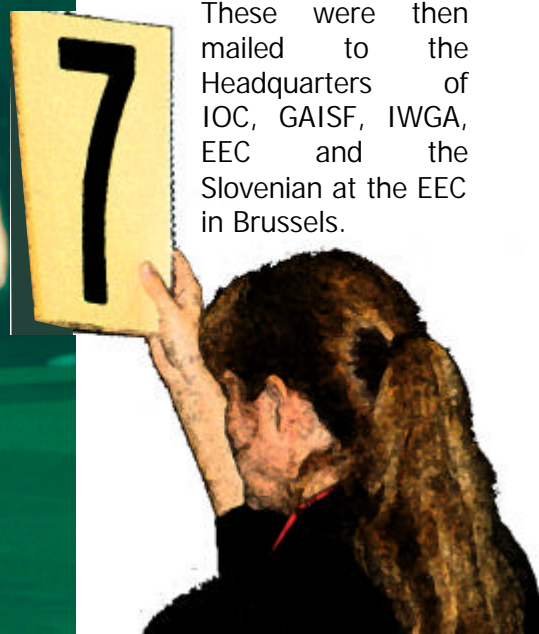


The Mayor of the City of Maribor, Boris Sovic, former Olympic medallist and Slovenian NOC Member, Miro Cerar, were there with the high officials of JJEU and JJIF for the Opening Ceremony to underline the sport tradition of Slovenia and Maribor in particular.

The Ceremony ended with the signing of five symbolic postcards of the event.

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These were then mailed to the Headquarters of IOC, GAISF, IWGA, EEC and the Slovenian at the EEC in Brussels.



But what exactly is the Challenge Cup? For a better understanding of JJEU's new creation and the importance it has for European Member countries, here is a fragment of the official European Challenge Cup rules.

"The cup can be won by a JJEU member federation (not by individuals). The winner is the member federation with the highest score at the end of a competition period."

[...]

Art. 4 - A competition period starts after the

European Championship and finishes at the next European Championship (2 years). Within these two years each member federation will earn points at three Open tournaments each year, at the JJEU European Cup and finally at the European Championship.

[...]

Art. 5 - The six open tournaments over the two years are proposed by the Event Organising Committee to the JJEU Board. The selection is made with the view to guaranty a fair location of the events all over Europe (North, South, East) and timing spread over the year.



Team	Medals			Athletes		
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Duo	Fighting	Total
FRANCE	5	5	4	18	19	37
GERMANY	2	3	5	14	15	29
POLAND	2	-	6	6	22	28
DENMARK	2	-	2	2	5	7
the NETHERLANDS	1	3	1	6	11	17
SPAIN	1	-	-	6	7	13
SLOVENIA	-	1	2	6	20	26
BELGIUM	-	1	-	4	4	8
AUSTRIA	-	-	3	6	2	8
ITALY	-	-	1	4	9	13
SWEDEN	-	-	1	6	11	17
BULGARIA	-	-	-	-	5	5
SERBIA and MONTENEGRO	-	-	-	2	2	4
SWITZERLAND	-	-	-	6	6	12
				86	138	224

for detailed results visit the Cup's website:

www.euro-cup-maribor.com

The next appointment with the Challenge Cup will be in Jönköping, Sweden, on September 24 and 25. In the meantime our special thanks go to Slovenian Ju-Jitsu Federation President Srečko Kropc and Robert Perc (Slovenian General Secretary) for having made this appointment such a pleasant one.

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