

Norwegian Shooting Association organized 2018 Nordic Shooting Championships on 23rd until 26th of August 2018 in the Oslo area, Norway. All Nordic countries were present. Estonia took part at the first time. Faroe Islands had invited to compete out of competition.

Ranges

4 different shooting ranges were used:

Main ranges:

Lovenskjold	(25m, 50m, 50m RT, Skeet and Trap)
Enebakk	(Nordic Trap)
Kolsås	(10m RT)
Alfhallen	(10m+ final range)

10m, 10m final, 10m RT, 25m and 50m were having Megalink electronic scoring targets.

Pre check

President of Nordic Shooting Region took the first contact to TD on 20th of April and asked to check ranges before competition. I visited Oslo on 2nd to 3rd of August 2018. There were only few things Norwegians needed to fix before competition (cut down few trees on the edge of 50m range to not make shadows on target, bigger size of firing point to be 1.5m square for 25m RFP). All those works were done before competitions started. I checked all ranges according to ISSF Checklist of TD's edition 2018.

Competition Schedule

I got the first version of schedule early spring. We made few changes for that before sending out final version. Skeet and trap competitions needed to start 30 min later because of sunshine. After teams had sent their travel plans, we also changed training times to offer better chance for training in different ranges. Timetable was very tight, but we managed to stay in time. There were some delays at 50m range because of result register problems and 2 relays needed to restart and one restart at 10m final because of lost signal.

Technical meeting

Technical meeting was organized at hotel Forneby by President of Nordic Shooting Region. Precedent introduced organizing, key persons, equipment controls, weapon storages, food services, transportation and prize giving ceremonies. One transport needed to chance to be earlier.

Result service

All results except shotguns were on line at Megalink result service. Online laptop system for scoring (leirdue.net) was used with trap and skeet but it doesn't have mixed team program. For back up, manual score cards were used. People could check results during competitions and finals on screens at all ranges as well as in catering rooms. After competitions and finals results were on the main screens in each range.

Results were also in Facebook.

People who worked with electric scoring system were very professional. Megalink problem to restart relays may be thanks to a bug in the system and CRO promised to take contact to Megalink. Other bug was in Mixed team final with software graphics. It didn't show team's second shooters shot value. Location was shown as blue ring and total score of team was shown correctly.

Nordic Records

Nordic championship records were established in 1 organizer report. 35 new or equal Nordic records were established.

Accommodation

All shooters, organizers and officials were living in Scandic Fornebu, where was also Competition Office. Hotel was good with great breakfast and dinners. Time of breakfast was told at technical meeting, but many shooters and officials tried to have their breakfast earlier to reach the first bus. There were a lot of complains about breakfast opening.

Protests

No written protests were taken, neither against decisions or results. At 10m range one final needed to restart because of wrong size of target (15m target instead of 10m).

Catering

Catering with lunch bags, sandwiches, hot dogs, coffee, tea, soft drinks and lovely waffles was well organized in different ranges.

Transport

Transport was organized by Bus Company from hotel to different ranges and minibuses between ranges. In some cases, buses were fully booked, and it took some time to order more buses. At least a bus left from range before time. It would have been good if organizer had a person to coordinate transport online.

Weapon control and storage

Storage of small bore guns and shotguns were in Lovenskjold range and air guns were allowed to store in hotel rooms. Weapon controls were organized at Alfhallen and Lovenskjold ranges with all measuring equipments.

Ceremonies and banquette

Opening and prize giving ceremonies was organized in a big conference room at Fornebu hotel except Nordic trap, which had opening ceremony at Enebakk range and last day's prize giving ceremonies were organized in all ranges. Prize giving ceremonies were well organized and fast. A lot of shooters, officials and organizers took part of banquette. It was offered without alcohol drinks but buffet dinner was good.

Organizers

Organizers were very good, friendly and all the time ready to help. President Håvard Larsen led his crew very professionally. At Nordic trap more range officers should be appointed as well as referees at shot gun. Range persons, CRO's and announcers should have train together training competition of better briefing before Nordic's specially in 25m and 50m events. Some commands of CRO's were not correct and announcer mixed disciplines. 10m final announcer was extremely good.

Juries

Some of participating countries couldn't send jury members that organizers had asked but thanks to good connections other countries support some extra members. Chairman's of all juries were extremely experienced and worked outstanding.

Observious and Summary

Nordic Shooting Championships were well and professionally organized. Schedule need to plan with professional of each discipline. The biggest problems for organizers was that countries did not send final registrations on time. Organizers needed to make chances for schedule and reduce events just before competition. Time between relays were too short, for example 10m disciplines. Organizers must provide more people to work. For example at shot guns organizers must provide referees and side referees at least at the finals. Also to use same person to be CRO and common announcer (10m final) should be avoid.

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