**Dear organizers of European championships and cups.**

From 2019 and on, all lifters, coaches, referees and other officials attending European championships are bound to stay in the official hotel provided by the organizer (EPF By laws 105.7).

The period of accreditation is linked to the length of the hotel booking.

The participants do not any more have the option to stay in another hotel and pay the 100 Euro fee for getting accreditation.

The benefit is that  an organizer is able to calculate the number of hotel rooms needed after the preliminary nomination and make hotel reservations 2 months ahead of a championship.

But this means as well that the EPF By laws 105.4.2 must strictly be followed. This paragraph states that accommodation rates must not exceed normal rack rates for the named hotel(s).

If a hotel require higher accommodation rates than normal rack rate  - e.g. due to the large number of hotel rooms reserved or increased standard of breakfast or similar -  the EPF EC will require a statement from the hotel regarding the reason for this increased charge  or a copy of the contract between  the hotel and the organizer that specify the rate.

An organizer may have expenses related to the organization of hotel rooms, but this must reflect actual and reasonable costs that only may add a small amount on the top of the normal rack rate.

Everybody is able to control normal rack rates for a hotel by loading down rack rates from internet.

EPF EC do the same and may as well contact the hotels directly to get information.

It is the duty of the EC to follow EPF By laws to control that an organizer do not earn money by overpricing hotel rooms. EPF is bound to check all accommodation prices given in the invitation for European championships and cups.

An invitation will not be issued until correct hotel prices are verified. Any invitation already published, that do not meet the above requirement, must be changed.

The EC will do the outmost to support all  organizers  to be able to make  good organizations but all must be within the frame of our rules.

Thank you for your support!

Best regards,

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