

Still going: EJC 2008 in The Netherlands

The organizing structure for the 2008 European Junior Championship is still developing. At the top is a Steering Committee of three persons, all members of the federation board. They are the secretary of the Dutch Life Saving Federation (Reddingsbrigades Nederland KNBRD) Thom ter Stege, the federations' treasurer Guus Dankers and the board member for Sport Jolanda van Dalen. In this issue we will tell you something more about Jolanda who is also project manager of the EJC 2008. The Steering Committee follows any development and checks it by the policy for this championship.

Project Committee

In the Project Committee are 4 members. Jolanda van Dalen is the project manager, Bob Dekkers is responsible for the Pool Events and Nico Laumen and Marco de Jonge are responsible for Ocean Events. This committee has 7 working groups that do all the work to come to a perfect organising structure en a great event.

On our way

By organizing two test competitions, we want to know where our organization stands: which things are OK and which things need improvement? The Open Dutch Championship Ocean Events proved to serve this goal very well. We learned a lot and hope to do the same on 4 November when we have Pool Events.



POOL EVENTS
10 & 11 09 2008
 DE TONGELREEP
 EINDHOVEN

OCEAN EVENTS
12 & 13 09 2008
 BEACHSTADION SCHEVENINGEN
 DEN HAAG

EUROPEAN JUNIOR
 CHAMPIONSHIPS
 LIFE SAVING

THE NETHERLANDS 2008

Change in draft programme

The careful reader who has read our 3 earlier issues might have noticed a change in the banner on the centre of this page. We have changed a little in de dates. For both Pool and Ocean Events there are two days on the programme. There are two reasons for the change:

1. The programme of the EJC in France in 2007 had 1½ day reserved for Pool competitions and 1½ day for Ocean competitions. It was a very relaxed programme good for athletes, volunteers and judges.
2. The circumstances in the Northsea at Schevingen beach are not very predictable. We don't want to take the risk that due to currents, wind and waves the programme won't fit in one day without any time left.

This made us decide to introduce a new programme for the EJC 2008:

Monday 8 September: Arrival
Tuesday 9 September: Pool Training, Opening Ceremony, SERC
Wednesday 10 September: Pool Competitions
Thursday 11 September: Morning: Pool Competitions
 Afternoon: Travel to Den Haag
Friday 12 September: Morning: Ocean Training
 Afternoon: Ocean Competitions
Saturday 13 September: Ocean Competitions
 Closing Ceremony
Sunday 14 September: Departure



Project Manager

Jolanda van Dalen is Project Manager for the 2008 EJC. She is already a well known face in the world of life saving competitions.



Jolanda started as a swimmer in the Dutch National Team in 1985. Her first major competition was at the World Games in London.

She was active as an athlete for many years until there was the need for a new national coach and she seemed to be the best candidate for that position. After that she even went higher up the ladder and became a member of the national board of the Dutch Lifesaving Federation. In this position she is responsible for all the policy in the federation concerning sport.

Jolanda wants to make the 2008 EJC the best ever. 'Our goal is to have teams from 20 federations in Europe. We want to offer them topsport on state of the art locations.'

As project manager she is the link between policy and the actual work of organizing the championship. When you meet Jolanda, just start talking about this championship and you will have a good and enthusiastic conversation.

During all Lifesaving Championships in 2007 Jolanda took a lot of newsletters and other promotion material with her. With this she wants to make the 2008 EJC known to as many people as possible.

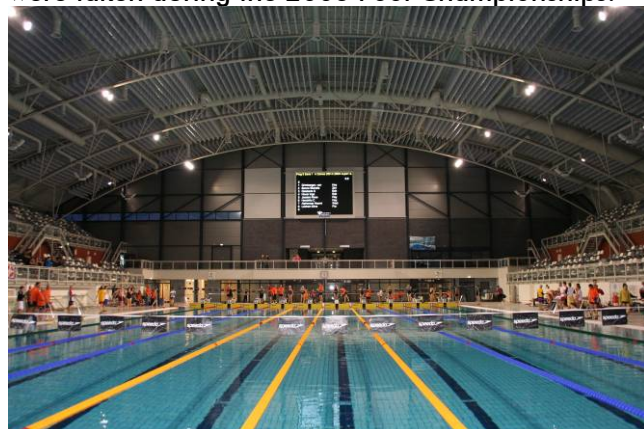


Pool Competitions

On the 4th of November the Open Dutch Championships for Pool Events take place. Several Dutch Lifesavings clubs will compete but also teams from Germany, Italy, Poland and Belgium take part. With about 50% more entries we will be able to test our competitions to the limits.



In the December Newsletter you will find some more facts about the pool competitions and hopefully some smashing pictures. The pictures on this page were taken during the 2006 Pool Championships.



Web Site

Our web site is in the air. We try to put as much up to date information on it as possible. Try to visit the web site on a regular basis. We will try to put any information that is of interest to potential participating teams, fans, visitors or just people who take an interest in life saving on it:



www.ejc2008.nl