

Technical Officers Report,
2008 European Championships for Powerlifting, Bench Press and Dead-lift
Fochhiem, Bavaria, Germany
June 26th to 29th

1. The venue was spacious and with the addition of two large screens's the audience had a perfect view of all the proceedings.
2. Referee lights worked very well, the audio system also was no problem. But there must a board on which the lifter's weight's are displayed, so if the MC is of one nationality and the referee is of another there is no mis-load`s, which is what I think occurred with the Squat, the referee being English and the MC being German.
3. The warm-up room could have been slightly larger more than enough equipment a little tight for space,
4. Where the lifter's waited to go onto the platform was tight but with the opening of the weighting in the problem seemed to quire itself.
5. With the weighing in room to the up-stairs it was a lot easier for every one.
6. It is in the rules written down no one under the age of 15 is allowed to lift in a competition, this happened again this time, at the congress meeting it was brought up again and no matter what is said, no more under age lifter's will be allowed (no matter who has said what to whom).
7. The platform crew worked extremely hard through the whole competition. It was extremely hot under the lights all day, so a very well done to them all.
8. Again, some athlete's had to be corrected, as their belts were illegal and some wore suits on bench extending beyond mid thigh.
9. It was brought to my notice that two lifter's had on illegal suits when they were lifting, I was told it was the glue coming unstuck that was a fabrication of the truth, they were two ply suits these suit's have been banned for many years. The lifters were informed and they understand if I find lifter in two ply suits in any completion I will have no hesitation to disqualify them. These suits are banned in our organisation.

In conclusion the competition was well run and I think every one had a marvellous time, my thanks to the promoters a job well done.

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