

1st European Deboning Championship – 29 August 2009

The 1st European Deboning Championship will take place on 29 August 2009. In future, the championship will take place every two years. All butchery employees of the European meat industry are invited to participate. As with the German Deboning Championship in previous years, the event will be initiated by Tönnies Fleisch and Friedr. Dick, Deizisau.

The sponsor is the association "Aktion Kinderträume Verein der Deutschen Fleischwirtschaft e.V.", which was formed to mark the occasion of the 1st German Deboning Championship in 2004. The association supports institutions in the education, care and further education of children in need.

The event is of such international significance that many sponsors wanted to take part again and consequently the total value of the prizes could be increased a little.

The object is to get the interest all workers employed in the meat industry in the areas of Butcher Industry or Craftsmanship and to find the best. Thus, high standards of hygiene, exacting conditions and technical skills can be demonstrated. In addition to this, the championship will improve the image of the whole meat industry and display hygiene standards and the skills of butchery workers.

As the number of competitors allowed to participate is limited, registrations will be processed in order of receipt of the deposit. On the basis of the applications already received, we are expecting a great response, so please apply as soon as possible.

Along with their registration form, participants are required to remit a token fee (deposit) of 50.00 EURO, which will be refunded to each participant personally before the start of the competition on 29 August 2009. Registration forms must be submitted to Friedr. Dick before **24 July 2009** (or register over the Internet www.dick.de). Legal recourse is excluded. Upon **registration** participants must produce the following documents and information: proof of participation in infection protection act training (not a certificate of health) and clothing size.

Competition conditions and assessment criteria used in past years have proven to be successful and are therefore to be implemented again this year. It has been shown in the past that a butcher from the category Industry is on par with a butcher from the category Craftsmanship and therefore butchers from either category have the chance to win the prize for "Best of the Best".

All competitors are required to debone three shoulders of pork with calves in the initial rounds and five pork shoulders in the final rounds. The finished work will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Speed (expenditure of time in seconds)
- Optical condition of the deboned shoulder (cuts and/or stabs in the muscle flesh – amount of meat on the bone, amount of cartilage in the meat, amount of meat on the cartilage). Time penalties will be awarded accordingly.

All competitors must supply their own equipment (knives, sharpening steel, stab protection and prescribed footwear). The organiser will provide work clothes, headgear and disposable aprons free of charge. In addition to this, a main sharpening station is provided, which can be used at any time. The competition conditions as well as the registration form can be found at www.dick.de.

The award ceremony will take place in the main marquee immediately after the competition. All competitors will receive a certificate of participation or winner's certificate as well as non-cash prizes.

Prizes

1st prize for the Best of the Best (overall winner) Harley Davidson Street Rod to the value of 17,900.00 EURO

Additional 1st prize (winner in another category)
Holiday trip to the value 5,000.00 EURO

2nd prizes per category 2,000.00 EURO (cash)

3rd prizes per category 1,500.00 EURO (cash)

Special prize: Best time 1,000.00 EURO (cash)

During the day, various family-oriented attractions and information programmes will be run in the main marquee and in tent city. Special features of the event are the live video link, enabling visitors to follow the competition from the main marquee and also the possibility to view the competition at close quarters from a rostrum in the deboning area. This will of course only be allowed under strict observance of hygiene regulations and wearing the necessary protective clothing supplied by the organiser.

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