

FINLAND, SWEDEN, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAMS IN MYSEN – NORWAY

The 7th edition of the European Youth League – EYL for young air rifle and air pistol athletes 14-18 years of age has just ended the elimination period. The three Qualification competitions will take place during the month of May and the North Region was the first region to compete for four of the places at the European Final in October.

For the first time the regional competition was organized by the Norwegian Shooting Federation during the weekend of 1st – 3rd May 2015. The small city of Mysen hosted the qualification at the Eidsberghallen sport hall, a temporary shooting range equipped with 24 Megalink electronic targets. Competition manager Anne Grethe Rendalsvik and her team from the local shooting club Mysen Pistollag had prepared excellent conditions for the young athletes.

ESC Honorary President Unni Nicolaysen travelled from Oslo to attend the opening ceremony and the first day of competition. The EYL once started on the initiative of Unni and she could now enjoy outstanding performance by the young athletes from Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden in her home country.

The teams were very tight with high excitement up to the very last shot. Three of the rifle teams won three matches each and at the end it was the same situation also in the pistol event. To solve the tied situation the match points had to be counted. The lucky winners to go to the European Final are Finland and Sweden in the rifle event together with Latvia and Lithuania in the pistol event.

The ESC thanks all the participants for the fair and thrilling conduct of the Qualification. At the same time we congratulate the successful athletes and coaches that now can prepare for the Final in Rottne/Växjö, Sweden in October. We would also like to express our warm thanks and appreciation to the Norwegian Shooting Federation and the Organizing Committee in Mysen.

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