



**European Shooting Confederation
Mr. Alexander Ratner
Secretary General**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

In view of the preparation for the ESC Presidium meeting in Maribor and the subsequent ESC General Assembly in Baku in July, the Hungarian Shooting Federation would like to submit the following proposal to the ESC Presidium for consideration.

1. European Youth League to be transformed into European Youth Championships

Reasoning: It is excellent to see that the European Youth League competition has been going on very successfully already for many years with growing popularity in every single corner of the continent. As we all know, air weapons are the first station where the youth meet shooting, the cheapest and most practical. Starting from the age of 10 (in Hungary) kids can begin their shooting career. The best way to get to love shooting, develop and improve is of course as much practice as possible. However competitions are even better tools than practice and training which give motivation and the competitive spirit to the youth. Today unfortunately we do not have (yet) European Championships for the youth as they start at juniors only. They cannot have the indispensable feeling of international victory and experience of success as European medalist for many years. We believe that establishing this specific age group and type of competition will considerably contribute to the promotion of shooting, attract and involve more youth into our competition system.

Moreover the transformation into European Youth Championships would bring forward more attention by the ministries of sports, NOCs, sponsors, media in terms of support, financing, appreciation and rewards not only for the athletes but the national federations as well.

With due respect to EYL, today it is not considered a worthy event in most of the European countries (if any) on sport administration level.

May we kindly ask you to submit our proposal for consideration both at the Presidium meeting and the General Assembly as we believe it can be of major importance for European shooting.

Thanking you in advance for your support and looking forward to your kind remarks.

Budapest, February 23, 2017

Sincerely yours

György NAGY
President