

History of the
300m
Grand Prix
Europa Cup
European Cup
LAPUA EUROPEAN CUP



History

- The 300 m events, shot within the framework of ISSF Technical Rules and the ESC General Regulations are drawing a resurgence of interest in Europe. Recent important competitions and the interest shown by both competitors and managers, in these events provide undeniable evidences. The level obtained at the last World Championships show the extent of motivation of International shooters in these disciplines, which only a few years ago were considered outdated
- Name changed from Grand Prix to Europe Cup in 1999, to European Cup in 2007 and to Lapua European Cup in 2008
- In the unanimous opinion of many great and well-known international competitors, the 300 m events are among the most attractive and interesting of ISSF disciplines, and include all the main principles of sport shooting. Nobody should forget that 300 m big bore rifle was the first discipline shot in the Olympic Games. The true competitive spirit is found present at world and European encounters, but not the important psychological stress brought about by the obligation to win quota places, essential for existence within the Olympic framework. It is interesting to note that more and more small-bore Olympic shooter are now shooting 300 m
- This explains why some European and Nordic countries who organize competitions, include a traditional EUROPEAN CUP in their national calendar
- Taking all these observations into consideration, it appeared, interesting and valuable to us, to coordinate and regroup all these meetings and competitions to serve as a foundation for a European Cup 300 m. The 50 m small bore World Cup the winner of which is determined by a final match could be used as a model
- The first elected EC committee decided that event rules should be written in English, but also in French as France founded the EC in 1990. From 2010 the rules will be translated also in German language.