



Press Release 20: Ankara change to Major

As a consequence of the global sponsor situation, the organizer of Ankara Open has, after an agreement with the ETBF Presidium, announced a reduction of the prize fund of the tournament in 2009.

The General Manager of Rollhouse Bowling Centres, Sinem Aydin Devrim, is adding her comments to the situation as follows:

Since we believe that the European Bowling Tour is one of the greatest bowling events, we are honoured to participate with our tournament and to support it with all our efforts. But even we prefer to keep the tournament in the Premier category, it is unfortunately necessary for us to reduce this year's prize fund to € 70.000 because of certain sponsor issues. In 2009 the category of Ankara Open will therefore be Major.

We are looking forward to host the tournament and to provide all our services for you, so you can enjoy the tournament both in 2009 as well as in 2010, where we will host the tournament with the same format.

The ETBF Presidium is very satisfied that there is a solution to the unforeseen situation and we are, as always, looking forward to the continued co-operation with our organizer in Ankara.

The Ankara Open will be conducted on 5-13 September 2009 in hospitable Rollhouse Bowling Centre Bilkent.

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