

ETBF's Medal History

ESBC: A Historical Review / Page 1

The ESBC event is owned by the European ESBC Committee, which is formed by National ESBC Committees, established in many European countries. The National ESBC Committees adopts individual members as of 50 years of age.

Each edition of the ESBC is awarded to a host, which typically is one of the National ESBC Committees. The host organizes the event in co-operation with the European ESBC Committee.

Since the very beginning of the ESBC, the athletes must be minimum 50 years of age. The ESBC has furthermore always been divided in three age groups for women and three age groups for men, named A, B and C for each gender.

The three groups are, for each gender, actually divides as follows:

Group A: 50-57 years of age

Group B: 58-64 years of age

Group C: 65 years of age or higher

The first edition of the ESBC was conducted in 1992 in La Rochelle, France with 56 women and 107 men, in total 163 participants, taking part. In the recent years of the ESBC history, more than 1.000 athletes have attended the event some of the years.

Since the beginning, the ESBC has been conducted every year.

The athletes of the ESBC are Singles, Doubles Masters and Trios.

The Singles Discipline has been open for both Men and Women in the A and the B Groups from 1992 and from the C Groups from 1993.

The Doubles Discipline has been open for both Men and Women in the A and the B Groups from 1992 and from the C Groups from 1993.

The Masters Discipline has been open for both Men and Women in all three groups from 1992.

In the Trios Discipline the age groups are combined. It was seen for the first time in 1993 as a Mixed Trios for both genders and as of 1994 as a Women's Trios and a Men's Trios.