

Middle Earth Olympics

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Kapitel 1: Triathlon – Rohan's Big Chance?

This year Rohan's riding hero, Eomund, is not going to participate in the long expected competitions jumping and dressage. After winning an honorably amount of medals with his beloved horse Highfoot, he said he wanted to leave the field clear for his younger companions. But he won't quit as the rumor goes – he is trying the triathlon instead, as one could have guessed after seeing him training in Adorn and on the old Pelennor fields. Although he admitted that swimming is a rather challenging task, he is confident that he will be able to beat his rivals via riding and running. That's also the reason why he switched to Nightwind, a formidable descendant of the glorious Shadowfax. "I raised the mare myself, she is not as compliant as Highfoot which loved springing and learning complicated figures; it's her obsession to gallop faster than any other horse which lead me to this choice." These are Nightwind's first Olympic games.

Kapitel 3: Archers unite – bowmen's divisions abolished

After hosting the Archery Contest in Esgaroth, which allowed every bowmen regardless of his or her origin to compete with the greatest archers of Middle Earth, the Middle-Earth-Archery Federation eventually came to the conclusion that the traditional separation of bowmen are obsolete. As the Elvish leader of MEAF explained: "We used to divide the contestants into three groups: Elves, Men and Dwarves/Halflings. We believed it allowed a fair competition as every contestant could demonstrate his abilities within his kin, but the division actually resulted in resentments and jealousy, because men got the impression they were treated as second-class shooters." Bill, the extraordinary bowmen and champion of Gondor, who proved to be a competent diplomat, added: "Every child knows the story of King Bard I who shot the malicious dragon of Erebor. This is the finest proof that there are many slumbering talents within men who can and shall challenge our Elvish friends. Furthermore, we want to encourage Halflings and Dwarves to join us. It also saves as work and time, for we can rid of those ridiculous registrations forms – now we only need to ask for name and delegation."