

# Coaches Conference 2023

## Report HUNGARY

### **Hungary - a traditional Orienteering country with strong youth**

Hungary has got really good results at the last years at EYOC and JWOC, but the seniors' performance is still not as good as the juniors'.

The already 53-year-old Hungarian Orienteering Federation had organised major events in the last years and will also organise some in the next years. The main goal is now to have a nice WOC in 2027, with good results of the Hungarian team, build up on the great results of the youth nowadays.

The Hungarian Federation has a big tradition, with 3 women world championship titles in the past. The national team has also now two very strong, but still very young girls Viktória Mag or Rita Máramarosi can this tradition perhaps maintain at the home ground. They have already the speed of the world class elite, but Daniel Fehérvári, the Hungarian head coach, and his team still have to work on it, finding a good way how can these young ladies avoid the early burn-out syndrome. Unfortunately, there are many successful (youth) athletes dropping out elite sports. The task seems not to be easy, but also not impossible. In order to help those athletes who are successful in their young ages becoming successful also in the senior class, there was founded a youth scholarship program. Will it be the solution for this?

Many big orienteering countries could be envious, how Hungary with that low budget can be so successful and have so many children competing at the national championships. And to increase this number, still the federation will establish a new school-O program this September.