

Karlsruhe University Sports Association Wins Competition Ranking

The Sports Association for the First Time Wins the Overall Ranking of the German University Sports Federation adh



The rowing team of KIT performed well in the past years. (Photo: University Sports Association, KIT)

The sports association of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) has won the 2013 competition ranking of the German University Sports Federation adh. For the first time, the Karlsruhe Sports Association won both the participation and the host rankings and, hence, was top in the overall ranking. In 2013, the Karlsruhe University Sports Association sent a total of 442 athletes to competitions and hosted 5 sports events.

The Karlsruhe University Sports Association managed by the KIT also includes athletes of Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, Karlsruhe University of Education, and the Karlsruhe Cooperative State University. In 2013, a total of 442 participants from Karlsruhe took part in competitions in lacrosse, American football, swimming, judo, artistic gymnastics, and rowing. The KIT hosted the first and intermediate rounds of the German university championship in football, the adh-Open American Football Competition (Uni-Bowl), the intermediate round of the Basketball championship, the Golf championship, and the first and intermediate rounds of the table tennis championship. In 2013, the Karlsruhe University Sports Association

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won the German university championships in road running and cross-country running, judo (three first places), long jump, ultimate frisbee, artistic gymnastics, American football, taekwondo, and rowing.

The adh competition ranking results from top-three rankings in competitions, the delegation of participants to competitions, and the hosting of competition events. All rankings are based on absolute results without taking into account the size of the universities and sports associations. In 2011 and 2012, the Karlsruhe University Sports Association was second in the adh competition ranking. Now, it has won the 2013 overall ranking for the first time. This ranking is based on the participant and host rankings. Moreover, the Karlsruhe University Sports Association is in fourth place in the performance ranking. The second place in the overall ranking is reached by the Sports Association of Münster. Last year's winner, the Sports Association of Cologne, is in third place.

“This big success results from the good performance of our students and the perfect work of our volunteers and responsible staff in the past year,” Dr. Dietmar Blicher, Head of the KIT Sports Association, comments the win of the adh competition ranking. “The first place also reflects the high commitment and excellent work of the staff of both the association and the sports institute of KIT.”

The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. Research activities focus on energy, the natural and built environment as well as on society and technology and cover the whole range extending from fundamental aspects to application. With about 9400 employees, including more than 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24500 students, KIT is one of the biggest research and education institutions in Europe. Work of KIT is based on the knowledge triangle of research, teaching, and innovation.

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