

Three New Sport Stacking World Records Established

German stackers raise the bar in sport of coordination and speed

Denver, Colorado (December 19, 2006)--The World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) is proud to announce that three new overall world records have been achieved in sport stacking. All three world records occurred in Germany at two separate WSSA sanctioned events during the month of November, 2006. There were also numerous new age-division world records established, as well as German national records.

The biggest surprise is the **Overall World Record** for the **Individual Cycle Stack**. Thirteen-year-old Robin Stangenberg (Germany) executed this in 7.41 seconds, only two-hundredths of a second faster than the old mark of 7.43 seconds. Emily Fox (Colorado, USA) has held on to this record for 4 ½ years, which is quite amazing considering all of the talent that has emerged since she established the mark in 2002. Robin was competing at the 3rd Annual Weidig Open in Butzbach, Germany on November 25, 2006.

Another **Overall World Record** broken was the **Individual 3-3-3 Stack**. Timo Reuhl (a 12 year old from Germany) threw down a time of 2.22 seconds to establish the new record. Fellow countryman Yannick Zittlau (14 years old) had held the old mark of 2.31 seconds for almost a year. Timo set the new record at the 2nd Annual Widey Cup, a smaller WSSA Sanctioned Event held in Germany on November 11th. The WSSA opened up the Individual 3-3-3 Stack to all ages at the 2005 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships which had prior been reserved for only the youngest of stackers. Since the addition of this “sprint” event, it has sparked the interest of many stackers around the world.

The 3rd **Overall World Record** to be broken was the **3-6-3 Timed Team Relay**. The Wild Tigers (Germany) completed the four-person event with a time of 15.04 seconds, smashing the old record by more than a full second! Timo Reuhl, David Wolf, Christoph Sauer & Miriam Christ make up the speedy 14 & under team. The previous world record (16.15 seconds) was held by these same Wild Tigers. They established this time at the 2006 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships in Denver, Colorado in April.

Both WSSA events in Germany produced a variety of world and national

records, as stackers came prepared to rewrite the WSSA record books. At the Widey Cup, four new age division World Records and seven German National records (age division) were set. There was also one new Overall German Record established (Individual 3-6-3 Stack for the 13-14 year old division) by Lukas Buhrmester. His time of 2.76 is only 0.04 seconds away from tying the Overall World Record of 2.72 held by Emily Fox (Colorado, USA). The Weidig Open produced 14 new German National records (age division) and five new World Records (age division).

Pola Metz, Executive Director for the WSSA stated that “it is great to have such positive growth in sport stacking at the International level. After seeing the German record setting performances, we are expecting even more records to fall in April!” The 2007 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships are scheduled for April 14th and 15th in Denver, Colorado.

Along with the three Individual events and the Timed Team Relay, Doubles creates another opportunity for stackers to compete for sport stacking domination. This unique event involves two stackers working together as one (each can only use one hand). Doubles teams complete the Cycle stack. The overall world record is currently 9.97 seconds, established at the 2005 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships.

About the World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA)

The WSSA promotes the standardization and advancement of sport stacking worldwide. This association serves as the governing body for sport stacking rules and regulations, provides a uniform framework for sport stacking events, and sanctions sport stacking competitions and records. For more information, visit www.worldsportstackingassociation.org.

Sport stacking (formerly called cup stacking) is an emerging individual and team sport where participants stack and unstack 12 specially designed cups (Speed Stacks ®) in pre-determined sequences at lightning speed. This unique sport promotes hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, focus, concentration, team skills and sportsmanship. Competitors race against the clock for individual times, on doubles teams, and in relays in head-to-head competitions. A division for stackers with special needs is also included. Sport stacking is practiced in more than 13,000 schools, recreation centers and youth sports programs around the world.

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