



## **C TOURNAMENT SYSTEMS**

### **C/10 COUPE D'EUROPE 3-CUSHION for CLUB TEAMS**

#### **Art. 1. NAME, CHALLENGE CUP**

The Interclub-European Championship in Three Cushions is endowed with a challenge cup, its name is "Coupe d'Europe" and it is given by the President of the CEB or by a patron.

The cup will annually be given under the wings of the winning team and will be definitely given to those team which is winning this competition three times after each other or five times altogether.

#### **Art. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS**

The teams are consisting of 4 sportsmen + alternatively substitute-sportsmen, all of them have to be entered by name at the registration and have to belong to the club in question since the beginning of the sports season (1.9. of a year), this has to be confirmed by the respective federation at the registration.

Within one and the same season no sportsman is allowed to play the international qualification for one club and the final round for another club.

The sportsmen are following each other within the team according to free registration done by the federation.

They are playing against each other in order of rank, that means Nr. 1 of a team is playing against the Nr. 1 of the opponent team, 2 against 2 etc.

In case that one of the sportsmen is absent one of the registered reserves will go into action. The team will then be completed from the back to the front, in fact that way that the reserve which was registered last will always go as number 4 into action. If an encounter (4 games) has been started a rearrangement of the team will not be allowed anymore.

#### **Art. 3. NUMBER OF TEAMS**

Each federation affiliated to the CEB has the right to register for the qualification one or at most two club teams of their choice.

#### **Art. 4. QUALIFICATIONS**

The qualifications will be held in several groups, dependent on the number of teams registered. The CEB committee will draw up the groups.

#### **Art. 5 – REIMBURSEMENTS AT THE QUALIFICATION**

All travel costs and costs of the stay are chargeable to the registered teams.

#### **Art. 6. PLAYING SYSTEM - DISTANCES**

One will play games of 40 points with equal innings. When the first sportsman reaches 40 points the second sportsman has the inning. Each game is starting with the cushion decision. The winner is determining the sportsman who is starting and has to play with the pure white ball.

#### **Art. 7. RESULTS OF THE QUALIFICATIONS**

During the qualification each team of one group is meeting all other teams. The winner of the qualification will be that team which has gained the highest total number of match points. In case of equality will decide:

- a) Game points (W=2, L=0)
- b) the total number of caroms made
- c) in case of new equality an extension will be played between the payers with number 1 as previewed in article 12 of the basic concepts of the sport.

The team placed first of each group are pushing forward to the final.

Depending of the number of groups, some 2<sup>nd</sup> can be qualified for the final. In case of groups with unequal number of teams, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> will be defined by the general average.

#### **Art. 8. REIMBURSEMENTS AT THE FINAL ROUND**

Those teams which are participating in the final round are traveling at their own expenses. The costs of the stay are chargeable to the organizer. Including one additional traveling day, if necessary. (This is valid for 4 sportsmen per team. See also the statutes of the CEB, appendix 2). The equivalent of the costs of the stay (overnight stay/food supply) amounts to about 150 Euro per sportsman per day including the overnight stay.

#### **Art. 9. FINAL ROUND**

The final round of the Coupe d'Europe will be played with 8 teams in two groups A and B.

The title holder is excused from the qualification and will be set on number 1 of group A.  
System Z is used to compose the 2 groups.

At the end a list of rankings of the groups will be drawn up according to the following criteria:

- a) Match points ( $W = 2, E = 1, L = 0$ )
- b) Game points ( $W=2, L=0$ )
- c) Direct encounter
- d) Higher total number of caroms made
- e) Lower total number of innings.

The semi-finals are A1-B2 and A2-B1:

In case of drawn one will act as follows:

- a) the total number of caroms made
- b) ) in case of new equality an extension will be played between the payers with number A1 and B1 as previewed in article 12 of the basic concepts of the sport.

#### **Art. 10. ORGANIZING OF THE FOLLOWING FINAL ROUND**

For the promotion of the Coupe d'Europe, CEB can attribute, for 1 or more seasons, the final and the qualifications to 1 organizer:

- on 8 tables minimum
- qualifications limited to 24 teams maximum. In case of more than 24 inscriptions, the results of the nations during the last edition will be taken into account to select the 2<sup>nd</sup> teams of the nations.
- the organizing team will be N°1 of Group B in the Final round (group A if title holder)

If not, the winner of the final round (European Champion) will be the organizer of the final round of the following Coupe d'Europe, on 4 tables minimum.

In case that he is not carrying out his duty, the duty will be passed to that one placed second and third, respectively, etc. In this case the European Champion (title holder) is not excused from the qualification. The binding confirmation of the title holder to organize has to be at the CEB 3 months after the final round at the latest via the responsible national federation.