



A BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE SPORTING PROGRAM

PREAMBLE

These basic concepts are valid for all disciplines, age groups, and genders, for all championships and official tournaments of the CEB. Details not defined here are settled under „tournament system“ of the respective event.

Art. 1. ORGANIZER – RIGHTS – TRANSFER – LIABILITY – FEES – FREE TOURNAMENTS

The Confédération Européenne de Billard with legal seat in Lausanne, Switzerland, called CEB in the further text, is the organizer and the owner of all rights of the events announced by it and of its sporting program.

According to its own discretion, the CEB board has the sole authority to assign championships, tournaments and/or further rights, partly or entirely, to an organization or company chosen by the board. In case of the transfer of events and/or rights the CEB assumes no liability at all. The one who assumes the rights also assumes the exclusive liability in all aspects. This includes, in particular, the payment of fees and taxes according to the country laws of the new owner of the rights.

CEB is not responsible for supervising the participating young athletes in CEB events. This responsibility lies with the respective federation.

The organizer to whom the CEB transfers the event and/or rights is liable for all allowances in kind and all financial allowances which accrue out of it/them. This includes, in particular, the payment of prize money, expenses, overnight stays and so on. These payments are to be paid off net to the recipients. Possible liabilities for taxation are carried by the organizer.

As a general rule the CEB transfers rights to the federations affiliated to it. These are authorized to transfer these entirely or partly to local organizers in their country. This cannot, however, constrict the liability of the federation with regard to the CEB and with regard to persons involved.

The CEB can make the transfer of events dependent on payments (organization fees). This is also valid for the inclusion on the official calendar of events. After the granting of the event by the CEB the organization fee remains to be owed.

In principle, the CEB's sporting calendar is drawn up for the next season by June 30th but additions or changes can be made up to August 31st.

If an event included on the sports calendar is cancelled, the CEB will neither be liable for the cancellation itself nor for the direct and indirect consequential damages.



The organization of international open and invitation tournaments is in principle possible according to the CEB Organization Rules. One has to apply for such ones at the CEB in good time with the notification of the place, the date, the organizer, and the tournament conditions. If athletes from several nations are participating in it, one will have to apply for such tournaments in good time at the CEB board with all fundamental specifications according to the Organization rules. For the approval by the CEB a fee according to the financial regulations of the CEB is falling due. Not until this one will have been paid the tournament will be included on the CEB sports calendar. The inclusion on the calendar is at the same time the authorization to play for the intended athletes.

If more than one athlete for another Confederation will participate in a CEB free or open tournament an UMB authorization is needed. Organization fees may be due to UMB also. In this case the UMB organization fees will be charged to the federation and collected by the CEB that will transfer the amount to UMB.

Art. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF PARTICIPATION – SETTLEMENT FOR FOREIGNERS

The participation in sporting events of the CEB and where appropriate the advanced registration to the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) requires that the participants are a member of a federation affiliated to the CEB, that those have met their payment obligations with regard to the CEB and with regard to the UMB, that the national championships of the highest, more advanced classes had been carried out according to the rules of the CEB and that sanctions against the federation, the club or the individual athlete are not getting in the way of a participation.

It's a responsibility of each national federation to inform CEB of their suspended athletes at national level in order to deny their participation to CEB competitions. In case of national suspensions the national federations may request CEB to apply a suspension before the registrations deadline to a competition.

Championships and tournaments of the CEB are in principle open for all genders of any age provided that their physical and mental condition allows the exercise of the sports, that they are not suspended and that they fulfill the entry requirements. Excluded from that are sporting events which are only determined for one gender. The age limitations for youth and junior championships are valid for both genders.

Athletes are in principle only able to start for the federation of the country of which they own the nationality. If an athlete has several nationalities, he will have to choose which nationality shall be valid for the sport of billiard. In case that athletes displace their centre of life (1st place of residence, family, workplace etc.) into another country whose nationality they do not own or on whose nationality they do not have decided according to the preceding paragraph, respectively, they will be allowed to start internationally at UMB and CEB sporting events for the federation of the new host country.

CEB Ranking points (except for CEB 3C rankings) are set to zero when an athlete changes nationality. All the matter is ruled by CEB Statute appendix.

In competitions for club teams (Coupe d'Europe 3C, Classics teams and 5-Pin club teams) an unlimited number of foreigners can be appointed in one team. The prerequisite for this is the so-called "**Permission to play**". The "Permission to play" is a mandatory declaration by a national



federation, which certifies that a specific national athlete is authorized to play, and will play, for a foreign club team in the coming season. The permission is only valid for one specified CEB club team competition during that season. The authorized athlete will then be able to play the announced CEB club competition of next season only for the foreign club announced in the "Permission to play", thus excluding the participation with a club of his own country that will not be allowed anymore. The "Permission to play" is valid for one sport season, from September 1st to August 31st. National federations must register this declaration on or before August 31st. Each "Permission" registered is valid only for one specific discipline, it may be needed to register more than one in case of participation in more than one discipline. National federations, upon request by athletes, will register the "Permission to play" using their federation account on CEB website where a dedicated section must be filled and confirmed with all the data requested. The athletes must verify on CEB website that their "Permission to play" had been correctly registered by their federation. The list of registered authorizations will be visible online immediately after the registration on CEB website. A participation for several clubs or nations, respectively, in the same international competition is not allowed.

Art. 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING DATES FOR INSCRIPTIONS – SUBMISSION – ARREAR OF ENTRY FEES

The announcement (invitation) of events of the CEB is published on the CEB website about 12 weeks before the date of the event. The closing date for inscriptions is about 6 weeks before the beginning of the event. The exact registrations opening and closing dates (deadline) are published in the announcement.

Up until the inscription deadline it is possible to change and also cancel the registration of an athlete. After the closing date for inscriptions the announcement is closed and legally binding. The CEB sports director will publish the list of participants and reserves on the CEB website.

The registrations at the time of the deadline are binding for the registration fees except for reserve athletes for which the registration fees are not charged. **Groups will be published no later than one week before the start of the tournament.** Reserve athletes will be called in to replace cancelled athletes after the groups are published.

In case of empty places when the maximum number of participants is not reached at the registration deadline the organizing federation has the right to fill the empty places with local athletes. This is allowed also after the registration deadline. In these cases registrations fees are due. In case of cancellations after the deadline the organizer federation can nominate new substitutes, registration fees are not due.

With the closing date for inscriptions all persons inscribed submit to the statutes, to the rules, and to the power to impose sanctions of the CEB. This is in particular also valid for the recognition and the submission of/to the anti-doping rules of the IOC/WADA/WCBS/UMB which the CEB recognizes for its area in an unmodified manner as far as necessary in the respectively valid version.



If a registered athlete withdraws after the registration deadline the registration fee is always due. If it has already been paid it will not be reimbursed, whatever the reason for the withdraw. About exceptions, in case for example of force majeure, the CEB board decides.

The participation in CEB events without prior payment of the entry fee is not allowed.

Competitions without registration fees: in case of no-show or withdrawal after the registration deadline a fine of 150€ for individuals (250€ for teams) will be imposed to the athlete (or to the team). The athlete will not be able to register for any following event until the fine has been paid. About exceptions, in case for example of force majeure, the CEB board decides.

Art. 4. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS are closed or partly open individual competitions and team competitions. **All the CEB affiliated National Federations have the right to participate with at least one representative, as far as they are not subject to any current sanction or suspension.** The participation of minimum 8 athletes from at least 5 national federations is mandatory for a European Championship to take place. At the closing date for registration if this requirement is not met the CEB Board may cancel a championship. CEB will not be liable for the cancellation itself nor for the direct and indirect consequential damages. In case of cancellation decided by CEB Board the organization fees will be returned. For youth EC (U17-U21) the above condition is set to 4 national federations and 6 registered athletes.

Coupe d'Europe is an international competition by teams. The organization is granted to a club or to a federation following an application by a federation. **All the CEB affiliated National Federations have the right to participate with at least one representative, as far as they are not subject to any current sanction or suspension.**

UMB/CEB three cushion World Cup / Grand-Prix tournaments are assigned to the federations according to the applications received by the CEB. The same is valid for CEB Grand-Prix tournaments.

On decision of the CEB board the name of a sponsor can be attached to the official denomination of a CEB sport event.

Art. 5. INSCRIPTIONS

As a general rule only the National Federations have the right to register their athletes to CEB sport events. The registration of athletes to superior events of the UMB (i.e. World Championship) is likewise carried out by National Federation to the CEB and afterward by the CEB to the UMB. Registrations procedures and deadlines are displayed in the corresponding announcements.

In case of free inscription, the participation is limited to the number of available places. Athletes will be able to freely register, provided that they are not imposed with suspension and unless their federation has prohibited this and has declared this in writing to the CEB. The places are distributed according to the principle of first come, first serve. For example, if the tournament is



limited to 16 participants, the 16 first athletes to register are guaranteed a spot. Ranking points or placed athletes will not be used unless specifically stated in the tournament announcement.

Art. 6. AGE DETERMINATION FOR YOUTH, JUNIORS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Championship U-17

This European Championship is strictly reserved for athletes under the age of 17 years at the start of the sport season. Athlete's date of birth will be certified by the national federations in the act of registration.

Championship U-21

This European Championship is strictly reserved for athletes under the age of 21 years at the start of the sport season. Athlete's date of birth will be certified by the national federations in the act of registration.

Championship U-25

This European Championship is strictly reserved for athletes under the age of 25 years at the start of the sport season. Athlete's date of birth will be certified by the national federations in the act of registration.

Art. 7. ORGANIZER FEES

Full particulars concerning this are settled by the financial regulations of the CEB.

Art. 8. ENTRY FEES

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Art. 9. MATERIAL

Only material which is approved by the CEB can be used. This is notified in the announcement. The employed material as well as the billiard tables themselves have to comply with the material norms of the CEB. This is as well valid for the lighting and the distance between the billiard tables.

As far as possible the billiards placed at disposal at official championships and tournaments shall not be familiar to any of the participants.

In each case at the beginning of official championships and tournaments new cloths (inclusive of the cloth of the cushions) and new balls have to be employed.



At sporting events on match billiards the organizer is responsible for providing the athletes with a rake and a long cue. If there is a slippery floor, one will recommend surrounding the billiard tables with a proper, anti-slip covering e.g. carpet, linoleum etc.

Art. 10. TEST OF MATERIAL - PRESENCE OF THE ATHLETES

The athlete is allowed to test the playing material during five minutes before each game. On the part of the organizer the first test can be summarized also before the tournament. This has to be announced in sufficient time to all involved persons together with a time schedule. Then the test time can also be longer, but has to be the same for all athletes involved. The test has to be executed under supervision of the referees or the tournament direction.

Seeded athletes who do not enter the tournament until later, will be able to test the material minutes before their first game. Also this one can be summarized for these athletes before their first intervention after a corresponding announcement and can also be likewise longer for all of them. The supervision of a referee is required.

The involved athletes have to be at the billiard table ready to play at the determined time set for beginning of their game. Athletes who are not present in good time lose the right on the test of the material entirely, or to the extent of their lateness. If the athletes involved cannot arrive to an arrangement about who will start the test (warming-up) before the game, the referee will decide this by means of a lot or of the flip of a coin.

The athletes are not allowed to leave the tournament hall during these two test times.

Art. 11. ALLOCATION OF GROUPS – KO ROUNDS – FIXTURES

The allocation of groups is made according to the Z-system. The criteria for the preparation of the initial ranking list are determined in the tournament rules being specific for the disciplines.

If preventable, athletes of the same nation shall not be allocated to the same group. If this occurs according to the Z-system, a shifting deviating from the Z-system will take place in this way: the athlete of the same nationality is moved into the next group groups until no athlete of the same nationality will be present in the group which will then be reached. The athletes who would otherwise get this place get the place of the moved forward one and so on.

In the groups each one plays against each of the other ones according to the following points:

A - groups of four: (if only one table available first match is 2 against 3)

-1 qualified or 1 qualified plus one or more best seconds: first 2 against 3 and 1 against 4, then winners against losers, then remaining matches;

-2 qualified: first 2 against 3 and 1 against 4, then winners against winners and losers against losers, then remaining matches;



B - groups of three:

-1 qualified or 1 qualified plus one or more best seconds: first 2 against 3, then 1 against loser, then 1 against winner;

-2 qualified: first 2 against 3, then 1 against winner, then 1 against loser;

In all cases when the available places are not filled by participants and the number of qualified to KO stage is very close to the total number of participants, the sports director according with the Board can decide to reduce the number of qualified or to change the number of athletes in groups or the groups number.

Art. 12. BEGINNING OF THE GAME – BREAK – EQUALIZING INNING – TIME LIMIT

The game starts with the cushion decision. If the referee has put up the balls for the cushion decision and in case that one athlete is not present, that one will have lost the match by default. After the putting up of the balls for the cushion decision none of the involved athletes is allowed to touch a ball contrary to rules any more. If this happens, the opponent will have the starting-vote. The winner of the cushion decision decides who will be the athlete who begins. On the scoreboard the athlete who is beginning has always to be indicated on the left side (view from above).

For games with an equal amount of innings, the athlete who did not start the game has the right to an equalizing inning. This is valid even if the match has a limited amount of innings and the given game distance or target inning has been reached.

Games without equal amount of innings are finished when one athlete has reached the game distance.

Exception: If the athlete who started the game or decisive set finishes in the first inning, the opponent will also have an inning. If there is a draw, the winner will be decided by the extension.

Extension:

3-cushion - The athlete who started the game begins with the starting point and continues his run until a miss occurs. Then the opponent will take his turn from the starting position and continue his run until a miss occurs. The athlete who scores the highest number of points is the winner. If there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until there is a winner.

Classics (10% of the playing distance, only one inning) - The athlete who started the game begins with the starting point and continues his run until a miss occurs or until the distance is reached. Then the opponent will take his turn from the starting position and continue his run until a miss occurs or until the distance is reached. The athlete who scores the highest number of points is the winner. If there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until there is a winner.

If there are extensions in competitions or playing rounds in the KO-system, those will only decide about win and defeat. With regard to the further classification criteria the extensions remain unconsidered.



If one of the athletes has reached half of the game distance which has to be played, a **mandatory** game break of 5 minutes will be applied after he finishes his turn. The break is likewise valid for the opponent.

In games with limitation of innings, and on the condition that none of the athletes has reached half of the game distance, a **mandatory** break of 5 minutes will be applied when both athletes have played half of the maximum number of innings.

It is not possible to take the break at a later time.

Additionally, if a match will be broadcasted live, the broadcasting company has the right to request further commercial breaks at any time during the match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds. Athletes must remain seated during this break. Commercial breaks cannot be made during an athlete's turn.

There can be differences in some disciplines; these are described in the corresponding rules.

Between two games which are following each other in succession the athlete shall have at least a playing break of 15 minutes.

If the game is played with a time limit, the displayed time must be clearly visible for the athlete and the referee. The time count-down starts when all the balls came to a full stop and the next athlete has taken its place at the table. Passing of time is a fault. The other athlete starts with the starting position. Depending on the game systems and distances, up to 5 time-outs (time extensions) are allowed. Time-outs are automatically applied by the referee as long as they are available to the athlete, meaning they will get additional time for their current inning.

Used time-outs are to be clearly displayed to the athlete.

Art. 13 RESULT VALUATIONS AND RESULT DISPLAY

One differentiates between the game at individual competitions and between the individual encounter of 2 athletes at team competitions and between the match at team competitions. The achieved results are valued as follows:

Won game	=	2 game points
Tie game	=	1 game points
Lost game	=	0 game points
Won match	=	2 match points
Tie match	=	1 match point
Lost match	=	0 match points

General valuation criteria for group ranking, qualification ranking and final ranking:

Individual competitions: groups ranking.

1. Match points.
2. Set points or set difference.
3. General average



4. Best game average.
5. Highest run, second highest run.
6. The direct match between the athletes who are then still equal.
7. Draw.

Individual competitions: qualification ranking.

1. Placing in the group
2. Match points
3. Set points or set difference.
4. General average
5. Best game average
6. Highest run, second highest run.
7. Draw.

Individual competitions: final ranking.

1. Round reached for athletes in KO rounds, results of the last round played (average, sets, highest run, second highest run, draw).
2. Qualification ranking.

Team competitions: groups rankings.

1. Match points.
2. Game points / set points.
3. Team general average
4. Best team game average
5. The direct match of the teams which are then still equal
6. Draw.

Team competitions: qualification ranking.

1. Placing in the group.
2. Match points.
3. Game points / set points.
4. Team general average
5. Best team game average
6. Draw.

Team competitions: final ranking.

1. Round reached for teams in KO rounds, results of the last round played (game points/sets, team average, draw).
2. Qualification ranking.

In some disciplines or competition there can be differences with regard to the valuation criteria and points attribution. These are settled in the rules of the games and in the playing systems of the corresponding championships and discipline.



In the final ranking lists of a competition the playing rounds which have been reached still have to be taken into consideration and only the results of the round in which the athlete is eliminated are valued.

On tournament tables won games and/or matches have to be made distinguishable in green, lost ones in red and tied ones in black.

As a general rule if one or more athletes (or teams) played a different number of matches in qualifications rounds (for example due to groups with different number of players or teams) the match points (and possibly the set points or game points in team competitions) can't be considered for the qualification and final classifications, for the selection of best seconds and for the entry ranking of final rounds. Therefore, if the above case will occur, the main criteria used for qualification and/or final ranking will be the ranking in the groups, the general and best averages, the highest runs.

Art. 14. MEDALS - CUPS - CERTIFICATES

For each championship medals are awarded.

For individual championships:

1 x gold

1 x silver

1 x bronze (2 x bronze with KO system)

For team championships:

Number of the team playing members + 1 gold

Number of the team playing members + 1 silver

Number of the team playing members + 1 bronze

The respective winners of the Coupe d'Europe receive a special trophy of the CEB.

Art. 15. PRIZE MONEY

The prize money is displayed on CEB website and is definitely determined in the corresponding announcements.

Art. 16. PAYMENT OF THE PRIZE MONEY

In principle the prize money are paid to the athletes. Federations which objects to this have to announce in due time to the CEB. The wishes of the federations have to be obeyed in this regard.



The prize money has to be paid in Euro. The payment has to be carried out after the playing round in which the athlete has been eliminated. For the medal winners it is done after the official closing of the event. Since in some country there are limitations on cash payments the prize money may be paid by bank transfers.

Art. 17. SANCTIONS – SUSPENSIONS FOR DOPING

In case of non-appearance after the closing date for inscriptions or leaving the event without any reasonable explanation, as well as in case of improper behaviour that is harmful to the sport and the event, sanctions will be imposed by the board of the CEB. In urgent cases the appointed CEB delegate can impose sanctions on the spot.

Reasons which can be admitted which do not lead to sanctions, can be, for example strike, illness, accident, force majeure or similar things. The burden of proof is with the concerned athlete. The proof has to be provided within 8 days after the incidence to the CEB board by means of original documents as far as the special incident is not generally known.

Sanctions can be penalties and/or a temporal exclusion from sporting events of the CEB and as a consequence of those of the UMB. As a rule in case of non-appearance or of leaving at individual and team competitions a temporal suspension of 2 sporting seasons after the current sporting season is imposed for the competition in question. In particularly severe cases the board of the CEB can impose higher punishments or can initiate a process of elimination according to the statutes of the CEB.

Suspensions at team championships includes the entire team (at club competitions the club) as well as the individual athletes inscribed for it for the corresponding team competition.

Individual athletes or teams suspended by the CEB are not allowed to participate during the time of suspension in comparable advanced sporting events, either.

In case of leaving the event it is regardless if the athlete or if the team is/are manifesting this by his/its declaration or his/its action or if it is a consequence of breaches of the rules or of improper behavior (exclusion from the competition).

At sporting events for which the closing date for inscriptions is expired sanctions do not have as a general rule any effects any more. Unless that the board of the CEB decides that on account of the severity of the offence. Also in case of a positive doping test there are other regulations as follows:

If an athlete is tested positive in a doping test, he will be suspended at the official announcement of the test results immediately for the duration of 2 years at the first offence and for lifetime at the second offence. The same is valid for test results at training controls which are valued as being positively tested according to the input requirements of the WADA. Suspensions on account of doping for the area of the CEB are carried over by superior sports organizations and also have to be carried over by the federations. Formal objection against suspensions on account of doping is possible at the CAS of the IOC. This one does not have any suspending effect. Claims of recourse against the CEB are excluded.



The CEB recognizes for its area the respectively valid minimum penalties for doping offences according to IOC/WADA/WCBS/UMB. Penalties of superior federations on account of doping offences are carried over for art. 17 of Basic Concepts of the CEB Sporting Program in the area of the CEB. Penalties on account of doping offences from the side of the CEB or of superior federations have to be carried over by the federations for their area and for that one of their subdivisions.

If a positive doping test/doping case is confirmed, all titles and all placings as of the event at which the discovery took place will be annulled. Already received medals, prize money, and other benefits on account of a placing have to be given back.

Art. 18. PARTICIPATION – ONWARD INSCRIPTION IN/TO SUPERIOR COMPETITIONS

Only if a federation representative has participated in a European Championship approved by the CEB, the same federation is automatically entitled to nominate a representative in the corresponding World Championship approved by the UMB. This is valid under the condition that the representative and the federations are not subject to any current sanctions, suspensions etc.

The onward inscription is effected by the CEB. Decisive for the participation is the number of places which are at disposal of the CEB and the standings which have been reached by the federation representative at the corresponding competition of the CEB. As a matter of principle the allocation of the places is effected by the board of the CEB. Athletes who are qualified for the participation in European championships and who do not participate without any reason which can be recognized, cannot participate till the next European championship of the same discipline in the sporting program of the corresponding discipline on UMB level, either.

Owners of the places allocated by the CEB are the national federations. National federations can freely determine the athletes they nominate. Exceptions are the European champion and in case of his hindrance the vice champion. These places are bound to the persons who hold them. A credit of these places to the federations is not effected.

As a rule the CEB inscription takes place according to the following criteria:

1. The European champion without crediting on the places of his federation. If the European Champion is already seeded by UMB the first place goes to the federation of the European Title Holder.
2. The vice European champion provided that the European champion is prevented.
3. Independently of the considerations of point 1 and 2 the CEB places for UMB competitions are allocated to the federations of the athletes not seeded by UMB according to their ranking order in the CEB competition underlying the UMB championship. In this ranking each federation is only considered once for the best standing, included the federation of the CEB champion, independently of the number of their athletes. Then in the following round the same priority is used.



Art. 19. DRESS CODE OF REFEREES AND ATHLETES - CLUB AND NATIONAL BADGE

a) Referees

The dress code of the referees is determined by the CEB Referee Rules. The clothing must be appropriate to the event.

b) Athletes.

The participants in official CEB events must leave a clean and cultivated appearance, with clothes being proper, having a good fit and being in good condition.

- Participants in individual tournaments:

European Championships: The dress code of the athletes participating in CEB European Championships representing their country is determined by their national federation but must comply with the requirements of the CEB and its advertising guidelines (see dress code A). The clothing should be the same for all athletes from the same country; exception is made for athletes that are using the opportunity of „free inscription“ at European Championships. A national badge or the federation badge is always required.

Other tournaments: the national uniform is not required but the clothing must still comply with present CEB requirements (see dress code B). Athletes must always wear a badge on the left side of the chest: it can be a club badge or a national badge or the federation badge.

- Participants in team tournaments:

Participants in club teams or national teams competitions must always wear the same type of clothing, both upper and lower part of the body. The clothing of all the members of each national team or club teams should be the same.

Club teams: Each athlete must wear the club badge on the left side of the chest. Dress code B is required.

European Championship National teams: The national uniform is decided by the national federation, it must comply with CEB requirements (see dress code A). The national or the federation badge must be present.

There are two types of dress code:

Dress code A: Valid for all European Championships.

Dress code A: Black shoes, black socks, black dress trousers, a single-colored long-sleeved dress shirt or non-transparent blouse, a bow tie, and a waistcoat. If a belt is worn it must be black. For women the bow tie and the waistcoat are not required. The shirt must be worn inside the trousers, and it's forbidden to roll up the sleeves. A blouse can be worn inside or outside the trousers. Shirt or blouse must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin should be visible.

Dress code B: Valid for all other kind of competitions (Coupes d'Europe, Grand Prix, Open and Invitation tournaments etc.)



Dress code B: Black shoes, black socks, black dress trousers, a long-sleeved polo shirt with collar and buttons (no zipper collar). Women can also wear a single-colored non-transparent blouse. The polo shirt must be worn inside the trousers, and it's forbidden to roll up the sleeves. For women the polo shirt or blouse can be worn inside or outside trousers. Polo shirt or blouse must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin should be visible.

Shoes: Black dress shoes such as leather are permitted. Sports shoes can be of any leather or cloth material, but they must be all black, no white or colored soles/logos/stripes allowed. Socks/tights must be worn and of a dark color, no skin should be visible on the legs/ankles. Shoes must be clean and in good condition.

c) Non-allowed clothing and items

When participating in CEB sanctioned tournaments it is not allowed to wear or use the following clothing or items:

- Trousers in any other color than black.
- Trousers with studs/chains, side pockets below the thigh, jeans and denim/blue jeans, corduroy material, leather, or anything else which have been fashioned in a „jeans style”.
- Shorts, sweatpants, or capri trousers.
- T-shirts or short-sleeved polo shirts.
- Long-sleeved T-shirts.
- Low-cut shirts or blouses.
- Hooded shirts or sweatshirts.
- Sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with open toes.
- Headphones or any form of headgear, unless certified by a medical certificate or religious grounds.
- Sunglasses.
- Mobile phones or other electrical equipment during game play.

Art. 20. ADVERTISING ON THE CLOTHING OF THE ATHLETES AND THE REFEREES

Advertising is allowed only on the shirt or on the polo. Each athlete has the right to wear their own advertising as follows:

- One advertisement of the dimension of a maximum of 40 cm² in the lower half of the left chest side. Indication: A lot of states forbid advertisement on the side on which the national badge is worn. This has to be considered and is not subject to the examination of the CEB.
- One or more advertisements with a maximum size of 80 cm² on the right side of the chest.
- One or more advertisements with a maximum size of 80 cm² on the right upper arm.
- Name of the athlete and/or federation or club of a maximum of 300 cm² on the back. 80 cm² advertising space on the left upper arm belong to the organizer. In case that this one does not use the advertising space, the athlete can use that one in addition.

The advertising space is defined as the space which a rectangle comprehending the advertisement is displaying.

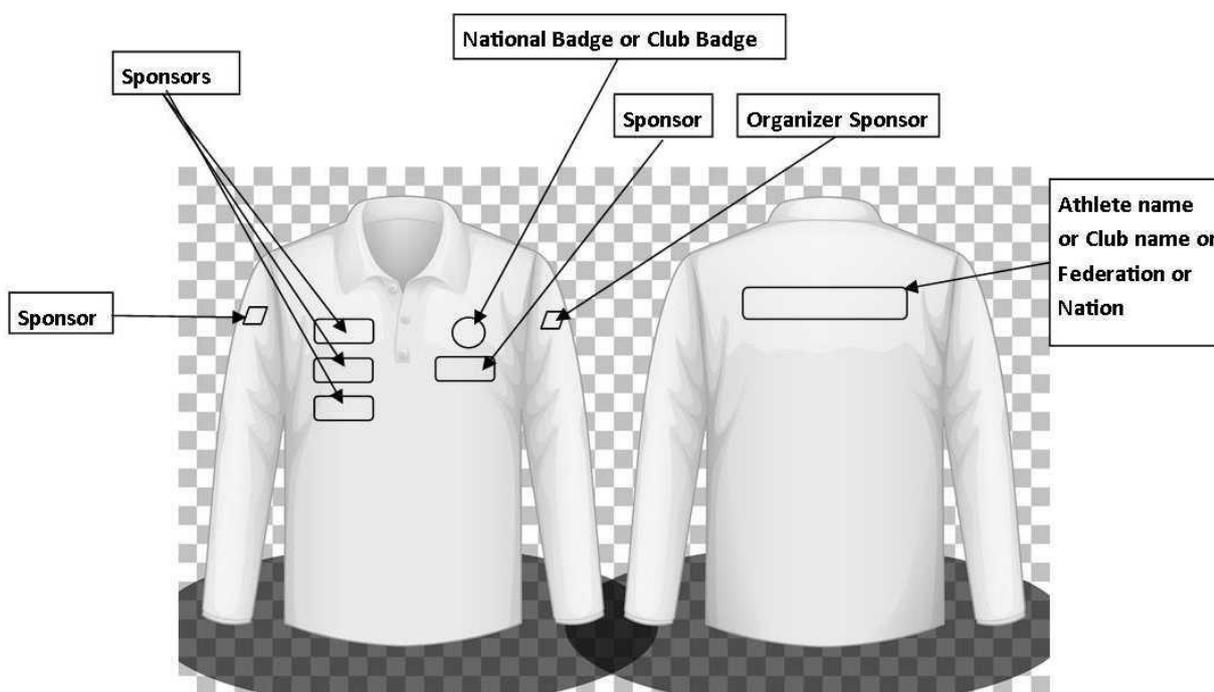


Advertisements with political, racist, ethnic or/and religious contents are strictly forbidden, as well as advertising slogans. Each advertisement must be discreet and appropriate to the sports and to the clothing. Bans on advertising for example on tobacco, alcohol, drugs and if needed others specifications have to be met.

If the advertisement of an athlete competes with a main tournament sponsor, the advertising of the athlete will have to be removed on demand of the CEB delegate.

The referees are allowed to wear advertisements of the organizer (not more than 80cm²) in an appropriate manner. All referees must wear the same advertisement at the same place.

Sponsoring contracts between the athletes and/or the federation/the organizer on the one hand and the sponsor on the other hand cannot bind the CEB and consequences from it independent of their kind cannot be deviated to the CEB. See below an explanation of **DRESS CODE B**.



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Art. 21. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

As a matter of principle a ban on smoking is prevailing in the tournament hall.

The consumption of alcohol is forbidden to all persons actively involved in the tournament during their service. Referees and scorer who are writing have to limit the consumption of alcohol also outside of their service that way that their function is not influenced in a negative manner.

The athlete, the referee or the person who is writing who offends against the determinations of this article after the CEB delegate has called his attention to this has to be excluded from the championship.

Art. 22. OTHER REGULATIONS

Missing regulations are decided in a legally binding manner by means of decisions of the CEB board or, in urgent cases, by the CEB delegate on the spot. After that the sporting rules are immediately correspondingly complemented/adapted by the board.

Art. 23. COMING INTO FORCE

These regulations come into force with the beginning of the sporting season 2023/2024. These cancel all previous and contrary regulations.



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