



# **A BASIC CONCEPTS of the SPORTING PROGRAM**

## **PREAMBLE**

These basic concepts are valid for all disciplines, age groups, sexes for championships and official tournaments of the CEB. Departures from them 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 programme.

According to its own discretion the board of the CEB can hand on the organisation of championships, tournaments and further rights partly or entirely to an organisation/company which has to be determined by the board of the CEB. 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 in particular also with regard to the payment of fees according to the laws of his country.

A duty of supervision will not be assumed by the CEB for the participation of youth sportsmen in CEB events. That one is incumbent on the sending federations.

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 in particular with regard to the payment of price money, expenses, overnight stays etc. etc. 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 authorised 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 (organisation fees). This is also valid for the inclusion on the official calendar of events. After the granting of the event by the CEB the organisation fee remains to be owed.

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 free tournaments is in principle possible. One has to supply for such ones at the CEB in good time with the notification of the place, the date, the organizer, and the tournament conditions. If sportsmen 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. 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 authorisation to play for the intended sportsmen.

If also sportsmen from other confederations shall participate in a „free tournament“, the application will also be effected at the CEB which carries out an advanced application at the UMB. This authorisation can also be dependent on payments according to the regulations of the UMB. Should such ones accrue, those will be charged and collected via the CEB.

## **Art. 2. AUTHORISATION 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 sportsman are not getting in the way of a participation.

Championships and tournaments of the CEB are in principle open for women and men of each age provided that their physical and mental condition allows the exercise of the sports, that they are not suspended and that they fulfil the entry requirements. Excluded from that are sporting events which are only determined for one sex. The age limitations for youth and junior championships are valid for both sexes. .

Sportsmen are in principle only able to start for the federation of the country of which they own the nationality. If a sportsman has several nationalities, one will have to make the decision one-time and unchangeably which nationality shall be valid for the sports of billiards. In case that sportswomen or sportsmen displace their centre of life (1<sup>st</sup> 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 host country. This under the name and under the nationality of the host country. A further start on national and international level for the country whose nationality they own or on

whose nationality they have decided according to paragraph 1, respectively, is excluded. If sportsmen change back into the country whose nationality they own or on whose nationality they have decided according to paragraph 1, respectively, a suspension of 2 sporting years –the ongoing sporting season not taken into account- will occur. The same is valid in case of a change of the centre of life into another country. **At the Club-Europe-Team-Championships three cushion and at the Classic „Coupe d'Europe“ and at the „Coupe d'Europe Classics“ an unlimited number of foreigners can be appointed in one team. The prerequisite for this is the handing over of the declaration according to appendix 1 until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August of the sporting year which is preceding the sporting season for which the authorisation to play will be given at the latest. The approvals for foreign authorisations to play will be published at the beginning of each sporting season for the in each case current season on the web page of the CEB. A participation for several clubs or nations, respectively, in the same competition is excluded.**

### **Art. 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING DATES for INSCRIPTIONS – SUBMISSION – ARREAR of ENTRY FEES**

The announcement (invitation) of events of the CEB is effected on the CEB web page at least about 12 weeks before the date of the event. The closing date for inscriptions is about 6 weeks before the beginning of the event. Legally valid for this purpose is the indication thereto in the announcement. Till the closing date for inscriptions all changes as, for example, the changes of registration as well as the registrations and the deregistrations are possible. With the closing date for inscriptions the announcement is closed and is legally binding. After the closing date for inscriptions the CEB sports director or the CEB Youth director immediately publishes the list of participants on the CEB web page.

**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 entry fees are imposed for sporting events, those will also be payable in case of the non-appearance after the closing date for inscriptions –regardless for whatever reason. About exceptions –in case of, for example, force majeure- the CEB board decides.**

### **Art. 4. DENOMINATION of CHAMPIONSHIPS and TOURNAMENTS and SPACE of TIME of the HOLDING**

THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS are partly open or closed individual competitions and team competitions which are carried out in a frequency of two years. On resolution of the CEB board the name of a sponsor can be attached at any place to the denomination.

The championships of the youth and of the juniors are carried out each sporting year. In the years in which „THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS“ are not taking place those will be assigned to different federations on their request for the carrying out.

Coupe d'Europe three cushion and classic are likewise annually carried out. The granting is effected according to the application of the federations to the corresponding participating clubs. If more applications than required are received, the granting will be effected according to a determined allocation key.

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.

### **Art. 5. INSCRIPTIONS**

In principle only the federations of the CEB have the right of the inscription to sporting events of the CEB and also for such which the CEB arises for superior sporting events of the UMB. Inscriptions can be bound to particular criteria. For example to particular performances or standings at national championships or on ranking lists of the CEB or of the UMB. Those are displayed in the corresponding announcement.

**If free inscriptions are allowed, sportsmen will in principle be able to freely register, provided that they are not imposed with suspension. Unless their federation has prohibited this and has declared this in writing to the CEB. In case of free inscriptions the participation is exclusively acting in accordance with the disposable places and in accordance with “first-come“ – come first, play first-**

### **Art. 6. AGE DETERMINATION for YOUTH and JUNIORS**

**Championship U17** – on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September of the sporting season in question the participating sportsman is not allowed to have accomplished the 17<sup>th</sup> year of his life.

**Championship U19** – on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September of the sporting season in question the participating sportsman is not allowed to have accomplished the 19<sup>th</sup> year of his life.

**Championship U21** – on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September of the sporting season in question the participating sportsman is not allowed to have accomplished the 21<sup>st</sup> year of his life.

## **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 lightening 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 none 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 cares for that that the sportsmen have a rake and a long cue at their disposal.

If there is a slippery floor, one will recommend to surround the billiard tables with a proper, anti-slip covering e.g. carpet, linoleum etc.

## **Art. 10. TEST of MATERIAL / PRESENCE of the SPORTSMEN**

The sportsman is allowed to test the playing material during five minutes before each game. On the part of the organizer the 1<sup>st</sup> test can be summarised 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 sportsmen involved. The test has to be executed under survey of referees/the tournament direction.

Seeded sportsmen who intervene not until a later date in the tournament, receive before their first game a test time of 10 minutes. Also this one can be summarised for these sportsmen before their first intervention after corresponding announcement and can also be likewise longer for all of them. The survey of a referee is required.

The involved sportsmen have to be at the billiard table ready to play at the determined beginning of their game. Sportsmen who are not present in good time lose the right on the test of the material entirely, at least, however, to the extent of their lateness. If the sportsmen involved cannot arrive to an arrangement 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 sportsmen 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 effected 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, sportsmen 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 that the sportsman of the same nationality is moving into the following groups as long as until no sportsman of the same nationality will be present in the group which will then be reached any more. The sportsman who would otherwise get this place gets the place of the moved forward sportsman etc. etc.

In the group each one plays against each of the other ones. In case of groups with 4 sportsmen first of all 1 against 4 and 2 against 3. Afterwards the winner against the winner and the loser against the loser. In case of groups of 3 sportsmen first of all 2 against 3 and then 1 against the loser and 1 against the winner. In case of groups of 2 sportsmen those play 2 games. If there is afterwards a tie of game points a third game will be played. If two athletes of the same nation are in a group, they have to play the first game against each other

## **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 sportsman 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 sportsmen 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 determines who will be the sportsman who begins. On the scoreboard the sportsman who is beginning has always to be indicated on the left side (view from above).

At games “with an equality of innings” the sportsman who has not started the game has an equalizing inning. This is independent of that that in case of a limitation of innings the target inning or the given game distance had been reached. Games with limitation of innings are played in general “with an equality of innings”

Games “without equality of innings” are finished when one sportsman has reached the game distance.

**Exception** : If the beginning sportsman ends the game / the decisive set in the first inning, the opponent sportsman will have the inning. If there is a draw, the decision will be taken in the KO-system by the extension. In group games each sportsman will have 2 : 0 points.

**Extension** :

3-cushion - The game starting sportsman begins with the starting point and continue his series. Than the second sportsman will follow as described earlier. Is there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until the decision

Classics (10% of the playing distance) - The game starting sportsman begins with the starting point and continue his series. Than the second sportsman will follow as described earlier. Is there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until the decision.

If one of the sportsmen has reached half of the game distance which has to be played, this sportsman will have the right to demand from the referee a game break of about 5 minutes. This only in that case when he is playing at that moment, but not during a series. The break is likewise valid for the opponent. In line with the public interest (television) the organizer is able to extend the break or is able to order further ones.

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

If the game is played with a time limit, the displayed time is clearly visible for the sportsman. The expiration of the period starts when the ball came to stop and the sportsman who is not in the game has taken its place. Passing of time is a fault. The other sportsman starts with the kick-ball. Depending on the game system, one or two "time-outs" are allowed per athlete. Time-out must be notified significantly by the sportsmen to the referee. The sportsman then gets an additional time for this inning. Used "time-outs" are to be displayed clearly visible for the sportsman .

### **Art. 13 RESULT VALUATION and RESULT DISPLAY**

**One** differentiates between the game at individual competitions and between the individual encounter of 2 sportsmen 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

At group games and competitions or game rounds which are not carried out in the KO-system, the following valuation criteria for the determination of the standings are applied in case of an equality of the points:

#### Individual competitions

1. Placing in the group
2. Game points
3. General average
4. Best game average
5. Highest series
6. The direct comparison of the sportsmen who are then still equal
7. Decision by drawing lots

#### Team competitions

1. Match points
2. Game points
3. Team general average
4. Best team game average
5. The direct comparison of the teams which are then still equal
6. Decision by drawing lots

**At** requirement tournaments in the youth area and in the disciplines Artistic and 5 pins there can be differences with regard to the valuation criteria. These are settled in the playing systems of the corresponding championships.

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

**Final** ranking lists of a competition are drawn up according to the same criteria. In this connection, however, the playing rounds which have been reached still have to be taken into consideration. Only the results of the round in which the sportsman is eliminated are valued.





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 instance is existent, all titles and all placing's 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**

The participation in sporting competitions of the CEB authorizes as a matter of principle –as far as no other criteria like, for example, suspensions are opposed to this- the participation in the corresponding competition of the UMB. 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 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. Sportsmen 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 programme of the corresponding discipline on UMB level, either.

**O**wners of the places allocated by the CEB are the corresponding federations of the placed sportsmen. Those can freely determine whom of their sportsmen they nominate for that one. Exceptions are the European champion and in case of his hindrance the vice champion and the respective first one of the ranking list and in case of his hindrance the second one of the ranking list. These places are bound to the persons who hold them. A credit of these places to the federations is not effected.

**A** CEB sportsman who is seeded by means of criteria of the UMB for competitions of them and who does not make demand on this place, remains at the inscription of the CEB unconsidered. Unless his federation allocates the place to the sportsman out of its contingent.

**A**s a rule the CEB inscription takes place according to the following criteria:

- 1.** The European champion without crediting on the places of his federation.
- 2.** The vice European champion provided that the European champion is prevented or a sportsman seeded by the UMB is then also without crediting on the places of his federation.
- 3.** The 1. of the respective CEB ranking list on the day of the publishing of the announcement on the UMB web page. In case that that person has already been taken into consideration under 1. or 2., the allocation of the place passes over to in each case that one who is placed next on the ranking list who does not yet belong as seeded sportsman to the number of participants of the UMB competition.
- 4.** Independent of the consideration according to 1. up to 3. the CEB places for UMB competitions are allocated to the federations of the placed sportsmen according to the ranking order from 1 up to X of the competition of the CEB which is respectively underlying to the inscription. In the first round each federation independent of the number of the standings of their sportsmen is only considered once. Then in the in each case following round the next place of the sportsman of the federation counts.

#### **Art. 19. CLOTHING of REFEREES and of SPORTSMEN**

The clothing of the referees is determined by the CEB board or by the organizing federation in co-ordination with the CEB. This one has to be appropriate to the event.

The clothing of the sportsmen is determined by the national federation which is sending the sportsmen. This one has to comply with the requirements of the CEB and its advertising guidelines and has to be the same for all sportsmen from one country. Excluded from the equality are the sportsmen who are using the opportunity of „free inscription“ at various championships and tournaments.

**A**t championships for club teams the equality of the sports clothing is correspondingly valid.

The participants in official CEB events have to leave a clean, cultivated impression.

The tournament clothing consists of: black shoes, black socks, black suit trousers (corduroy or jeans are not allowed) a single-coloured, long-sleeved shirt, a bow tie and a billiard waistcoat. For ladies the bow tie and the billiard waistcoat is not required. In place of the shirt a single-coloured blouse can be worn. For championships „small tables“ one can resign from the bow tie.

#### **Art. 20. CLUB- NATIONAL BADGE and ADVERTISING on the CLOTHING of the SPORTSMEN**

**E**ach sportsman has to wear at club competitions the club badge on the left chest of his clothing. This is also valid for sportsmen at „free inscriptions“. All other sportsmen wear the national badge at the same place.

**B**eyond that the sportsman has the right to wear own advertising. This one is allowed as follows:

- One advertisement of the dimension of a maximum of 40 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 of the dimension of as a whole a maximum of 80 cm<sup>2</sup> on the right chest side.

- One or more advertisements of the dimension of as a whole a maximum of 80 cm<sup>2</sup> on the right upper arm.
- Name of the sportsman and / or federation / club of as a whole a maximum of 300 cm<sup>2</sup> on the back. 80 cm<sup>2</sup> advertising space on the left upper arm belong to the organizer. In case that this one does not use the advertising space, the sportsman can use that one in addition.

**As** advertising space is meant 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 has to be discreet and has to be appropriate to the sports and to the clothing. Bans on advertising for, for example, tobacco, alcohol, drugs and if needed others have to be met.

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

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

**Sponsoring** contracts between the sportsmen 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.

#### **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 persons 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** sportsman, 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 –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 2013/2014. These annul all previous and contrary regulations.

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