



**CONFÉDÉRATION  
EUROPÉENNE  
DE BILLARD**

# **STATUTES**

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## PREAMBLE

The Confédération Européenne de Billard (CEB) is a non-profit European sports organization for the advancement of the sports of billiards in Europe. It has no purpose as a private economic enterprise of a for-profit nature.

The national member federations of the CEB and their structures have no claims on the assets of the CEB. None of the people working for the CEB share in the profits or receive disproportionate compensation that is unrelated to the purpose of the CEB.

Its main purpose is to organise championships and tournaments in recognised disciplines, to draw up the system of rules for this purpose and to promote the development of youth sports development in the sport of billiards by appropriate organisations.

The CEB is committed to democratic behaviour and takes a neutral position from a political, racist and religious point of view. Women and men are equal in rights. Please note that the masculine form used in this document refers to both women and men. The masculine gender is used without discrimination and for the sole purpose of lightening the text.

The CEB engage themselves for clean sports without doping and complies with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Anti-Doping Code.

### I. NAME, MEMBERSHIP, AIMS, ANTIDOPING, SEAT

#### 101 NAME, MEMBERSHIP

- 101.1. The Confédération Européenne de Billard, further named CEB, is the umbrella organization of the national billiard federations in Europe. According to the statutes of the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) also national federations of non-European countries can be members of the CEB.
- 101.2. The CEB has been founded on the 12th of July 1958 in Geneva by the federations listed in appendix 1 and takes up with that the exclusive succession of all preceding European billiard associations.
- 101.3. The CEB is co-founder of the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) together with the Confédération Sud-Américaine de Billard.
- 101.4. The CEB is member of the UMB and through it is linked to the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS). The WCBS was recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 107th session from 3-5 February 1998 in Nagano (Certificate signed by Juan Antonio Samaranch). This recognition implies that the CEB and its members respect the Olympic Charter.

#### 102 AIMS AND ANTI-DOPING

- 102.1. The CEB has the aims:
  - a. to advance the development of the various disciplines of the sports of billiards which have been recognized by the General Assembly on the European level and in the interest of the sports of billiards in general;
  - b. to offer the national European federations a connecting platform and to support them with their tasks and with the development;
  - c. to create incentives for the youth by the offering of international tournaments and championships and to awaken their interest for the sports of billiards;
  - d. to give the rules for the participation in official championships and tournaments, to compose the playing rules, to determine organization and referee directions;
  - e. to supervise the exact observance of the determined rules and resolutions of the General Assembly;



- f. to create European championships and other international competitions, to confirm the results and the records which have been set up, equalized or improved during these international tournaments, European or World championships;
  - g. to carry out further actions for the advantage of the sports of billiards in Europe;
  - h. to create by the organization of European youth and junior competitions international incentives in order to support the development of the young talents in the national member federations;
  - i. to represent the interests of the CEB and its national member federations with regard to the UMB and to all further superior governmental and non-governmental organizations of Europe and of the World.
- 102.2. The CEB does not interfere in the autonomy of the national federations which are affiliated to them. With the exception that there are contractual regulations for particular occurrences, for example, for the carrying out of international events.
- 102.3. The CEB and its members reject doping in sport and comply with the World Anti-doping Code of World Anti-doping Agency (WADA). All athletes participating in CEB competitions submit to the anti-doping codes and accept doping tests during training and competitions as well as, where applicable, blood tests. Violations of the anti-doping code will be sanctioned by the penalties provided by WADA.

### **103 SEAT**

The official seat of the CEB is in the Olympic Capital, Lausanne (Switzerland)

## **II. MEMBERS, ATHLETES AND CLUBS, OBLIGATIONS**

### **201 MEMBERS**

The names of the national federations which are belonging to the CEB are listed in appendix 1.

### **202 ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS**

- 202.1. The application for the admission must be sent to the secretary general of the CEB.
- 202.2. The following documents must be enclosed in the application:
- a. the statutes of the applying federation
  - b. the names and the addresses etc. of the board members the number of clubs belonging to it and the number of the individual members of them
  - c. the report of the national general assembly in which the decision has been made to apply for the affiliation to the CEB.
  - d. the confirmation of the National Olympic Committee (NOC), the national sports organization or the national sports ministry except: 202.3
  - e. the proof about the recognition of the World Anti-Doping Code of WADA
- 202.3. The applicant federation must prove that it is the most representative federation of the sport of carom-billiards in its country and that it has a national character. If several requests from the same country arrive, the federation that has the recognition of the Olympic Committee (NOC) of its country will be favoured.
- 202.4. The CEB only recognizes one national billiard federation per country. In case that already one national billiard federation in a country is recognized by the CEB as a member and a new national federation of the same country is filing an application for admission, the CEB has the right to examine both federations according to the earlier described criteria. The national federation which is fulfilling them most extensively will then in the future represent the sports of billiards of his country as a member of the CEB.
- 202.5. The admission of the new member (national federation) can only take place on the application of the board of the CEB by a decision of the General Assembly. The admission comes into force on the day after the conclusion of the CEB General Assembly, which has made the decision. In the concerning General Assembly the delegates of the national federation which desires admission can participate without the right to vote and the right to speak.



- 202.6. In case that the prerequisites are fulfilled the board of the CEB can recognize the national federation with all duties and sporting rights as a temporary member till the next GA. The decision of the GA is untouched by that. The temporarily recognized national federation cannot deduce from the temporary recognition any rights of any kind for a further recognition or membership.

### **203 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 203.1. The national federation loses the membership:
- a. by resignation. This one can only be recognized to the end of a sporting season, in case that it will be received in writing till the 10th of January of a year at the latest by the secretary general of the CEB. The contributions for the year of leaving remain owed to the CEB for the entire calendar year. The resignation will only be finally effective when the leaving national federation has met all its financial obligations with regard to the CEB and receives a corresponding notice confirmation by the secretary general of the CEB.
  - b. by radiation, as a result of the non-payment of the debts in spite of reminder by the CEB;
  - c. by radiation, as a result of non-recognition of the anti-doping code;
  - d. by radiation as a result of an offence against the honor or a repeated offence against the statutes, the rules and the resolutions of the CEB;
  - e. by radiation, if the federation has lost its predominance in its own country. See article 202.3.
- 203.2. Decisions concerning a. to c. are taken by the CEB Committee.  
Decisions concerning d. and e. are to be prepared by the committee and taken by the CEB GA.

### **204 COMPETITIONS OF THE CEB - ATHLETES AND CLUBS**

- 204.1. At their official championships the CEB only accepts athletes who are belonging to national member organizations of the CEB, which are not suspended and who comply with the criteria of respect and ethical sportsmanship and who recognize the anti-doping codes. In the current sporting season the CEB board decides about the admission in disputed cases.
- 204.2. The federations are only allowed to admit athletes and/or clubs from other countries, if in these countries no national federation is existing, which is a member of the CEB. Exceptional cases are settled on the direct way between the concerning federations. In case that no agreement will be reached the board of the CEB will decide finally.
- 204.3. Foreign athletes in individual competitions. See appendix 8.
- 204.4. Foreign athletes in team competitions. See appendix 8a.

### **205 OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AFFILIATED TO THE CEB**

- 205.1. The national federations affiliated to the CEB bindingly recognize these statutes, the additional rules and the resolutions of the CEB bodies. This is also valid for sub-divisions of the national member federations as far as those participate in championships, officials tournaments or other events of the CEB. The national federations keep the complete liberty to apply their own rules to the qualification of their representatives for the official competitions of the CEB and UMB.
- 205.2. The national federations affiliated have towards the CEB the supreme power over their sub-divisions. Subject to the prerequisites of the CEB they are free which athletes they inscribe for the participation in CEB championships and official tournaments. In case that for championships and official tournaments free athletes inscriptions are admissible, the national federations affiliated, on application to the CEB sports director, can make the participation of sportsmen of their federation dependant on their agreement.
- 205.3. The federations forbid their members to participate in international competitions which have not been authorized by the CEB.
- 205.4. The federations oblige themselves to assume punishments and suspensions which have been imposed on account of offences against the anti-doping code, for their area in an unchanged form.



- 205.5. The federations are annually (till the 01. of March) obliged to inform the secretary general of the CEB about the number of their members and about an up-to-date board list with all required details. If this information is not provided by 1 March, a financial penalty will be applied to the federation concerned.

### III. ORGANIZATION

#### 301 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

- 301.1. The English and French languages, listed in alphabetical order, are the official languages of the CEB. The General Assembly is entitled to approve other languages as far as the need arises.
- 301.2. The deliberations of the General Assembly are freely conducted in English or French with simultaneous translation into the other official language. If at the General Assembly a speaker makes statements in a non-official language, he or she must ensure translation into one of the official languages himself or herself or through a third party. The work of the Board and commissions shall be conducted in the language most appropriate to the members of these bodies.
- 301.3. The statutes are written in French and English, the French text will have the force of law in cases of divergence. The regulations are only written in English. The CEB website is managed exclusively in English.
- 301.4. To correspond with the CEB, the federations must use one of the two official languages of the CEB.

#### 302 SPORTING YEAR AND FINANCIAL YEAR

- 302.1. The sporting year of the CEB begins on the 1st of September and ends on the 31st of August of each year.
- 302.2. The financial year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of each year.

#### 303 QUORUM

A voting in the bodies/committees of the CEB is only valid if at least half of the votes plus one vote had been present at the beginning of the meeting. Exception: see article 402.3.

#### 304 VOTING

- 304.1. **Simple majority: (or relative one)**  
This one is the highest number of valid votes which have been cast for a thing or a person.
- 304.2. **Absolute majority:**  
The absolute majority has been reached if half of the votes plus one vote of the total votes cast for one thing or person has been reached. Invalid votes and abstentions from voting are not included in the account.
- 304.3. **Qualified majority:**  
This is about exceptions which are prescribed by these statutes.

### IV. STRUCTURE OF THE CEB

#### 401 BODIES OF THE CEB

The bodies of the CEB are:

- a. the General Assembly
- b. the board
- c. the auditors
- d. the disciplinary commission
- e. the patronage committee



## **IV.a. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **402 TASKS, ORGANIZATION, DATE**

- 402.1. The General Assembly (GA) is the highest body of the CEB. It can make all decisions, in so far as they are standing on the agenda and are not related to other bodies according to these statutes.  
In particular also the election and the discharge of the CEB board, the receipt of the annual statements of accounts and the passing of these statutes as well as the voting over applications in hand are incumbent to the GA.
- 402.2. The CEB GA meets every two years (odd years) in May/August. It will be organized by a national federation or, failing that, by the CEB. The location of the organization should have good connections to an international airport. An agreement between the CEB and the organizing federation will determine the commitments of each of the partners.
- 402.3. The GA can always deliberate validly, regardless of the number of attendees.

### **403 COMPOSITION**

- 403.1. The GA is composed by the delegates of the CEB national member federations, the members of the CEB board, the auditor commission (those can also submit their report in writing) and the persons who have been entrusted by the GA or by the board with special tasks and the presence of whom is necessary.
- 403.2. The GA will be directed by the president of the CEB. In the case of his disability a vice-president or the secretary general takes his place.
- 403.3. The delegates must be members of the national federations which they represent. They must be inscribed by name before the beginning of the GA at the secretary general of the CEB. A delegate entitled to vote of one federation cannot represent another federation.
- 403.4. A member of the CEB board cannot be a delegate of a federation. A member of a commission or a person who has been entrusted with special tasks of the CEB cannot be a delegate of a federation, if he has been invited to the GA by the CEB board for the reasons of these tasks.

### **404 PROPOSALS**

- 404.1. Only the board of the CEB and the national federations affiliate to the CEB are entitled to put proposals on the agenda of the General Assembly.
- 404.2. All proposals from the federations to the General Assembly – including election proposals for the board - must be submitted to the CEB Secretary general by 1st of February. Proposals sent after that date will be sent back to their authors who will decide whether or not to submit them to General Assembly with reference to art. 404.3.
- 404.3. Proposals of federations - not proposals for elections to the board - may only be placed on the agenda of a General Assembly if a majority of the federations present so request and the subject of the proposals was not known by the official deadline in accordance with Article 404.2; this does not apply to proposals of the CEB board provided that these proposals are distributed to the delegates in written form before the General Assembly. Changes to the statutes may only be processed if these proposals are introduced within the time limit provided for in Article 404.2.

### **405 INVITATIONS**

- 405.1. Till the 1st of January the secretary general publishes the provisional agenda of the next ordinary CEB General Assembly and reminds of that, that the proposals have to be handed in within the determined appointed period of time (article 404.2.).
- 405.2. The final agenda which includes all applications which have been made in due time will be made known in writing to the members according to 403.1. till the 30th of March at the latest.
- 405.3. Details of the General Assembly (Hotel, coaching programme, etc.) are published at least 8 weeks before the General Assembly.





## **406 FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 406.1. Next to its main tasks mentioned under art. 402. the General Assembly still decides in the following matters:
- a. the recognition of the results and records;
  - b. the adoption of the sports calendar for the next playing season;
  - c. the admission, the exclusion, the temporary exclusion or the deletion of national federations as far as this is not reserved to other bodies according to 203.1 and 203.2;
  - d. the conferment of honorary titles to members of the board and of the commissions for special merits towards the CEB;
  - e. the naming of honorary members;
  - f. the naming of CEB referees and honorary referees;
  - g. the naming of persons who shall be entrusted with special tasks or the dismissal for earlier given corresponding mandates;
  - h. the examination of the report of persons who have carried out special tasks;
  - i. the determination of the organizing federation for the next GA.
- 406.2. All questions which are not standing on the agenda, since the cause occurred or became known just after the mailing of them, can be included in the consideration and the passing of a resolution of the GA, if a majority of the present federations is supporting this.
- 406.3. The General Assembly may temporarily delegate all or part of its powers to the CEB Board or to a committee chosen by it.

## **407 NUMBER OF VOTES AND TRANSFER OF VOTES FOR THE UMB GA**

- 407.1. On the basis of the number of members and the participation of their athletes in international championships and tournaments, the national federations have in CEB General Assembly the right to vote which has been determined in appendix 2 as far as they have complied with their financial obligations. Otherwise the right to vote is resting.
- 407.2. The CEB national federations participating in the UMB General Assembly will have at their disposal the number of votes defined in Appendix 2, provided that they have fulfilled their financial obligations towards the CEB.

## **408 DECISIONS, VOTING**

- 408.1. All votes of a national member federation are not divisible and are united on one delegate which has been pointed out to the secretary general of the CEB before the beginning of the GA.
- 408.2. All votes will be taken by a show of hands except the elections or the re-election of persons or if a federation wishes a secret election which has to be decided by the General Assembly with absolute majority.
- 408.3. The majority of the votes cast is for all votes necessary, except that they have reference to a change of the statutes which requires a 2/3 majority of the votes cast and with elections or re-elections of persons where - at the first ballot - a simple majority of the votes cast is necessary.
- 408.4. In case of the equality of votes the application is rejected. If at an election or at a re-election the absolute majority will not be reached at the first ballot a second ballot with simple majority will be carried out with the two candidates which have reached the most votes at the first ballot. In case of an equality of votes both candidates concerned will participate in further ballots till one of them will assemble the majority on him. In case that this will still not be reached after 3 ballots that candidate will be preferred whose federation is still not represented in the CEB board. In case that this selection criterion is not applicable, either, the lot will decide. This election by drawing of lots has, of course, only two years of validity and has to be confirmed by the next GA for the further 2 years.
- 408.5. Immediately after an election the chairman announces the result. If one of the delegates contests the validity of this result the chairman will request the election commission for the examination of their counting out. If this result will not be accepted, either, a new three headed election committee will be determined, to which no delegates or board members are allowed to belong. This one examines repeatedly the result of the vote. And makes it known. Then the result is final and binding.
- 408.6. The resolutions of the GA come into force at the day after its conclusion. Unless in the resolution itself something else will be determined.



## **409 MINUTES**

Minutes of the General Assembly shall be kept by the Secretary General. All elections must be notified with their results.

At the latest 6 weeks after the end of the General Assembly, the minutes must be sent to the national federations and to the members of the board. Six (6) weeks after sending the report is binding.

Any dispute must reach the Secretary General in writing no later than 4 weeks after the minutes have been sent. The board will verify these objections and, if necessary, make any corrections, which will then be communicated to the federations. If objections are raised against the board's findings, the next General Assembly will make a final decision on these points.

## **410 ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RIGHT TO SPEAK**

410.1. The General Assembly is open to the delegates of the national federations (in accordance with art. 403.3), to the members of the CEB board, to the CEB honorary members, to the members of the commissions and to the persons who are carrying out a special task of the CEB.

410.2. The debates are further on open to all persons to whom the participation will be allowed by the CEB president.

410.3. The General Assembly is as well accessible to the board members of the national CEB member federations and to all persons who are invited to that by the CEB president, as well as for recognized press representatives, with the exception for the case that the chairman or the GA decides with a majority to hold a meeting behind closed doors. Such a laying down can also only be taken temporarily for single points.

410.4. All representatives of the national federations do not speak in the GA for themselves personally, but officially for their federation. The delegate of a national federation who is entitled to vote is permitted to refuse other representatives of his federation to speak in the GA.

## **411 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

411.1. An Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) can be convened at any time by the board or if one third of the national CEB member federations is demanding it. That one has to take place three months after the receipt of the application which is giving reasons in writing at the latest.

411.2. An extraordinary GA has also to be carried out with an appointed period of time of three months if the office of the president is deserted and that by that the by-election for the rest of the normal election period will be required.

411.3. All articles of these statutes for an ordinary GA are as well applicable to an EGA, though with the adaptation of the appointed periods of time.

## **IV.b. THE BOARD**

### **412 COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY AND STAFF MEMBERS**

412.1. The board of the CEB is composed by:

- the president
- the vice-president
- the secretary general
- the treasurer
- the sports director
- the youth director
- the two assessors who will be given special by the committee

The gathering of the functions of President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer on one person is not permitted.



- 412.2. On a fundamental resolution of the GA reimbursements for certain members of the board where the tasks and authorities of them exceed the normal efforts of a board member can be conceded.
- 412.3. If the financial possibilities will allow it, the board can employ for the handling of certain tasks, main or part-time employees (for example sports managers etc.). This also in connection with other organizations. The board can also place certain work for the handling - temporarily or permanently - with external enterprises/organizations for a fee. (for example: advertising/marketing, press/public relations or tax bookkeeping or the control by certified public accountants etc.)

### 413 TASKS

- 413.1. **The president** represents the CEB and is on the basis of the statutes, the rules and the resolutions of the GA and the board entitled to represent legally by himself the CEB to the outside and towards the interior.
- 413.2. **The Vice-President** replaces the President internally in case of absence. Externally he represents the President in combination with the Secretary General. In addition, the Vice-President will be assigned special temporary or indefinite special tasks.
- 413.3. **The secretary general** manages the current operations of the CEB and supervises the observance of the statutes, the rules and the resolutions of the GA and the board. He invites to the GA and the board meetings. He makes the agenda and the minutes and let the persons entitled have them within the period prescribed. The secretary general pronounces punishments, if necessary, with consultation of further board members, which result automatically for certain offences or lapses from the statutes, the rules and the resolutions or because of the disregard of the anti-doping code. He takes the applications for the organization of championships and tournaments in Europe from the national CEB member federations and he places them after examination by the sports director and in case of world championships also by the UMB with the national member federations of the CEB.
- 413.4. **The treasurer** settles the finances of the CEB. He presents to the GA his report on the financial situation of the CEB and presents the detailed balance sheets, the invoices for the year and the budget for the coming financial years. He will provide regular interim financial reports to the board. The accounting must be carried out in accordance with tax law criteria on the basis of a company in good standing. If this is done by external staff, he has permanent control over it. In addition, it must check the invoices received before payment. Especially the travel expenses statements in accordance with the statutes and the financial provisions/consignments must be checked before payment. He issues invoices, supervises deadlines, writes reminders and informs the Secretary General in time, if sanctions are to be imposed under the statutes, regulations or decisions.
- 413.5. **The sports director** is responsible for all matters which are concerning the sporting competitions. He must inform the Board of the current situation. If the administrative work in the field of sport is carried out by a third party, the sports director must permanently supervise it and take all necessary decisions – if necessary, in agreement with the president or the Board - so that the work is done. The sports director shall inform the secretary general and the treasurer if sanctions are to be taken for sporting offences against the statutes, regulations or resolutions.
- 413.6. **The youth director** is taking care of all questions which concern the further development of the sports of billiards in the youth area in Europe. The youth championships and official tournaments of the CEB are on his responsibility. As representative of the CEB at the European competitions for the youth he supports the national youth directors with the organization of these competitions. He is chairman of the youth commission of the CEB appointed by the CEB board.
- 413.7. **The assessors** are appointed to support the other members of the board and possibly replace them temporarily. Especially, when a committee function is not occupied, to resume work until the next election. The Committee may entrust them with special temporary or indefinite tasks in the interest of the CEB
- 413.8. In case of a dispute between national federations or between athletes participating in CEB competitions, it is the responsibility of the committee to act as mediator, if this is desired or necessary. If sanctions or compromises result, they can only come into force, regardless of the appeal to the CEB Disciplinary Commission, if the participants acknowledge them.
- 413.9. In order to ensure that requests for the appointment of new CEB referees are dealt with quickly, the CEB Board may provisionally appoint new CEB referees. This appointment must always be ratified by the next General Assembly.



#### **414 APPOINTED COMMISSIONS**

- 414.1. The GA and the board can appoint commissions for the handling of clearly specified temporary tasks. The members of the commissions do not have to be imperatively members of affiliated national federations.
- 414.2. The board is responsible for supervising the commissions. He may terminate their work, dissolve the commission or remove or exchange members. After the commission has completed its mandate, it must submit a final written report to the committee. If the commission was established by the GA, the board will forward the report with the invitation to the next GA.

#### **415 ELIGIBILITY, DURATION OF THE MANDATE, RE-ELECTION, EXCLUSION**

- 415.1. Board members with voting rights must have the consent of their national federation at their first election to the board. There may be no more than two voting members of the same national federation on the CEB board. This restriction is not applicable only if there is no other suitable nomination. A candidate elected without restriction keeps the consent during his term of office at the board and may stand for re-election.
- 415.2. Board members with voting rights must not have reached the age of 70 at the time of their first election.
- 415.3. All persons who trade with billiards and billiard accessories, who pursue commercial billiard halls or who independent in which form operate free economically in the area of billiards industry are not allowed to belong to the CEB board.
- 415.4. The members of the board having the right to vote are elected or re-elected in their office by the GA for the duration of 4 years. They remain that long in the office till the new election has taken place by the GA.
- 415.5. In case that a CEB board member having the right to vote retires before the end of the election period, the board can fill up the position – except for the president – till the next GA. Then the byelection of the GA is valid till the end of the normal election period of the board.
- 415.6. Only an ordinary or an extraordinary GA can remove by secret election and with a two third majority of the votes a member of the CEB board having the right to vote and having been elected by the GA, in well-founded cases (for example: behaviour which is damaging for the sports of billiards or the CEB - non-performance of his tasks).

#### **416 BOARD MEETINGS, DECISIONS AND KEEPING OF THE MINUTES**

- 416.1. The Board meets annually as many times as necessary for the proper administration of the CEB.
- 416.2. The board makes his decisions with a single majority of the votes cast. In case of an equality the vote of the president decides.
- 416.3. With regard to important, quick decisions a voting can also be effected by telephone par videoconference or by writing.
- 416.4. Each board member has to give his vote clearly with „yes“ or „no“. Abstentions from voting are inadmissible.
- 416.5. Minutes must be currently drawn up of all board meetings by the secretary general or in case of his disability by another board member, this one reflects the most essential things and above all it exactly reflects the decisions and with the result of the voting.

#### **417 ADMISSION TO THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- 417.1. The meetings of the CEB board are exclusively reserved to its members.
- 417.2. The CEB board can invite at its meetings any person whose opinion is desirable.
- 417.3. The president can allow all persons, whose opinion could be of use, to participate partly or completely in the debates of the board.



## IV.c. THE AUDITORS

### 418 ELIGIBILITY, DURATION OF THE MANDATE

- 418.1. The annual closing of accounts of the CEB will be examined by two auditors who shall be familiar with an ordinary business bookkeeping.
- 418.2. The which organizes the GA makes two auditors available whose costs will be borne by him. The names of the auditors have to be communicated to the treasurer at least two months before the GA. The federation also provides for that, that an auditor who drops out will be replaced.
- 418.3. If nothing else has been agreed between the treasurer and the auditors, the cash audit shall be carried out on the day before the GA. The audit will take place at the location of the GA.
- 418.4. The auditors bind themselves to absolute silence towards third parties about the knowledge which they get by the examination. For damages which come into being by the passing-on of findings which are obliged to discretion, the auditors are also personally liable next to the national federation which has made them available.
- 418.4. The auditors make a written final report for the presentation to the GA which has to be signed by both of them on the original. One of the auditors can also read that one by word of mouth to the GA.
- 418.5. The members of the CEB board having the right to vote cannot be auditors.

## IV.d. THE HONORARY MEMBERS

### 419 HONORARY MEMBERS

- 419.1. The General Assembly may award the following honorary titles with a simple majority of votes:
  - a. **Honorary board members**  
Former members of the CEB Board may be appointed as honorary board member. They will bear the title - for example: Honorary Sports Director of the CEB -- The appointment will be for life. Several titles of honorary member of the committee may be awarded for the same function.
  - b. **Honorary referee**  
Meritorious CEB referees who can look back on a long career of at least 20 years may, after leaving the active service as referee, be appointed as honorary referee of the CEB. The appointment is for life.
  - c. **Honorary member**  
Persons who have made a special commitment to the CEB and its interests and thereby acquired exceptional merits, may be appointed honorary members. The appointment is normally for life. If, after their appointment, persons prove unworthy of their title, the GA may withdraw it with a majority of the votes.
- 419.2. Applications for the appointment of honorary titles and honorary memberships can be made by the board of the CEB or in a well-founded manner by national member federations of the CEB. Before the latter will be submitted to the GA for decision the foundations have to be examined by the CEB board which can also hand over a decision recommendation to the GA to that.
- 419.3. Apart from the special tasks which are laid down by the statutes for a specific group of honorary members, all honorary members are exempt from paying dues or fees to the CEB.  
All honorary members have free access to all CEB and UMB sporting events in Europe.  
Honorary members also have the right to participate without voting rights in the CEB GA.

### 420 THE PATRONAGE COMMITTEE

- 420.1. The honorary members under 419.1. a. and c. form the patronage committee of the CEB



- 420.2. In case of the vacancy of the CEB board or in case of the ignorance of the CEB board at the legally binding existence of applications for the convocation of an extraordinary CEB GA, the patronage committee conducts the current affairs of the CEB or convenes as quickly as possible an extraordinary GA, respectively.
- 420.3. Should a liquidation of the CEB be necessary and should the board not carry out that one for the lack of filling, the patronage committee takes its place for the carrying out as liquidators according to article 801.

## **IV.e. DISCIPLINARY RULES AND PROCEDURE**

### **421 COMPETENCE AND PROCEDURE**

- 421.1 The Board of the CEB exercises the disciplinary power. The articles of chapter IV.b, in particular art. 416, are applicable. The Board may engage the services of an external legal counsel or secretary who shall not be entitled to vote.
- 421.2 Members who have a personal interest or whose federation is involved in the disciplinary procedure must automatically recuse themselves and will not be replaced. If more than four members recuse themselves, the Board shall instruct the case following this chapter's rules and then submit a draft decision to the general assembly for approval.
- 421.3 The Board must make its decision no later than three months after it was seised. In case of emergency, the CEB President may take a provisional decision which is immediately applicable. It must be validated by the Board within ten days of its pronouncement. Written resolution can be passed through circulation and can be done in electronic form.
- 421.4 The procedure is initiated by the filing of a complaint (art 425). The Board of the CEB may take up a case on its own initiative. The President forwards the complaint to the concerned parties and sets a time limit for them to set their determinations in writing. A second exchange of written submissions may only be ordered in exceptional cases.
- 421.5 The CEB'S President conducts the investigation of the case. He orders all necessary probationary measures.
- 421.6 When the case is ready for trial, the President shall call a special meeting of the Board to rule on the complaint. On its own initiative or upon request, the parties may be heard. The hearing and the deliberations may be conducted by video conference. The deliberations are held in camera and are confidential. The final decision is notified by e-mail.to the parties.
- 421.7 The disciplinary decisions taken by the Board on the basis of this chapter are binding on the federations, clubs and individual members of the CEB. Sanctions for specific faults which automatically follow from the CEB Statutes, regulations and decisions taken by bodies outside the CEB are reserved.

### **422 INFRINGEMENT**

- 422.1 The infringement are :
- a. non-compliance with the statutes and regulations;
  - b. non-compliance with the decisions of the General Assemblies, the CEB Board, the official Delegate of the CEB at a competition or anybody on which decision-making powers have been conferred;
  - c. a false declaration when registering a player or a team in a competition or as a candidate for an election;
  - d. unsportsmanlike conduct at tournaments, championships or in public;
  - e. bad behaviour which damages the image of the CEB.
- 422.2 A federation, a club, a team or an individual can commit these offences.

### **423 SANCTIONS**

- 423.1 The sanctions that can be imposed are as follows:
- a. reprimand;



- b. disqualification;
- c. a prohibition to participate in one or more official championships;
- d. suspension from all competitions for a maximum period of 5 years;
- e. a fine of a maximum of € 5,000.00;
- f. banishment of sitting on a CEB body, for a maximum period of 10 years;
- g. exclusion.

423.2 The above sanctions may be combined.

423.3 A disqualification implies the elimination from any ranking of the event concerned by the infraction, the withdrawal of acquired points and, finally, the reimbursement of prizes and other received profits.

423.4 In very minor cases and in the absence of a previous record, the Board may replace the sanction with a warning.

#### **424 VALIDITY OF SANCTIONS**

424.1 The decisions of the CEB Board and their consequences are legally binding for the entire CEB domain, its affiliated national federations and the sanctioned persons as of the day the decision was notified to the concerned party or as of the publication of the decision on the CEB website.

424.2 If a federation, a club or one of its teams has been sanctioned, this sanction is also applied – like in the case of automatic sanctions – to the members of this national federation or club in question even if it concerned its team.

424.3 At the national level, a federation is not obliged to apply the sanctions pronounced by the CEB Board. However, a suspension for an anti-doping code violation must also be enforced at the national level.

424.4 Any sanction pronounced by a national federation against an athlete or a club may, upon their own request, be extended to the other federations and to the CEB. The CEB Board is competent to rule on this request. The rules of art. 421 are applicable to this decision.

424.5 The sanctions that are pronounced on the basis of this chapter are automatically valid for continental and world competitions.

#### **425 COMPLAINT PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND FORM**

425.1 A complaint can be filed by a member of the CEB, an organizer of an official CEB championship or tournament, an athlete participating in an official championship or tournament, a CEB referee or a CEB commission.

425.2 The complaint must be made in writing, in French or in English, to the Secretary General of the CEB within 15 days following the offence or the date of its discovery.

425.3 The complaint must contain: the name(s) of the parties; a detailed description of the circumstances in which the offence was discovered; the witnesses' names; any other helpful details to properly investigate and make a good decision. Any evidence proving the complaint's content must be attached to it. If the complaint is incomplete, it is returned to the sender. The sender is given a short period of time to complete the complaint.

425.4 A complaint is only admissible if the incriminating facts date back to less than one year from the day of their occurrence.

425.5 The complainant is required to pay between €1,000 and €5,000 to cover the costs of the procedure. The complaint shall be deemed withdrawn if payment is not made within ten days of receipt of the notice by the complaining party. If, during the procedure, it turns out that the costs exceed the advance payment of costs paid at the time of filing, a further advance can be requested to pursue the procedure.

425.6 If the formal and procedural requirements of the complaint are not met, the complaint shall be declared inadmissible.



## **426 PROCEEDING AND PARTY COSTS**

The Board allocates the proceeding costs in theory at the same time as the merits of the case. The CEB's Treasurer communicates the final amounts to the parties after establishing the total, considering the advance payments already paid and the procedure's outcome.

The unsuccessful party in the procedure shall in principle bear the entire costs of the procedure. Compensation will not be paid.

## **427 APPELLATE REMEDIES**

Appeals against the Board's decision, except for the issue of fees, must be brought before the CEB's headquarters' competent courts within thirty days of its notification.

If the objection relates solely to the question of expenses, it must be addressed to the Board in writing within thirty days. If the Board maintains its decision, the dispute will be placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly.

# **V. FINANCES**

## **501 CONTRIBUTIONS**

Each national CEB member federation is obliged to annually pay the contributions laid down by the GA within the period prescribed at the beginning of the year, 30 days after the receipt of the invoice of the CEB treasurer at the latest. Currently for the CEB and the UMB according to appendix 2.

## **502 FURTHER PRESCRIBED PAYMENT PERIODS, MEASURES BY NON-PAYMENT AND CURRENCY**

- 502.1. All other payments which have to be made to the CEB have as well to be paid within 30 days after receipt of the invoice. Unless the treasurer communicates other payment-objects in his invoice. Those are then binding as last payment periods.
- 502.2. All payments within the CEB must be made in Euro (€). Bank charges are to be borne by the debtor.
- 502.3. Each national affiliated federation of the CEB, which is more than three months in arrears with its payments, will be suspended by the committee until payment is made. If payment is made between the registration deadline and the event, the participation of the nation or its affiliates in this event is no longer possible.
- 502.4. If federations are in arrears at the beginning of the season - currently on September 1st of a year - they will also be suspended according to article 502.3.
- 502.5. National federations which are at the point in time of the CEB GA in arrears with payments according to 502.3. do not have the right to vote in the CEB GA.
- 502.6. The board announces towards national federations which are more than two years in arrears with payments the provisional suspension of the membership till the payment.

## **503 ORGANIZATION FEES FOR CEB AND UMB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS**

For the organization of a European and World championship or of official UMB and CEB tournaments the organizing national federation has to pay organization fees to the CEB – or via the CEB to the UMB – according to the rules and the resolution. The present fees are enclosed as appendix 2.

## **504 CHANGE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Changes of the contributions which have to be paid by the national federations to the CEB will be decided by the CEB GA. As a rule, they come into force at the beginning of the new financial year (calendar year), unless the GA makes another decision with regard to the coming into force. The contributions which have to be paid to the UMB





are laid down by the UMB and are passed on 1:1 to the national CEB member federations according to the ratio of distribution in appendix 2. The GA of the CEB decides about a change of this ratio of distribution.

## **505 REIMBURSEMENTS AND TRAVEL**

- 505.1. The allowances for travel expenses, expenses, mileage compensation for personal cars and other expense compensation, which are equally valid for all those entitled to reimbursement of expenses, will be set within the budget by the CEB Board.
- 505.2. Travelling costs and charges are paid by the CEB for the members of the board and for those persons who have been expressly invited by the CEB for various meetings/conferences with the reference to the reimbursement of costs.
- 505.3. The members of the disciplinary commission and of the patronage committee have the claim to the reimbursement of costs of the CEB according to art. 505.1 at their mission according to the statutes.
- 505.4. The members of permanent or temporary commissions of the CEB have only the claim to the reimbursement of costs by the CEB according to art. 505.1. in the case that this has been agreed in advance. With those ones deviating regulations can be made by the CEB board.
- 505.5. If sporting rules intend that indemnifications have to be paid by the organizer to the sportsmen or to the officials, thus the amounts depend as well on the rules art. 505.1.

## **VI. ADVERTISEMENT, MATERIAL LIABILITY, CLAIMS AND NEW MEDIA**

### **601 ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TOURNAMENT HALL AND ON THE CLOTHES OF THE SPORTSMEN**

- 601.1. The organizer of a championship or of an official tournament of the CEB must imperatively observe the topical rules, the resolutions and the guidelines for the advertisement in the tournament hall, on internet and on printed matters for the event. This is also valid for the flags of the CEB, of the national federation and of the participating nations etc. which have to be hang up in the tournament hall, as well as for the publication of the CEB logo and of the correct title of the event.  
For damage which the CEB suffers from non-compliance, the national federation is liable which the CEB has entrusted with the event for organization.
- 601.2. The participating athletes in all CEB championships and official tournaments have to observe next to the compliance with the dress code the at the time topical CEB advertising directions for the „advertising on man“. The non-observance leads to the exclusion from the participation.

### **602 MATERIAL AT CEB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OFFICIAL TOURNAMENTS**

The organizer of CEB championships and official tournaments has only to use the material which is prescribed / authorized by the CEB. For damage which the CEB suffers from non-compliance, the national federation is liable which the CEB has entrusted with the event for organization.

### **603 EXCLUSION OF THE LIABILITY OF THE CEB**

At all CEB championships, official tournaments and other events, for example: GA, the CEB is the idealistic organizer. A liability independent of its kind will not be undertaken by the CEB. In view of the CEB that national federation is liable which the CEB has charged with the championship, the official tournament or another event for organization.

### **604 PUTTING THROUGH OF CLAIMS AND ACT OF COMPENSATION**

- 604.1. In case that an organizer does not comply with his obligations after the taking charge and the carrying out of a CEB championship, an official tournament or another CEB event (for example: non-payment of the price money or the travel indemnifications etc.), the board can lay down sanctions till fulfilment against the national federation which has been entrusted with the organization.



- 604.2. In case that a national federation does not carry out the CEB championship, the official CEB tournament or another CEB event which it has taken charge of for organization, the CEB can take charge of the organization of that one itself. The costs which have come into being have to be reimbursed by the non-organizing national federation to the CEB.

In the sense of the reduction of the damage the CEB can also entrust another organizer for organization with such a non-organized measure and can pay that one a financial subsidy to the debit of the non-organizing national federation.

## **605 NEW MEDIA – COLLECT RESPONSIBILITY OF INFORMATION - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 605.1 For the self-portrayal and for the public information as well as for the carrying out of the routine businesses – especially in the sporting area – the CEB makes use of the internet. It is within the area of responsibility of the national federations and of their sub-divisions to take the information from the CEB internet which are important for them.
- 605.2. As a matter of principles inscriptions are only to be submitted via the internet and are automatically administered after the handing over. Other forms of inscriptions can only be accepted by the CEB in well-founded exceptions.
- 605.3. For the correspondence with the national federations and, if necessary, with their sub-divisions the CEB makes use of the E-mail writing – also for invitations to GA etc. -.

## **606 DATA-PROCESSING AND DATA-PROTECTION**

- 606.1. For the fulfilment of their tasks, especially in the area of the administration and of the sporting programme, the CEB registers the data which are necessary for that, inclusive of data connected with persons, from their national member federations and their sub-divisions. The CEB can put this data into a central information system (internet) and can make them available to sponsors for carefully directed advertising actions. Such an information system can be carried on by the CEB itself or by a third person who has been entrusted by it under supervision of the CEB.
- 606.2. In order to guarantee the topicality of the stored up data the national member federations and their subdivisions in so far as those have a connection by participations, organizations etc. with the CEB are obliged to inform the CEB immediately about data changes or if it is prepared like that to put those themselves into the data bank. The CEB is not liable for disadvantages which arise for the national federations and their sub-divisions from that, that the data are not on the topical state.
- 606.3. The CEB or third persons who have been entrusted by it with the data-processing are bound with the ascertainment, the processing and the using of the data to the regulations of the data-protection according to European law. They ensure in particular that data which are purely connected with persons, as for example the marital status, the date of birth, the occupation etc. will not be made accessible to unauthorized third persons without the approval of the persons concerned.

# **VII. THE FLAG AND THE SIGNS OF THE CEB**

## **701 LOGOS AND RIGHTS**

- 701.1. The copyrights for all CEB symbols, logos, flags, badges of honour etc. are solely with the CEB. A use without the authorization of the CEB is not allowed and leads to claims to injunction and to indemnification. The national member federations of the CEB are without particular permission allowed – until recalled – to seriously publish the logos of the CEB on their printed matters and their own homepages.
- 701.2. The official CEB logo consists of a circle with the letters CEB inside. It can also be represented with the text "Confédération Européenne de Billard" (Appendix 4). This logo replaces the old one without making it disappear.

## **702 THE FLAG OF THE CEB**

The CEB flag is white with the official CEB logo in the center. It is 1.50 m wide and 1.00 m high.



## **703 SIGN OF RECOGNITION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE HONORARY MEMBERS**

The sign of the members of the CEB board and of the CEB honorary members is a badge with the three initials CEB in the same form as the "official" logo of the CEB. (appendix 3).

## **704 SIGN FOR INTERNATIONAL REFEREES OF THE CEB**

The sign of the referees of the CEB consists of a ribbon made of black cloth of the size 80 mm x 40 mm, on which the „official logo” of the CEB is shown, though embed in coloured circles which are flowing into each other. Above that the referee-emblem can be provided with the text addition "Referee". (appendix 3).

## **705 SIGN OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPION**

The CEB confers on all sportsmen who win a senior European championship in a recognized discipline for the first time, a special honorary sign to pin on. (appendix 3).

# **VIII. FINAL REGULATION AND COMING INTO FORCE**

## **801 DISSOLUTION OF THE CEB**

- 801.1. The dissolution of the CEB will be determined by a two third majority of the valid votes cast of the CEB GA. An application for dissolution cannot be an application of urgency but must be standing on the agenda of the GA within the period prescribed.
- 801.2. The dissolution of the CEB may also occur for other reasons, both internal and external, such as under-funding, loss of members, etc.
- 801.3. The liquidator of the CEB is the board of the CEB, if not anyone else will be determined by a responsible authority. Should such one not be existing anymore, the patronage committee is taking their place.
- 801.4. The remaining rest property of the CEB after dissolution comes to 50 % at a time to the IOC and to the WADA for the advancement of the sports and for the fight against doping in sports.
- 801.5. After the accrual of the liquidation of the CEB, that one only still remains existing till the completion of the liquidation. "In liquidation" will be added to the name of the CEB.

## **802 LIABILITY OF CEB BODIES AND COMMITTEES**

As a matter of principle, the members of bodies and of committees of the CEB are not personally liable for their decisions and their actions in the interest of the CEB. Unless there is a deliberately wrong action for the damage of the CEB.

## **803 RULES AND APPENDICES TO THE STATUTES**

The CEB rules and appendices to these statutes are not part of the statutes, in so far as the statutes do not expressly prescribe this. If in these statutes nothing else is arranged, the CEB board will be responsible for the change of them.

## **804 PUTTING INTO EFFECT**

- 804.1. Should parts of these statutes now or in the future be standing in contradiction to the statutes which have to be recognized of superior authorities or should offend against legal regulations, so those have to be replaced to the best of one's knowledge and in the sense of the general statement of these statutes. The rest of these statutes are not to be affected by that.
- 804.2. These statutes have been passed by the 44th general assembly of the CEB - in Famagusta 2007 ; they come into force with their passing.



The Art. 415.1 and 415.2 have been changed by the 48th general assembly of the CEB - in Brandenburg an der Havel (DE) 2015 ; they come into force with their passing.

A partial revision was accepted by the 50th CEB General Assembly - 2019 in Brandenburg an der Havel

Articles 205.5, 413.9, 414.1, 416.3, 419.1 and 702 as well as Chapter IV.e Disciplinary Rules were changed or added by the 51st CEB General Assembly - held by video conference on June 19, 2021

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