

<u>C</u> TOURNAMENT SYSTEMS

C/8 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 5 PINS INDIVIDUAL

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

48 registered players from sports federations.

Art. 2. INSCRIPTION and PARTICIPATION of the SPORTSMEN

- a) The EC title holder
- b) One wild card from the organizer
- c) 46 players first registered from sports federations according to their national ranking. Then the players registered in second position, and so on following the priority given by the last CEB Ranking National Teams.

Art. 3. PLAYING SYSTEM

- a) The games will be played in sets.
- b) PRELIMINARY ROUND: It is played on two winning sets (best of 3)
- c) FINAL ROUND: it is played on three winning sets (best of 5)
- d) The distance of a set is 60 points.
- e) Before the start of the game it is decided by cushion draw which player will begin.

The winner of the cushion draw decides on who shall start the first set. He will also begin the sets 3 and possibly 5. The opponent will be starting sets 2 and possibly 4.

Whoever starts the set 1 will always start with the white ball and will keep on playing with this ball throughout the entire game.

Art. 4. GROUP GAMES in the PRELIMINARY ROUND

- a) The 48 registered players will be placed in 16 groups of 3 players by drawing, taking in consideration that players of the same nationality will be placed in different groups. In case where two players of the same nationality are in the same group, they will meet first.
- b) The best 2 players of each group are qualified for the final round.

RANKING AFTER THE GROUP GAMES

1)	Places	from 1 to 32	qualified to the final round
2)	Places	from 33 to 48	eliminated (the third of each group)

Art. 5. PROCEDURE TO CLASSIFY PLAYERS IN A GROUP

- 1. Match points gained by the players.
- 2. If the 3 players of the group won 1 match each, Set points will be considered as follows:
 - a) If each player has a different number of set points, this will be used to rank them.
 - b) If 2 players have the same number of set points, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
 - c) If 3 players have the same number of set points, the **average** is considered. The player with the lowest average will be third and the result of the direct match between the remaining two will define the first and second position in the group.

c1) If 2 players have the same average, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.

c2) If all 3 players have the same average, penalties will be made as follows:

The 3 players will take 3 penalty shots each (white ball free and yellow ball in the starting position without red ball). The player that obtains the most valid points will be the winner. In case after 3 penalty shots the sum of the total points is the same, the penalty shots will be played over and over (one at a time) until one player prevails over the other.

Art. 6. FINAL ROUND

The 32 players of the final round will be:

- 1. The 16 players first classified in the groups are ranked 1-16
- 2. The 16 players second classified in the groups are ranked 17-32

Rankings 1 to 16 as well as 17 to 32 will be determined comparing the results achieved in the groups and taking into account:

- 1. Match points
- 2. Set points
- 3. Average

