## Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

48 registered athletes.

## Art. 2. INSCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION

Registrations by National Federation through CEB website.
Inscriptions will be considered according to the following priorities:

1. The Title Holder (PLACED)
2. One wild card from the Organizer if the organizer is not CEB (PLACED)
3. 3 CEB Wild Cards for the 3 top athletes of the Longoni NextGen 5-Pins circuit 22-23.
4. Other registered athletes as follows:

Athletes registered as first (NORMAL 1) by all federations. If the total number of participants is not reached the athletes registered as seconds will be accepted (NORMAL 2). The federations priority order for the second player and further is determined by the current CEB 5-Pins Ranking for National Teams. Federations not present in the ranking will be considered at the end of the ranking. Athletes registered as third (NORMAL 3) will also be accepted according to the same criteria until the total number of participant is reached. The same procedure will be applied for fourth, fifth etc, until the total number is reached (NORMAL 4,5 etc..).
5. If an accepted athlete will eventually not be able to attend, the first available reserve of the same federations in the reserve list will be inserted. In case the federation has no reserves or decides to not replace the missing athlete, a reserve could be added from any federation following the normal order of the athletes in the reserve list.
6. If applying points 3 and 4 . the number of required athletes is not reached, the Organizer can add local athletes. No effort will be done to adjust the drawing to avoid having these athletes in a group with others of the same nationality. If two athletes of the same nationality are placed into the same group, they will meet in the first match.

## Art. 3. PLAYING SYSTEM

The games will be played in sets.
The preliminary round is played on two winning sets (best of 3).
The final round is played on three winning sets (best of 5 ).
The distance of a set is 60 points.
In case of no mutual agreement between athletes, flip coin will determine who will start testing the table before the match

## Art. 4. GROUP GAMES

The 48 registered athletes will be placed in 16 groups of 3 athletes by drawing, taking in consideration that athletes of the same nationality will be placed in different groups. In case where two athletes of the same nationality are in the same group, they will meet first. The Title Holder is placed as number 1 in group A.

The best 2 athletes of each group are qualified for the final round.

## SET POINTS AND MATCH POINTS ALLOCATION:

- If the match is at "best of three sets", the match and set points are allocated as follows:
- 2 to $0=$ winner 1 match point and 3 set points, loser 0 match point and 0 set points
- 2 to $1=$ winner 1 match point and 2 set points, loser 0 match point and 1 set points
- If the match is at "best of five sets", the match and set points are allocated as follows:
- 3 to $0=$ winner 1 match point and 5 set points, loser 0 match point and 0 set points
- 3 to $1=$ winner 1 match point and 4 set points, loser 0 match point and 1 set points
- 3 to $2=$ winner 1 match point and 3 set points, loser 0 match point and 2 set points


## 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 ATHLETES IN A GROUP

1. Match points gained by the athletes.
2. If the 3 athletes of the group won 1 match each, set points will be considered as follows:
a) If each athlete has a different number of set points, this will be used to rank them.
b) If 2 athletes have the same number of set points, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
c) If 3 athletes have the same number of set points, the average is considered. The athlete 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 athletes have the same average, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
c2) If all 3 athletes have the same average, penalties will be made as follows:
The 3 athletes will take 3 penalty shots each (white ball free and yellow ball in the starting position without red ball). The athlete 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 athlete prevails over the other.

## Art. 6. FINAL ROUND (32 ATHLETES)

The 32 athletes of the final round will be:

- The 16 athletes first classified in the groups are ranked 1-16
- The 16 athletes 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 considering:

1. Match points
2. Set points
3. Average
4. Points scored
5. Draw (example flip coin)

There will be 2 third places.
Final classification for the athletes eliminated in the various knock-out stages is established according to set points and general average according to the results of the last reached stage. If there is still an equality the general average of the entire tournament will be considered.

The final round will be played (best of 5) by KO system according to the following scheme:


