

**ORGANISATION RULES**

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 1001 - CLASSIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL EVENTS

The championships and official tournaments are divided in 8 categories:

1. The National championships
2. The European Championships
3. Coupe d'Europe
4. CEB Grand Prix
5. CEB International Open Tournaments
6. CEB International Invitation Tournaments
7. World Championships and World Cups (UMB)
8. UMB Tournaments

The conditions for CEB International Open and Invitation tournaments are defined in article 1005. The agreement requests to the CEB/UMB of these tournaments must be in possession of the CEB, through the national federations, at least 6 months before the organization. The agreement of CEB/UMB is valid only when the organizing fees are on the account of the CEB. In case of doubt the requesting national federation is responsible for the payment. For championships and official tournaments particular rules are valid, also for dress, publicity and doping.

Article 1002 – NOT OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

1. The free open and invitation tournaments where an agreement is not necessary.
2. Tournaments between clubs of three CEB federations.
3. Official tournaments between CEB federations where an agreement is not necessary.

Article 1003 – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CEB will not interfere in the organization of national championships. However, the national results and final rankings may be of importance for international CEB and UMB rankings or for other reasons. Therefore, all the federations are obliged to upload the final results and rankings of all championships in all disciplines and **all ages** to the CEB website under "National Classifications". In addition and exclusively for the 3-Cushion discipline (individual, ladies and juniors U21), it is also mandatory to send by email to CEB and UMB the national championships final rankings in excel format with the UMB player ID of each player; **for all the 3C championships with age limitation it is mandatory to include the birth date and the general average**. The results should be sent within 7 days from the end of the championship. CEB Board may issue financial sanctions to the federations not respecting this rule.

Article 1004 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EUROPE

1. The World Championships are administrated and organized by the "Union Mondiale de Billard" (UMB).
2. They are subject to UMB regulations.
3. According to the rules of UMB, the organizing requests must be addressed to the general secretary of the CEB. The GS sends them, after consultation of the sports director, to the UMB. The requests could only be formulate by the national federations, which are guarantor for the payment of the organizing fees to the CEB, as soon as the invoice is arrived.

Article 1005 – CEB INTERNATIONAL OPEN AND INVITATION TOURNAMENTS

A: CEB INTERNATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT: It's a tournament open to free registrations by players/**teams** or by National Federations.

To be considered as "International Open Tournament" a competition must have both the following characteristics:

- Players/**teams** from 4 or more CEB National Federations are allowed to register.
- Total prize money must be higher than € 2000 for 5-Pins, € 3000 for Classic Disciplines and Artistic; it must be higher than €8000 for 3C.

For this kind of competition it's always mandatory to apply for a CEB Authorization; the dates must not conflict with other CEB/UMB competitions in the same discipline.

For the 3-Cushion discipline a maximum of 2 "International Open Tournament" will be allowed in one sport season.

Any international open tournament that does not correspond to the above description will not be considered as official CEB tournament. A CEB Authorization will not be requested.

B: CEB INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT: It's not possible for players/**teams** to freely register.

The organizer invites players/**teams** directly at his own discretion or by means of National Federations. Registration fees are not due and invited players/**teams** receive a compensation for travel and/or accommodation costs, players/**teams** may be guests of the organization. A number of non-invited participants is allowed without this affecting the status of Invitation tournament.

To be considered as "International Invitation Tournament" a competition must have all the following characteristics:

- Total prize money must be higher than € 3000 for 5-Pins, € 5000 for Classic Disciplines and Artistic; €10000 for 3C.
- Players/**teams** from 4 or more National Federations are invited. 1 player/**team** from other Confederation is allowed.
- Only for 3C: 4 or more players/**teams** from the top 16 of CEB 3C Rankings are invited. The ranking in force at 1st September of the current season will be considered.

For this kind of competition it's always mandatory to apply for a CEB Authorization; the dates must not conflict with other CEB/UMB competitions in the same discipline.

For the 3-Cushion discipline a maximum of 2 "International Invitation Tournament" will be allowed in one sport season.

Any international invitation tournament that does not correspond to the above description will not be considered as official CEB tournament. A CEB Authorization will not be requested.

C: WHO CAN APPLY: CEB, National Federations, Private Organizers endorsed by CEB/National Federations: the application is always officially presented by the National Federation endorsing which is liable for the payment of organization fees, prizes and every other commitment. The endorsing NF is responsible for checking that participating players are all licensed in a CEB Federation and not suspended.

D: OBLIGATIONS IN CASE OF MANDATORY CEB AUTHORIZATION :

- always mandatory to play with CEB sponsor materials (cloths, balls).
- Organization fees:

International invitation tournaments: € 1500 for 3C, € 1000 for 5-Pins, € 750 for all other disciplines

International Open Tournaments: € 1000 for 3C / 750€ for 5-Pins / € 500 for all other disciplines

- organization fees are not due in case of competitions reserved to disabled, youth, ladies.
- hotel of the CEB delegate for the last playing day (bed & breakfast + 1 night before + 1 night after). This is not an obligation for CEB, at any time CEB Board can decide to not send a delegate.
- send a technical description, the official name, number of participants and invited players/**teams**, the prize money of the tournament, the dress code, together with the application. CEB ranking must be taken into account in the game format (i.e. groups making).
- send free image and article/descriptions during the competition for media coverage
- Broadcasting: the organizer must contact CEB for specific agreements. Media rights belongs to CEB, the organizer has the right to broadcast in his country.

E: BENEFITS FOR THE ORGANIZER:

- the event is in CEB calendar, there will be no other CEB competition of the same discipline at the same time.
- free cloths and balls from CEB technical sponsor.
- publishing of news and results on CEB website and Social Media.

F: WHEN TO APPLY:

- at least 6 months before

G: MISCELLANEOUS:

- derogation from official CEB dress code is allowed.
- innovative formats or game formulas are allowed.
- CEB is not liable in case the competition is cancelled after publication, the organization fees will not be returned.

Article 1006 - CEB GRAND PRIX

CEB Grand Prix are special official competition. Detailed regulation are issued for each discipline (Tournament System). CEB Grand Prix results may count for points attribution in CEB rankings of several disciplines.

The attribution of ranking points is detailed in the CEB ranking lists and in the concerned tournament rules.

CHAPTER 2

ATTRIBUTION – SPORTS CALENDAR – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Article 2001 – LIST OF PRIORITIES

The attribution of official international championships and tournaments to National Federations is on the responsibility of the CEB Board. There is no list of priorities for the attribution of championships. Championships or tournaments may be attributed also for a longer period to a same organizer.

Before attributing an official competition to an organizer CEB will check the following points informing the organizers of the requested conditions:

- number of tables available appropriate to the dimension and duration of the competition;
- adequate distance between tables to allow a regular game play by the athletes;
- if an official broadcaster is planned, there must be enough space available for the technical equipments without disturbing the players. The organizer will be informed of all the needed equipments he must provide in the venue. Requirements of the internet connection will have to be checked with the broadcaster.
- Organizers must be informed of the official broadcaster and of the cost of the service when they are attributed a competition.

Ceb Board reserves the right not to attribute a competition if the conditions are not met.

Article 2002 – SPORTS CALENDAR

The sports calendar is set up by the Board of the CEB.

Article 2003 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. The responsibility to fix the list of competitors is only the competence of the CEB Sports Director. Registrations at the deadline are binding for the registrations fees and for groups making. If a withdraw happens after that groups are published the reserve takes the place of the cancelled player and groups are not changed. The registration fees are always due under all circumstances according to the registrations at the deadline. Registration fees is never due for reserve players called in. If -at the deadline- the registered players are not enough to fill all the available places the organizing federation will be allowed to register one or more players after the deadline to fill the empty places, in this case a registration fees is due. In case of no-shows, in absence of available reserves, the organizing federation has the right to fill the empty places with local players without paying a registration fees. This is allowed also after the registration deadline. In these cases a limitation of the number of registrations for each federation will not be considered.

2. No objection against a qualification or validity of an engagement could be retaining during a championship.

3. Any of these objections must be done in writing to the sports director of CEB within 10 days after the invitation.

4. Every competitor who thinks to be damaged by a decision against him could make appeal through his federation to the president of CEB, with copy to the general secretary. The president of CEB decides in the last resort.

CHAPTER 3

DISCIPLINES – EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - OFFICIAL CEB TOURNAMENTS

Article 3001 – RECOGNISED DISCIPLINES

The recognised disciplines are:

- Free Game
- Cadre 47/2
- Cadre 71/2
- One Cushion
- Three Cushion
- Artistic
- 5-Pins
- Biathlon (3C & 5-Pin)

Article 3002 – CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OFFICIAL RECOGNISED TOURNAMENTS

Are recognised as official championships and/or tournaments of the CEB:

- EC Free Game Ladies, U21, U17
- EC Cadre 47/2 Individual
- EC Cadre 71/2 Individual
- EC 1-Cushion Individual
- EC 3-Cushion Individual, Ladies, U25, U21, U17
- EC 3-Cushion Individual Small Tables
- EC Artistic Individual, National Teams
- EC 5-Pin Individual, U21, Ladies
- CEB Grand Prix Classic, 3-Cushion, Artistic, 5-Pin U21, 3C U21, 3C Ladies

- EC 3-Cushion National Teams, Ladies National Teams
- EC 5-Pin National Teams
- EC Biathlon National Teams & U21
- Coupe d'Europe 3-Cushion Club Teams
- Coupe d'Europe 3-Cushion Club Teams Small Tables
- Coupe d'Europe 5-Pin Club Teams
- Coupe d'Europe Classic

All individual and teams competitions are intended for both genders.
Free Game Ladies is played on small tables or match tables.

CHAPTER 4

DEFAULT - WITHDRAW - EXCLUSION - TIME SCHEDULE

Article 4001 – DEFAULT OF AN ATHLETE, REPLACEMENTS

If an athlete or a team is not present at the beginning of a championship, the organizing federation can provide for his or her replacement. Otherwise the opponent(s) wins without playing. In case of withdraws after that groups are published the registered reserves will be called to replace the missing players. If all the registered reserves are not available the organizing federation can provide for a replacement by a national player or team. In this cases a limitation of the number of registrations for each federation will not be considered. In groups of three with a missing players, if it's not possible to replace missing one, the two present players will play twice.

Article 4002 – DEFAULT/WITHDRAW DURING A CHAMPIONSHIP

In case of default during the championship the athlete has not right at indemnities or sports promoting prices. In case that the fault is not their responsibility or if they are attested unable to play by the official doctor of the tournament, they have right at indemnities or prices till the moment of their interruption.

Article 4003 - EXCLUSION

In case of exclusion during the championship the indemnity or sports promoting price is totally taken back. The decision of exclusion is definitively taken by the delegate of CEB on request of the tournament director.

Article 4004 - INCIDENCE ON THE TECHNICAL RESULTS

1. If an athlete or a team leaves a championship or a tournament for any cause and at any moment, all his/their results are annulled.
2. At KO systems or double-KO all matches which have been played against an athlete or a team concerning point 1, or which theoretically still have to be played will be validated like a winning game. The validation is realized only by the match-points and game points in case of team competitions.

Article 4005 – TIME SCHEDULE

1. The time schedule must be made public on CEB website or organizer website before the beginning of the event. **The athletes have to be ready to play in the tournament room 15 minutes before the scheduled time, in order to be able to execute the training (i.e. 5 minutes each), the cushion draw must begin at the scheduled time.**
2. The athlete must have a break of at least 15 minutes between two following matches.
3. The organizer can change the timetable for important reasons. This must be communicated to the concerned athletes in due time.

Article 4006 – ACCREDITATION OF THE ATHLETES

As a general rule the athletes participating to a CEB tournament must prove their presence in the event location the day before the start of the competition. The organizers must arrange a system to register the presence of the athletes and inform promptly the CEB Sport director in case of missing athletes.

CHAPTER 5

CLASSIFICATION OF THE ATHLETES

Article 5001 – CRITERION OF CLASSIFICATION OF THE ATHLETES

The place of the athletes in the start ranking list is fixed in the particular rules.

Article 5002 - DEFINITIONS

1. The general average is the quotient of the total of points scored in all the matches of a tournament divided by the total number of innings. **The match average (or game average) is the quotient of the points**

scored in one single match divided by the number of played innings. Points and innings played in extensions are not counted. In extensions of the team tournaments, where several disciplines are played, the proportional average of a team is calculated on the same manner.

2. At artistic the percentage of the points is obtained by the ratio between realized points and the possible number of points.

The result of averages calculation is always truncated at the third decimal (rounded down).

CHAPTER 6 MEDIA

Article 6001 – BROADCASTING RIGHTS

All broadcasting and media rights in relation to CEB events belong to the CEB.

If CEB has an official broadcaster, the organizers are obliged to use this service.

CEB Board may agree for special arrangements with the organizers.

Details are explained in the media partnership document.

CEB grants to the organizer the non-exclusive broadcasting rights in his own country on a TV channel. Being a non-exclusive right, if a CEB event or part of event is broadcasted on a local TV channel this must be always visible outside the host country. Alternatively a video streaming service without any geographic limitation for the rest of the world must always be granted.

Article 6002 – PRESS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. The organizer must publish after each round the results, the new ranking and the forecast of the next round. This must be communicated after each round without delay by e-mail or by other means to the CEB sport director. Results will be published on CEB website.

2. In the interest of everyone, results could be sent also to the national and local press.

3. The organizer informs the CEB about channel, date and hour of the television broadcast as soon as he is informed.

4. Printed or electronic information board must be present in the venue to inform about the progress of the competition.

CHAPTER 7 RECORDS

Article 7001 – RECOGNITION OF RECORDS

The CEB is authorised to recognise the records.

Article 7002 – THE RECORDS

1. The CEB differentiates between 3 kinds of records:

a) The World records

The World records could be recognised by the CEB as European records and by the federations as national records

b) The European records

The European records are recognised by the CEB and could be recognised by the federations as national records

c) The national records

The national records could be recognised by the concerned federations.

2. Are recognised as European records:

a) in all individual discipline

a1 Record of general average

A record of general average could only be set up during a European or World championship, and only on the distance of the concerned discipline. Moreover he has to go over the maximum of the parties of this championship (also in KO or Double-KO).

a2 Record of particular average

A record of particular average could only be set up during a European or World championship, and only on the distance of the concerned discipline. Moreover the match must be a winning or an equality game.

a3 Record of the highest series

A record of the highest series could only be set up during a European or World championship, and only on the distance of the concerned discipline.

He could only be played on the maximal distance of a party of the discipline.

b) at Triathlon competitions

b1 Record of general average

could only be set up during a European or World championship, and consist of the general equivalent average

calculate in according with the “Portuguese Table” and on the maximum of the parties of this championship (also in KO or Double-KO).

b2 Record of particular average

could only be set up during a European or World championship, and consist of the general equivalent average calculate in according with the “Portuguese Table”. Moreover it must be a winning or an equality match against only one opponent.

c) at Pentathlon competitions c1 idem b1

c2 idem b2

d) at artistic competitions

d1 Record of points realized on 68 figures

d2 Record of the number of successfully figures

CHAPTER 8 DIRECTION AND PROTOCOL

Article 8001 – DIRECTION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. At all European championships and assimilated, the Board of the CEB will delegate - if the organizing federation is asking - the sports director or, for lack of him/her, another person in charge of the technical direction of the event, including the approval of the equipment, the organization and the composition of the parties, the check of the progress and the technical results. Staff and equipment must be at the disposal of the CEB nominated tournament director, and a pc with printer and internet connection as well.

The travelling and staying expenses of the director delegate on this way by the CEB are at charge of the organizer of the competition.

2. The tournament director is, in principle, nominated by the organizer in according with the directives of the CEB. The CEB sends an official delegate taking in charge only the travelling expenses; accommodation expenses on a B&B basis are in charge to the organizer according to the Appendix 2 “Financial arrangements” of the CEB statutes.

3. The indication of the official delegation of the CEB Board must be represented in all published documents and in all communications.

The task of the official delegate of the CEB is to supervise the sports progress of the tournament **and to represent the CEB**. His work is to ensure the respect of the rules of the CEB and he has full authority to take all useful measures with this end in view. **If necessary, in case of extreme situations and severe rules infringement, after consultations with the tournament director and the CEB Board, he could even exclude a competitor from the championship, stop the competition or dissolve the competition depending on the statutes.**

Article 8002 – DECORATION OF THE HALL

The room where an international competition goes on has to be decorated with the **logo** of the CEB and with the **flags** of the participant nations. The decoration of the room has to fit to the event. CEB will give to each organizer detailed instructions about the presence of the logos of CEB partners and sponsors in the venue and on the billiards. These instructions must be strictly respected.

Background instrumental music is allowed in the arena at a not disturbing low volume. If the event is streamed live on internet the music must be free of copyrights. CEB can provide a free copyright playlist.

Article 8003 – OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

1. The opening and closing ceremonies of European championships and assimilated as well as the proclamation of the winner and the medal-winner, will be presided by the CEB delegate.

2. The CEB delegate has to be the member of the Board of the CEB designated by the Board or, for lack, a present member of the Board of the CEB or, for lack, by a personality designate by the Board of the CEB.

3. The CEB Delegate is the responsible person for the organization of the podium ceremony in coordination with the organizers.

4. Medal winners **of any CEB event** (athletes and teams) are obliged to attend the podium ceremony. The medal winners (athlete or team) not attending the podium ceremony lose the right to the medal and to the prize money. All the participant athletes (and teams) to any CEB event are obliged to attend the opening ceremony. **The CEB Board will issue disciplinary sanctions in case of not attending. Sanctions for not attending could be: warning, financial fine, suspension, depending on the number of infringements. In case the not attending is due to serious and proved reasons or force majeure the CEB Board may decide to do not apply sanctions.**

Article 8004 – OPENING CEREMONY

1. Hall speaker: salutation of spectators, athletes, VIP and CEB delegate. The floor is left to the organizing federation and local authorities for their eventual speech.
2. The hall speaker gives the floor to the CEB delegate for the official opening of the event. The CEB delegate may use this formula: “On behalf of the Confédération Européenne de Billard, I declare open the.....of the sports season”
3. The national anthem of the organizing country is played.
4. First games are called or the floor is given to the tournament director for the announcement of the first games.

Article 8005 – MEDAL-WINNERS PROCLAMATION, HAND OVER OF THE MEDALS

1. The CEB delegate together with the organizers will decide in advance the persons who will award the medals.
2. As soon as the final game is finished the hall speaker asks the spectators to stay in the tournament venue for the medal ceremony that will start shortly.
3. The hall speaker starts the ceremony, medal winners and the persons delivering the medals are called to the podium zone.
4. The hall speaker declares the bronze medalist and the person delivering the medal .
Example of speech: “Third and winner of the bronze medal is representative of the federation, medal is presented by”. The athlete steps on the podium and the medal is awarded. This is repeated for the second bronze medal.
5. The hall speaker declares the silver medalist and the person delivering the medal.
Example of speech: “Second and winner of the silver medal is representative of the federation, medal is presented by”. The athlete steps on the podium and the medal is awarded.
6. The hall speaker asks the CEB delegate to take the floor and declare the winner.
Example of speech: “On behalf of the Confédération Européenne de Billard, I proclaim the victory of representative of the federation and declare him/her new European Champion for the sport season The athlete steps on the podium. The CEB delegate awards the gold medal.
7. The national anthem of winner federation is played.
8. Eventual short speech, shows or other awards from authorities or organizers may take place now.

Article 8006 – CLOSING CEREMONY

1. The hall speaker invites the CEB delegate Mr/Mrs to take the floor and officially close the event.
2. The CEB delegate takes the floor and may deliver a short speech (thanks to organizers, athletes volunteers, referees etc..).
3. He/she officially closes the event.
Example of speech: On behalf of the Confédération Européenne de Billard I declare closed the European Championship of the sport season, I invite athletes and spectator to the next CEB event.”
4. The national anthem of the host country is played.