



A BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE SPORTING PROGRAM

PREAMBLE

These basic concepts are valid for all disciplines, age groups, and genders, for all championships and official tournaments of the CEB. Details not defined here 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 program.

According to its own discretion, the CEB board has the sole authority to assign championships, tournaments and/or further rights, partly or entirely, to an organization or company chosen by the board. 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 includes, in particular, the payment of fees and taxes according to the country laws of the new owner of the rights.

CEB is not responsible for supervising the participating young athletes in CEB events. This responsibility lies with the respective federation.

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 includes, in particular, the payment of prize money, expenses, overnight stays and so on. 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 authorized 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 (organization fees). This is also valid for the inclusion on the official calendar of events. After the granting of the event by the CEB the organization fee remains to be owed.

In principle, the CEB's sporting calendar is drawn up for the next season by June 30th but additions or changes can be made up to August 31st.

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. 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 in charge of for organization, the CEB can take in charge of the



organization itself. The costs which have come into being have to be reimbursed by the non-organizing national federation to the CEB.

The organization of international open and invitation tournaments is in principle possible according to the CEB Organization Rules. One has to apply for such ones at the CEB in good time with the notification of the place, the date, the organizer, and the tournament conditions. If athletes 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 according to the Organization rules. 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 authorization to play for the intended athletes.

If more than one athlete for another Confederation will participate in a CEB free or open tournament an UMB authorization is needed. Organization fees may be due to UMB also. In this case the UMB organization fees will be charged to the federation and collected by the CEB that will transfer the amount to UMB.

Art. 2. AUTHORIZATION 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 athlete are not getting in the way of a participation.

It's a responsibility of each national federation to inform CEB of their suspended athletes at national level in order to deny their participation to CEB competitions. In case of national suspension the national federations may request CEB to apply a suspension before the registrations deadline to a competition.

Championships and tournaments of the CEB are in principle open for all genders of any age provided that their physical and mental condition allows the exercise of the sports, that they are not suspended and that they fulfill the entry requirements. Excluded from that are sporting events which are only determined for one gender. The age limitations for youth and junior championships are valid for both genders.

Athletes are in principle only able to start for the federation of the country of which they own the nationality. If an athlete has several nationalities, he will have to choose which nationality shall be valid for the sport of billiard. In case that athletes displace their centre of life (1st 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 new host country.

CEB Ranking points (except for CEB 3C rankings) are set to zero when an athlete changes nationality. All the matter is ruled by CEB Statute appendix.

Permission to play:



As a general rule, in order to participate to a Coupe d'Europe as a member of a foreign club team it is mandatory to declare this participation at the beginning of the concerned sport season (August 31st) by submitting an official declaration to the CEB (Permission to play). The Permission to play must be submitted by the National Federation (NF) corresponding to the athlete's nationality.

NFs must submit this declaration only and exclusively using the dedicated form on CEB website by accessing with their private account. No other means of communication will be accepted. Once this is done the Permission will be immediately visible on the dedicated page on CEB website. The deadline is August 31st for the next sport season. NFs and the concerned athletes are strongly suggested to verify before the deadline that their permission is correctly registered

The submitted Permission to play for one foreign team, once the deadline is expired, prevents the participation to a Coupe d'Europe as a member of any other club team, included teams of the same nationality of the submitter.

The Permission to play can't be withdrawn or changed after the deadline.

The Permission to play is valid from September 1st until August 31st of the concerned sport season.

One Permission to play is valid for only one discipline. In case of participations to more discipline (i.e. Coupe d'Europe 3C, Classic and 5-Pins) it must be registered for each discipline.

The participation for several clubs in the same international competition is not allowed.

Special cases may occur:

- **Athlete with multiple nationalities:** the NF of the country which the player is representing internationally must submit the Permission to play. Beside the NF the player represents, the Permission is required for playing as a member of a club of any other NF. If this player has never played internationally the concerned NFs must declare which country the player is representing.
- **Athlete licensed in more than one NF:** the Permission to play must be submitted by the NF the athlete is representing internationally corresponding to his/her nationality. If this player has never played internationally the NF representing the nationality of the player is considered.
- **Athlete residing and playing in a country where he/she doesn't own the nationality and he/she is licensed only for the NF of this country:** the NF of this country can submit a Permission to play for a foreign club team. In this case the Permission to play is not required to play in a club team of the NF of the country where the athlete is residing and playing.
- **Athlete residing in a country where he/she doesn't own the nationality and he/she is licensed for the NF of his/her country of origin:** the NF of his/her country of origin is entitled to submit a Permission to play for a foreign club team (included a team of the country where he/she is residing). In this case the Permission to play is not required to play in a club team of the NF of the country of origin.
- **Athletes whose nationality refers to another Confederation:** an official letter from his/her NF is required; the concerned continental Confederation must be in copy of this letter. This letter must declare the name of the club and the nationality of the club for which



the athlete is willing to play the Coupe d'Europe. This letter must be sent to the CEB General Secretary within August 31st for the next sport season.

By presenting this declaration the NF guarantees that the athlete is not subject to suspension.

Art. 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING DATES FOR INSCRIPTIONS – SUBMISSION – ARREAR OF ENTRY FEES

The announcement (invitation) of events of the CEB is published on the CEB website about 12 weeks before the date of the event. The closing date for inscriptions is about 6 weeks before the beginning of the event. The exact registrations opening and closing dates (deadline) are published in the announcement.

Until the inscription deadline it is possible to change and also cancel the registration of an athlete or a team. After the closing date for inscriptions the announcement is closed and legally binding. The CEB sports director will publish the list of confirmed participants and the reserves on the CEB website.

After the registration deadline, in case of any forfeit or cancellation (whatever the reason and no matter if it is a placed registration or normal registration), the first available reserve will be called in to replace missing athletes or teams, the nationality does not matter. Special cases may be detailed in the concerned tournament rules.

As a general rule, if a forfeit or a cancellation happens after that groups are published, the reserve called in will replace the missing player in the same position in the same group.

The registrations at the time of the deadline are binding for the registration fees except for reserves for which the registration fees are not charged. Groups will be published no later than one week before the start of the tournament.

In case of empty places when the maximum number of participants is not reached at the registration deadline the organizing federation has the right to fill the empty places with local participants. This is allowed also after the registration deadline. In these case registrations fees are due. In case of cancellations after the deadline when no reserves are available the organizer federation can nominate one or more additional participant, registration fees are not due. Limitations to the number of participants from the same federation will not be considered.

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 a registered athlete withdraws after the registration deadline the registration fee is always due. If it has already been paid it will not be reimbursed, whatever the reason for the withdraw. About exceptions, in case for example of force majeure, the CEB board decides.

The participation in CEB events without prior payment of the entry fee is not allowed.



Competitions without entry fees or with entry fees to be paid cash on site: in case of no-show or withdrawal after the registration deadline a fine of 150€ for individuals (250€ for teams) will be imposed to the athlete (or to the team). The athlete (or the team) will not be able to register for any following event until the fine has been paid. About exceptions, in case for example of force majeure, the CEB board decides. Youth competitions are excluded (U17-U21).

Art. 4. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS are closed or partly open individual competitions and team competitions. All the CEB affiliated National Federations have the right to participate with at least one representative, as far as they are not subject to any current sanction or suspension. The participation of minimum 8 athletes from at least 5 national federations is mandatory for a European Championship to take place. At the closing date for registration if this requirement is not met the CEB Board may cancel a championship. CEB will not be liable for the cancellation itself nor for the direct and indirect consequential damages. In case of cancellation decided by CEB Board the organization fees will be returned. For youth EC (U17-U21) the above condition is set to 4 national federations and 6 registered athletes.

Coupe d'Europe is an international competition by teams. The organization is granted to a club or to a federation following an application by a federation. All the CEB affiliated National Federations have the right to participate with at least one representative, as far as they are not subject to any current sanction or suspension.

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.

On decision of the CEB board the name of a sponsor can be attached to the official denomination of a CEB sport event.

Art. 5. INSCRIPTIONS

As a general rule only the National Federations have the right to register their athletes to CEB sport events. The registration of athletes to superior events of the UMB (i.e. World Championship) is likewise carried out by National Federation to the CEB and afterward by the CEB to the UMB. Registrations procedures and deadlines are displayed in the corresponding announcements.

In case of free inscription, the participation is limited to the number of available places. Athletes will be able to freely register, provided that they are not imposed with suspension and unless their federation has prohibited this and has declared this in writing to the CEB. The places are distributed according to the principle stated in the concerned tournament rules. Ranking points or placed athletes will not be used unless specifically stated in the tournament announcement.

The CEB reserves the right to allocate one or more places in its competitions to specifically designated athletes, hereinafter referred to as "Placed Players".

National Federations are required to register all Placed Players, unless a player is suspended, at national or international level, or is unable to participate for serious and duly justified reasons. If a Placed Player is not registered, without valid justification, the CEB Board may impose a financial penalty on the National Federation concerned.



The list of Placed Players will be published on the relevant competition information page.

The Title Holder is typically a "Placed" player. If, for any reason, he/she will not participate or will not be registered he/she will not be replaced. The empty spot will be available to other normal registrations.

The position in a concerned ranking is also a typical reason for nominating "Placed" athletes. If one or more athletes "Placed" by a ranking position will not be registered for any allowed reason, they are replaced at the deadline with the next athlete in the concerned ranking; the nationality is not considered. If, for any reason this is not possible, the CEB Board will decide. The deadline for the inscription of placed athletes may be anticipated compared to the normal deadline valid for all the other athletes.

After the registration deadline any cancellation of PLACED player will be handled as a simple forfeit and the first available reserve will have the right to be called. Special cases may be detailed in the concerned tournament rules.

Wild Card are CEB invitation to a nominally determined athlete to participate to a competition. The athlete is free to accept or decline such invitation.

Teams registrations:

Teams (clubs and national) must be registered with an extended list of athletes; it is mandatory to register at least 50% more athletes than the number of playing members of the team; 1 reserve player is required for teams of 3. **It is strongly recommended to register as many players as possible since it will be possible to take reserve players only from this list.** The accreditation of the reserves present at the tournament must be declared upon the accreditation. All the players in the list must comply with all applicable regulations.

Any team that is incomplete at the tournament start will be disqualified and sanctions may be decided by the CEB board towards the club and/or the federation proposing the team.

In certain case due to serious and proved circumstances (illness of players or family members, not availability of all reserve/s) the CEB Board could authorise, latest three days before the start, one substitution with a name not included in the registration list after the examination of the documents provided by the concerned federation, **and only with the main objective of ensuring the normal development of the competition.**

Art. 6. AGE DETERMINATION FOR YOUTH, JUNIORS AND YOUNG ADULTS

U17 - These European Championships in the sport season 2026-2027 are strictly reserved for athletes born after **August 31st, 2009.**

U21 - These European Championships and Grand Prix in the sport season 2026-2027 are strictly reserved for athletes born after **August 31st, 2005.**

U25 - These European Championships and Grand Prix in the sport season 2026-2027 are strictly reserved for athletes born after **August 31st, 2001.**



National federations are obliged and responsible for the declaration of the date of birth of their athletes upon the registration.

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 lighting 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 any 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 is responsible for providing the athletes with a rake and a long cue. If there is a slippery floor, one will recommend surrounding the billiard tables with a proper, anti-slip covering e.g. carpet, linoleum etc.

Art. 10. TEST OF MATERIAL - PRESENCE OF THE ATHLETES

The athlete is allowed to test the playing material for maximum five minutes before each game. On the part of the organizer the first test can be summarized 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 athletes involved. The test has to be executed under supervision of the referees or the tournament direction.

Seeded athletes who enter the tournament later, will be able to test the material before their first game. Also this one can be summarized for these athletes before their first intervention after a corresponding announcement and can also be likewise longer for all of them. The supervision of a referee is required.

The involved athletes have to be at the billiard table ready to play at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the match for the allowed training time; the match will start at the scheduled time with the cushion decision. Athletes who are not present in good time lose the right to test the material entirely, or to the extent of their lateness. If the athletes involved cannot arrive to an arrangement about 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.

Athletes must confirm their presence in the tournaments according to the accreditation procedures and timings announced in the dedicated information page on CEB website.



Art. 11. ALLOCATION OF GROUPS – KO ROUNDS – FIXTURES

The allocation of groups is made 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.

In case of groups made by random draw the CEB Board will execute the draw.

If preventable, athletes 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: the athlete of the same nationality is moved into the next group (following the Z sequence) until no athlete of the same nationality will be present in the group which will then be reached. The athletes who would otherwise get this place get the place of the moved forward one and so on.

In case the number of athletes from the same federation is bigger than the number of qualification groups the modifications to the natural Z-System will not be applied; if two athletes from the same federation will be in the same group they will play first.

In the groups each one plays against each of the other ones according to the following points:

A - groups of four: (if only one table available first match is 2 against 3)

-1 qualified or 1 qualified plus one or more best seconds: first 2 against 3 and 1 against 4, then winners against losers, then remaining matches;

-2 qualified: first 2 against 3 and 1 against 4, then winners against winners and losers against losers, then remaining matches;

B - groups of three:

-1 qualified or 1 qualified plus one or more best seconds: first 2 against 3, then 1 against loser, then 1 against winner;

-2 qualified: first 2 against 3, then 1 against winner, then 1 against loser;

The CEB Board may decide to change the format of a competition (i.e. number of groups, number of players in groups, number of qualified to knock-out stage) when there are more or less registrations than expected in the rules, compatibly with the logistic conditions, the schedule requirements and the available reserves. This decision will always take into account the general fairness of the competition and should improve the sporting aspects of it.

In any case where there are only two qualification groups the semifinals will be as following:

Winner of group B vs Runner up of group A

Winner of group A vs Runner up of group B

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 athlete 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 athletes 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 decides who will be the athlete who begins. On the scoreboard the athlete who is beginning has always to be indicated on the left side (view from above).

For games with an equal amount of innings, the athlete who did not start the game has the right to an equalizing inning. This is valid even if the match has a limited amount of innings and the given game distance or target inning has been reached.

Games without equal amount of innings are finished when one athlete has reached the game distance.

Exception: If the athlete who started the game or decisive set finishes in the first inning, the opponent will also have an inning. If there is a draw, the winner will be decided by the extension.

Extension:

3-cushion - The athlete who started the game begins with the starting point and continues his run until a miss occurs. Then the opponent will take his turn from the starting position and continue his run until a miss occurs. The athlete who scores the highest number of points is the winner. If there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until there is a winner.

Classics (10% of the playing distance, only one inning) - The athlete who started the game begins with the starting point and continues his run until a miss occurs or until the distance is reached. Then the opponent will take his turn from the starting position and continue his run until a miss occurs or until the distance is reached. The athlete who scores the highest number of points is the winner. If there is a new draw the extension will be repeated until there is a winner.

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

Break:

If one of the athletes has reached half of the game distance which has to be played, a mandatory game break of 5 minutes will be applied after he finishes his turn. The break is likewise valid for the opponent.

In games with limitation of innings, and on the condition that none of the athletes has reached half of the game distance, a mandatory break of 5 minutes will be applied when both athletes have played half of the maximum number of innings.

Additionally, if a match will be broadcasted live, the broadcasting company has the right to request further commercial breaks at any time during the match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds. Athletes must remain seated during this break. Commercial breaks cannot be made during an athlete's turn.

There can be differences in some disciplines; these are described in the corresponding rules.

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

If the game is played with a time limit, the displayed time must be clearly visible for the athlete and the referee. The time count-down starts when all the balls came to a full stop and the next athlete



has taken its place at the table. Passing of time is a fault. The other athlete starts with the starting position. Depending on the game systems and distances, up to 5 time-outs (time extensions) are allowed. Time-outs are automatically applied by the referee as long as they are available to the athlete, meaning they will get additional time for their current inning. Used time-outs are to be clearly displayed to the athlete.

Art. 13 RESULT VALUATIONS AND RESULT DISPLAY

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

General valuation criteria for group ranking, qualification ranking and final ranking; specific criteria may be defined in the tournament rules:

Individual competitions: groups ranking.

1. Match points.
2. Set points or set difference.
3. General average
4. Best game average.
5. Highest run, second highest run.
6. The direct match between the athletes who are then still equal.
7. Draw.

Individual competitions: qualification ranking.

1. Placing in the group
2. Match points
3. Set points or set difference.
4. General average
5. Best game average
6. Highest run, second highest run.
7. Draw.

Individual competitions: final ranking.

1. Round reached for athletes in KO rounds, results of the last round played (average, sets, highest run, second highest run, tournament average).
2. Qualification ranking.

Team competitions: groups rankings.



1. Match points.
2. Game points / set points / set difference
3. Team general average
4. Best team game average
5. The direct match of the teams which are then still equal
6. Draw.

Team competitions: qualification ranking.

1. Placing in the group.
2. Match points.
3. Game points / set points / set difference
4. Team general average
5. Best team game average
6. Draw.

Team competitions: final ranking.

1. Round reached for teams in KO rounds, results of the last round played (game points/sets, team average, tournament average).
2. Qualification ranking.

Miscellaneous:

In some disciplines or competition there can be differences with regard to the valuation criteria and points attribution. These are settled in the rules of the games and in the playing systems of the corresponding championships and discipline.

In the final ranking lists of a competition the playing rounds which have been reached still have to be taken into consideration and only the results of the round in which the athlete is eliminated are valued.

The “best game average” value is considered only in case of wins or draws.

On tournament tables won games and/or matches have to be made distinguishable with different colors.

As general rule, when it's not possible to make all qualification groups with equal number of participants (and therefore one or more players/teams will play different number of matches) the match points (and the set points or game points in team competitions) can't be considered for the qualification and final classifications, for the selection of best seconds and for the entry ranking of final rounds. Therefore, if the above case will occur, the main criteria used for qualification and/or final ranking will be the ranking in the groups, the general and best averages, the highest runs. Groups originally created with only 2 players/teams will play twice.

In case of no-show or cancellations when no replacement and no reserve is available, the present player/team gets a full victory without playing against the no-showed player/team, only concerning match points and full set points, the averages are not influenced; the no-show player/team is allowed to play the remaining match(s) in a group.



Art. 14. MEDALS - CUPS – CERTIFICATES - CEREMONIES

For each championship medals are awarded.

For individual championships:

1 x gold

1 x silver

1 x bronze (2 x bronze with KO system)

For team championships:

Number of the team playing members + 1 gold

Number of the team playing members + 1 silver

Number of the team playing members + 1 bronze

The respective winners of the Coupe d'Europe receive a special trophy of the CEB.

For Grand Prix, Open and Invitation tournament the CEB does not provide medals; it's a mandatory duty of the organizer to provide trophies for the podium athletes.

All the participant athletes (and teams) are obliged to attend the opening ceremony of a competition. Medal winners (athletes and teams) are obliged to attend the podium ceremony. The medal winners (athlete or team) not attending the medal ceremony lose the right to the medal and the prize money. The CEB board can issue disciplinary sanctions for not attending the two ceremonies. 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 the CEB Board may decide to do not apply this rule.

Art. 15. PRIZE MONEY

The prize money is displayed on CEB website and is definitely determined in the corresponding announcements.

Art. 16. PAYMENT OF THE PRIZE MONEY

In principle the prize money is paid to the athletes. Federations which objects to this have to announce in due time to the CEB. The wishes of the federations have to be obeyed in this regard.

The prize money has to be paid in Euro. The payment has to be carried out after the playing round in which the athlete has been eliminated. For the medal winners it is done after the official closing of the event. Since in some country there are limitations on cash payments the prize money may be paid by bank transfers.

In case of payment by bank transfer, it must be carried out not later than 1 week after the end of the concerned competition; it must be carried out in a way that the full amount is credited to the recipient (the sender pays all bank fees, the beneficiary receives the full amount).



Art. 17. SANCTIONS – SUSPENSIONS FOR DOPING

The CEB Board exercises the disciplinary power according to the CEB Statute (IV.e)

Infringement of rules are including:

- 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.

Sanctions can be imposed to athletes, teams, clubs and federations.

Depending on the severity of the offence the sanctions can be: reprimand, disqualification, prohibition to participate to one or more competitions, suspension from all competitions for a maximum of 5 years, financial fine (max € 5000,00), banishment of sitting on a CEB body for a maximum period of 10 years, exclusion.

Warnings may be issued to athletes for their behaviour during sport events; multiple warnings may lead to disciplinary sanctions. **According to Referee Rules, art.7, the referee can warn the athlete and in case of severe or repeated disregards of the rules he may give the match lost, in agreement with the tournament direction and the CEB delegates; further sanction decided by the CEB Board may follow.**

In case of non-appearance after the closing date for inscriptions or leaving the event without any reasonable explanation, as well as in case of improper behaviour that is harmful to the sport and the event, sanctions will be imposed by the board of the CEB.

Reasons which can be admitted which do not lead to sanctions, can be, for example strike, illness, accident, force majeure or similar things. The burden of proof is with the concerned athlete. The proof has to be provided within 8 days after the incidence to the CEB board by means of original documents as far as the special incident is not generally known.

Suspensions at team championships includes the entire team (at club competitions the club) as well as the individual athletes inscribed for it for the corresponding team competition.

Individual athletes or teams suspended by the CEB are not allowed to participate during the time of suspension in comparable advanced sporting events, either.

In case of abandonment of the competition, it is irrelevant whether the athlete or team manifests it with a statement or with actions.

At sporting events for which the closing date for inscriptions is expired sanctions do not have as a general rule any effects any more. Unless that the board of the CEB decides that on account of the severity of the offence. Also in case of a positive doping test there are other regulations as follows:



If an athlete is tested positive in a doping test, he will be suspended at the official announcement of the test results immediately for the duration of 2 years at the first offence and for lifetime at the second offence. The same is valid for test results at training controls which are valued as being positively tested according to the input requirements of the WADA. Suspensions on account of doping for the area of the CEB are carried over by superior sports organizations and also have to be carried over by the federations. Formal objection against suspensions on account of doping is possible at the CAS of the IOC. This one does not have any suspending effect. Claims of recourse against the CEB are excluded.

The CEB recognizes for its area the respectively valid minimum penalties for doping offences according to IOC/WADA/WCBS/UMB. Penalties of superior federations on account of doping offences are carried over for art. 17 of Basic Concepts of the CEB Sporting Program in the area of the CEB. Penalties on account of 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 test/doping case is confirmed, all titles and all placings 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

As a general rule the athletes of a federation can be registered to a World Championship only if the same federation has participated in the corresponding European Championship with at least one athlete.

This is valid under the condition that the representatives and the federations are not subject to any current sanctions, suspensions etc.

The national federations are responsible of the nomination of their athletes to the CEB, the CEB will then forward the nominations to the UMB. Decisive for the participation is the number of places which are at disposal of the CEB and the standings which have been reached by the federation representatives 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. Athletes 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 program of the corresponding discipline on UMB level, either.

Owners of the places allocated by the CEB are the national federations. National federations can freely determine the athletes they nominate. Exception is the European champion who is nominated by the CEB and the vice champion if the champion is prevented. These places are not counted as a federation place. These places are bound to the persons who hold them. A credit of these places to the federations is not effected.

As a rule the CEB inscription takes place according to the following criteria:

1. The European champion without crediting on the places of his federation. If the European Champion is already seeded by UMB the first place goes to the federation of the European Title Holder.



2. The vice European champion provided that the European champion is prevented.

3. Independently of the considerations of point 1 and 2 the CEB places for UMB competitions are allocated to the federations of the athletes not seeded by UMB according to their ranking order in the CEB competition underlying the UMB championship. In this ranking each federation is only considered once for the best standing, included the federation of the CEB champion, independently of the number of their athletes. Then in the following round the same priority is used.

Art. 19. DRESS CODE OF REFEREES AND ATHLETES - CLUB AND NATIONAL BADGE

a) Referees

The dress code of the referees is determined by the CEB Referee Rules. The clothing must be appropriate to the event.

b) Athletes.

The participants in official CEB events must leave a clean and cultivated appearance, with clothes being proper, having a good fit and being in good condition.

- Participants in individual tournaments:

European Championships: The dress code of the athletes participating in CEB European Championships representing their country is determined by their national federation but must comply with the requirements of the CEB and its advertising guidelines (see dress code A). The clothing should be the same for all athletes from the same country; exception is made for athletes that are using the opportunity of „free inscription“ at European Championships. A national badge or the federation badge is always required.

Other tournaments: the national uniform is not required but the clothing must still comply with present CEB requirements (see dress code B). Athletes must always wear a badge on the left side of the chest: it can be a club badge or a national badge or the federation badge.

- Participants in team tournaments:

Participants in club teams or national teams competitions must always wear the same type of clothing, both upper and lower part of the body. The clothing of all the members of each national team or club team must be the same.

Club teams: Each athlete must wear the club badge on the left side of the chest. Dress code B is required.

European Championship National teams: The national uniform is decided by the national federation, it must comply with CEB requirements (see dress code A). The national badge or the federation badge must be present.

There are two types of dress code:

Dress code A: Valid for all European Championships.

Dress code A: Black shoes, black socks, black dress trousers, a single-colored long-sleeved dress shirt or non-transparent blouse, a bow tie, and a waistcoat. If a belt is worn it must be black.



For women the bow tie and the waistcoat are not required. The shirt must be worn inside the trousers, and it's forbidden to roll up the sleeves. A blouse can be worn inside or outside the trousers. Shirt or blouse must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin will be visible.

Dress code B: Valid for all other kind of competitions (Coupes d'Europe, Grand Prix, Open and Invitation tournaments etc.)

Dress code B: Black shoes, black socks, black dress trousers, a long-sleeved or a short sleeve polo shirt with collar. Women can also wear a single-colored non-transparent blouse or shirt. The polo shirt must be worn inside the trousers. It's forbidden to roll up the sleeves. For women the upper dress can be worn inside or outside trousers. Any kind of dress must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin will be visible.

When using a short sleeve polo shirt it is forbidden to use long under-sleeve.

Shoes (valid for dress code A & B): Closed classic dress shoes (i.e Oxford, Derby, Mocassin) or sport shoes (i.e tennis shoes, sneakers) are allowed. Color allowed is only black. Soles and laces must be black too. Brand logo must be discreet and small or black. Socks/tights must be worn and of a dark color, no skin should be visible on the legs/ankles. Shoes must be clean and in good condition.

c) Non-allowed clothing and items

When participating in CEB sanctioned tournaments it is not allowed to wear or use the following clothing or items:

- Trousers in any other color than black.
- Trousers with studs/chains, side pockets below the thigh, jeans and denim/blue jeans, corduroy material, leather, or anything else which have been fashioned in a „jeans style”.
- Shorts, sweatpants, or capri trousers.
- T-shirts.
- Long-sleeved T-shirts.
- Low-cut shirts or blouses.
- Hooded shirts or sweatshirts.
- Long under-sleeves.
- Sneakers (**other than black**), sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with open toes.
- Any form of headgear, unless certified by a medical certificate or religious grounds.
- Sunglasses.
- Mobile phones, headphones, earphones or other electronical equipment **except in artistic billiards matches, where players may use reference notebooks, as well as smartphones, in order to keep track of the figures that make up the sets.**

Art. 20. ADVERTISING ON THE CLOTHING OF THE ATHLETES AND THE REFEREES

Advertising is allowed only on the shirt or on the polo. Each athlete has the right to wear their own advertising as follows:



- One advertisement of the dimension of a maximum of 40 cm² 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 with a maximum size of 80 cm² on the right side of the chest.
- One or more advertisements with a maximum size of 80 cm² on the right upper arm.
- Name of the athlete and/or federation or club/city of a maximum of 300 cm² on the back. 80 cm² advertising space on the left upper arm belong to the organizer. In case that this one does not use the advertising space, the athlete can use that one in addition.

The advertising space is defined as the space which a rectangle comprehending the advertisement is displaying.

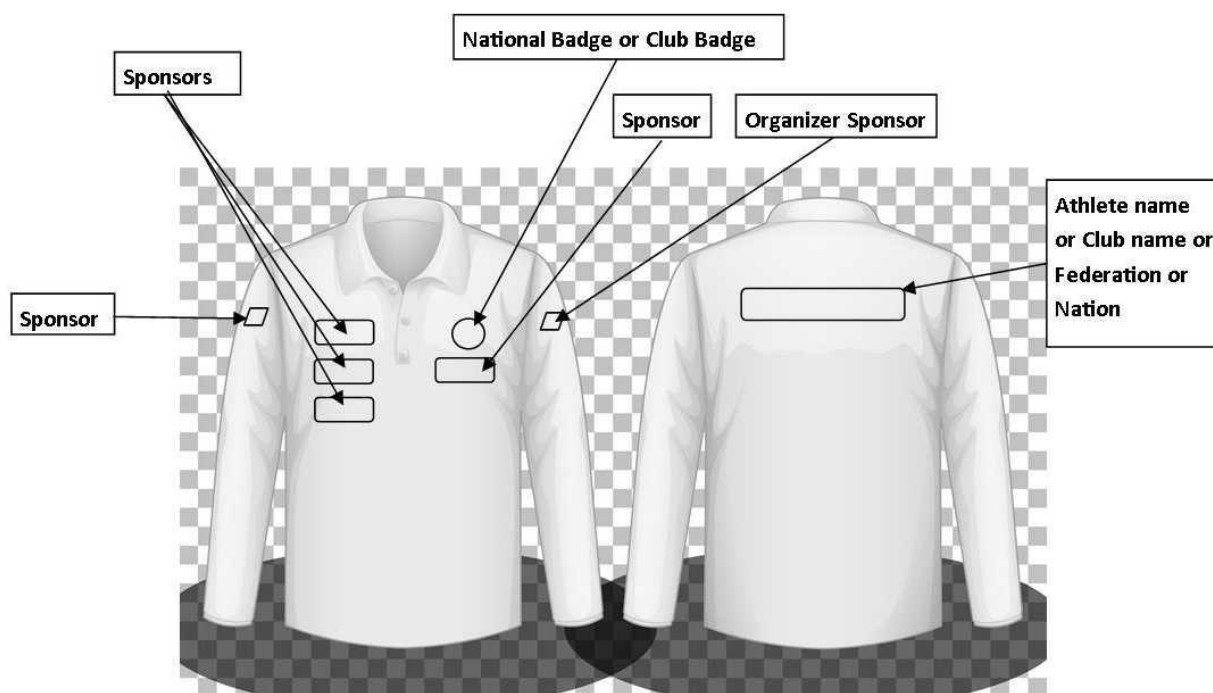
Advertisements with political, racist, ethnic or/and religious contents are strictly forbidden, as well as advertising slogans. Each advertisement must be discreet and appropriate to the sports and to the clothing.

Companies producing exclusively tobacco and alcohol are not allowed to appear on players' and referees' clothing.

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

The referees are allowed to wear advertisements of the organizer (not more than 80cm²) in an appropriate manner. All referees must wear the same advertisement at the same place.

Sponsoring contracts between the athletes 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. See below an example of **DRESS CODE B with long sleeves**.



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Art. 21. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL



Smoking (also electronic) is always banned in the tournament hall.

The consumption of alcohol is forbidden to all persons actively involved in the tournament during their service. Referees and score-keepers who are writing have to limit the consumption of alcohol also outside of their service in order that their function is not influenced in a negative manner.

The athlete, the referee or the score-keeper 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 or, 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 2026/2027. These cancel all previous and contrary regulations.

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