



## C/TOURNAMENT SYSTEMS

### C/29 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 3-CUSHION NATIONAL TEAMS WOMEN

#### Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

**12** teams inscribed.

Each national federation has the right to inscribe **maximum 2 teams**. It is mandatory to register at least one reserve player, **see Basic Concepts art.5 for reserve players registration rules**. The team cannot play if it's not complete.

#### Art. 2. INSCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE TEAMS

The inscriptions will be taken into account as follow:

1. Team A of the Title holder federation.
2. Team A of the organizer federation.
3. Teams A registered from each other federation.

If the number doesn't reach the wanted teams, teams are joined according the following list until the wanted number is reached.

1. Team B of the Title Holder federation.
2. Team B of the organizing federation.
3. Team B of other federations following the CEB Ranking Ladies National Teams.

#### Art. 3. GENERAL RULES OF THE GAME

Each team consists of 2 athletes.

The athletes will meet each other according to their order of ranking.

Team A / Athlete 1 (Rank 1) against Team B / Athlete 1 (Rank 1).

Team A / Athlete 2 (Rank 2) against Team B / Athlete 2 (Rank 2).

The 2 matches of one encounter will be played together on 2 billiard tables.

Matches in group games are played to 25 points with equalizing inning and limit to 50 innings.

Matches in the semifinals and the final are played to 30 points with equalizing inning and limit to 50 innings.

During group stage each team plays against every other team, a draw is possible on the condition of equal individual match points.

#### Art. 4. GROUP GAMES

The 12 teams are placed in 4 groups of 3 according to system Z and the CEB Ranking Ladies National Teams.

Teams from Federations not in the ranking will be considered as last and by draw if more than one.

Teams B will be placed after all Teams A, according to ranking. The team A of the Title Holder federation is placed as number 1 in group A.

The teams with the same nationality will be placed in different groups, regardless of their position in the ranking. The team of the same nationality advance of a group.

The team scheduled to this place takes the place of the team that was put forward.

If a team withdraws after the formation of groups, the team substitute takes the place of the team that gave up.

The 4 winning teams of the different groups will advance to the semifinals.

Valuation criteria for placement in the group:

- 1- Team match points.
- 2- Individual match points.
- 3- Team general average.
- 4- Best team game average.
- 5- Highest runs.
- 6- Direct match comparison considering the above criteria.
- 7- Drawing lot

Qualification ranking:

- 1- Group ranking
- 2- Team match points.
- 3- Individual match points.
- 4- Team general average.
- 5- Best team game average.
- 6- Highest runs.
- 7- Drawing lot

### **Art. 5. FINAL ROUND**

The final round will be played by KO system.

The semifinals will be played as follows according to qualification ranking:

**1 vs 4**

**2 vs 3**

On the condition of a draw match (equal individual match points), a decisive set of 12 points, without equal innings, will be played, with Scotch Double System rules. This extension only decides the winner and the loser; points, innings and high runs are not considered for classifications. If the team with the white ball reaches the 12 points in the first inning the team with the yellow ball has the right to equalize the inning from the starting position; if also the team with the yellow ball reaches 12 points in the first inning the extension will be repeated.

### **Scotch Double System Rules:**

The scotch double extension is played on the table where players 1 played the regular match; for broadcasting reasons it may be decided to play on the table where players 2 played.

At the end of the regular match a break of 5 minutes is allowed; the player who didn't play on the scotch double table has 3 minutes for testing the table. Then the scotch double starts.

- a) Both teams are free to choose the athlete who will play the cushion shot and the athlete who will play first.
- b) The starting team will begin from the starting position with the white ball.
- c) The two players in the team take turns, playing alternating shots during the inning (i.e. each team's inning consists of two players' alternating visits, each of one shot only, until that team's inning ends, and the next team begins their alternating-shot turn.)
- d) The playing team will remain at the table together and may discuss points within the time limit. The opposing team must remain seated.
- e) During the scotch double 1 time out for each team is permitted; the scotch double set is played on the same table where players number one played their regular match. If a player makes a shot when it is not her turn it has to be considered a foul.

### **Art. 6. TIME REGULATION SYSTEMS**

- Limit of 40 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with a visual warning system at 30 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning at the 30 second limit).

- Clock starts after all balls stop and table is free for playing.

- 2 Time-Outs for each player; any remaining time-outs will automatically be applied (the player does not need to request a time out); the new total limit is then brought to 80 seconds. A time-out must be announced by the referee immediately after the point, and indicated clearly to players and spectators.

- In case both time-outs are used, Penalization-Signal (by preference sonic) after the 40 second limit and consequently the balls will be put up in starting position for the opponent.

- Ongoing time will not be stopped with the use of a device (cue-extension, bridge, etc) or changing glove(s).

- The clock must be displayed in a clearly visible manner in the sports arena for the players and the spectators.

- One mandatory break of five minutes per match is applied after 15 points reached by either team. If any team reached 15 points at the 25th innings the break will be applied at the end of this inning.

#### **Art. 7. CEB Ranking 3C National Teams Ladies**

Points will be awarded in the CEB Ranking 3C National Teams Ladies according to the final position in the EC 3-Cushion Ladies National Teams.

Only points for the last 5 editions of this championship will be counted in the ranking.

Points are awarded to each nation only for the team in the highest position.

| 2 GROUPS                                      | 3 GROUPS                                      | 4 GROUPS                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> = 60 points                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> = 60 points                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> = 60 points                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 41 points                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 41 points                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 41 points                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 29 points | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 29 points | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 29 points |
| Group 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 20 points             | Group 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 20 points             | Group 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 20 points             |
| Group 4 <sup>th</sup> = 16 points             | Group 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 16 points             | Group 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 12 points             |
| Group 5 <sup>th</sup> = 12 points             | Group 4 <sup>th</sup> = 12 points             |                                               |

Penalty points for No show or withdraw after groups are published = -5 points

In case of equality of points the standings of the previous editions will be considered.