



C/31 - CEB-GRAND PRIX 3-CUSHION LADIES

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

Maximum 24 registered athletes.

Art. 2. INSCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE ATHLETES

Registrations can be made by National Federations on CEB website and are open to athletes by email.

Athletes registering by email guarantee that they are licensed in a CEB Federations and that they are not subject to suspensions in their own country.

Registrations priority:

1. The top 8 athletes in the CEB Ladies 3C Ranking in force at the opening of registrations will be accepted as first; they must confirm their participation no later than 10 days from the opening of registrations (these must be registered by federations as PLACED). After ten days not confirmed places will be made available to other registrations as for points 3 and 4.
2. **One wild card for the organizer/host federation.**
3. Afterwards athletes registered by federations on CEB website will be accepted: maximum 1 registration by each federation, registered as NORMAL 1.
4. Freely registered athletes will then be accepted for the remaining places, according to the following procedure: To begin, only one registration from all nationalities which are not present in point 1,2,3 will have a priority and will be accepted as first, no matter their ranking position (if more than one from the same federations only the highest in the ranking will be considered here). Then all the other free registered athletes will be ordered in a list according to their ranking position. In the first round it will be accepted only one player for each federation scrolling down this list, thus removing the accepted athlete from the list. This procedure will be repeated again and again, until the list is empty. The accepted athletes until the number of 24 will be confirmed; those over the number of 24 will be the reserve players.

The free athletes registrations are carried out by email to the CEB Sports Director mentioning the full name and the federation. The opening date and time of registrations will be announced in the info page on CEB website.

Registration fee: FREE

In case of a no-show or cancellation after the registration deadline, a fine of €150 has to be paid by the **concerned athlete or by her federation**. The participation in any following CEB event will not be allowed until this fine is paid.

Art. 3. GROUP GAMES

The 24 confirmed athletes are divided into six groups of four by the Z system according to the CEB 3C Ladies ranking in force at the date of the opening of registrations. If it's possible athletes of same nationality will be placed in different groups deviating from the Z system as described in Basic Concepts. In the case that this will not be possible athletes from same nationality will play first match. Athletes not present in the CEB ranking will be placed by draw at the end of the entry ranking.

Determination of ranking in groups: 1. Game points 2. General average 3. Best game average 4. Highest run, second highest run 5. The direct match 6. Decision by drawing lots.

Determination of qualifications ranking: 1. Position in groups 2. Game points 3. General average 4. Best

game average 5. Highest run, second highest run 6. Decision by drawing lots.

In case of unequal number of athletes in the groups the game points will not be used for the qualification ranking, selection of the best seconds and for the quarter finals matches.

Art. 4. KO ROUNDS

Group winners and runners up will advance to the knock-out stage.

The 12 qualified athletes will be ranked according to the qualifications ranking.

Numers 1 to 4 will be seeded directly in the quarters final; the remaining players will play a knock-out round to advance to quarters final according to the following schema.

LAST 16					QUARTERS					SEMIF					FINAL				
		Point.	Inn.	Aver.	H.R.														
1	QUAL 1					QUAL 1													
16	walk-over					WINNER 8-9													
8	QUAL 8																		
9	QUAL 9																		
5	QUAL 5					WINNER 5-12													
12	QUAL 12					QUAL 4													
13	walk-over																		
4	QUAL 4																		
3	QUAL 3					QUAL 3													
14	walk-over					WINNER 6-11													
6	QUAL 6																		
11	QUAL 11																		
7	QUAL 7					WINNER 7-10													
10	QUAL 10					QUAL 2													
2	QUAL 2																		
15	walk-over																		

Art. 5. FINAL RANKING

1° / 2° : according to the result of the final.

3° / 3° - 5°/8° and 9°/12°: according to the results of the round in which they have been eliminated ranked by average, highest runs, draw.

13° - 24°: according to qualification ranking.

Art. 6. PLAYING DISTANCES

The playing distance in the group matches is 25 points in 50 innings with equal innings, a draw is possible.

The playing distance in the last 16 is 30 points in 50 innings. In case of a draw a tie-break will be executed.

Quarters final. Semifinals and final: 30 points, no inning limit, no equalization inning.

Art. 7. TIME REGULATIONS

- 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 (time extension) for each player (all games distances); 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 athletes and spectators.

- In case that 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 athletes and the spectators.
- One mandatory break of five minutes per match is applied. The break is applied after 15 points for matches of 25 and 30 points - reached by either athletes. In all matches with limitation of innings and on the condition that none of the athletes has reached 15 points within the end of the 25th inning, the break will be applied at the end of the 25th inning.

Art. 8. RANKING POINTS

Ranking points for the Grand Prix 3-Cushion Ladies will be added in the CEB 3-Cushion Ladies Ranking up to a maximum of 4 GPs present in the ranking. The newest GP will replace the oldest in the ranking.

At the end of each sport season the two top ranked athletes in the CEB 3-Cushion Ladies Ranking will be awarded with a Wild Card for the participation to the next European Championship 3-Cushion Individual.

The final classification of each Grand Prix 3-Cushion Ladies will be used for the attribution of ranking points in the CEB 3-Cushion Ladies ranking.

Ranking points will be attributed as follows (with 6 groups):

1° place: 40 points

2° place: 27 points

3° / 3° place: 19 points

5° / 8° place: 13 points

9° / 12° place: 8 points

Group thirds: 4 points

Group fourth: 2 points

Art. 9. PRIZE MONEY

The CEB will forward to the organizer the full amount of the prize money as shown below. The organizer is responsible for the payment of the full prize money to the athletes.

Minimum amounts provided by the CEB, the organizer may increase the amounts.

1° - € 1600,00

2° - € 800,00

3° / 3° - € 500,00

5° / 8° - € 250,00

9° / 12° - € 150,00

Art. 10. DRESS CODE

The dress code must be according to CEB regulations. Dress Code B.

Art. 11. SCHEDULE

A minimum of 4 tables is requested, below an example of the schedule.

First day				
	T1	T2	T3	T4
9:30	A 1	A 2	B 1	B 2
11:30	OPENING CEREMONY			
12:00	C 1	C 2	D 1	D 2
14:00	E 1	E 2	F 1	F 2
16:00	A 3	A 4	B 3	B 4
18:00	C 3	C 4	D 3	D 4
20:00	E 3	E 3	F 3	F 4

Second day				
	T1	T2	T3	T4
9:30	A 5	A 6	B 5	B 6
11:30	C 5	C 6	D 5	D 6
13:30	E 5	E 6	F 5	F 6
16:30	9°-12° round (L16)	9°-12° round (L16)	9°-12° round (L16)	9°-12° round (L16)
20:00	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4

Third day				
	T1	T2	T3	T4
10:00	1/2			
12:00	1/2			
16:00	FINAL			
	Awards and closing ceremony			

- Minor adjustments are possible. The official time table will be published on the tournament information page on CEB website.