



C/TOURNAMENT SYSTEMS

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 3-CUSHION INDIVIDUAL

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

48 athletes in qualification groups + **16** placed athletes directly in the **MAIN TOURNAMENT GROUPS**.

Art. 2. INSCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE ATHLETES

Registrations by National Federation through CEB website.

Each affiliated federation has the right to register athletes according the following list:

1. 16 Placed Athletes in the **main tournament groups**: The Title Holder and the 15 best ranked of the concerned CEB 3C Ranking (PLACED - **Federations are obliged to register the PLACED players, see art.5 Basic Concepts**)
2. 1 Wild card for the organizer/host federation in the qualification groups. (PLACED).
3. 3 CEB Wild Cards in qualifications groups for the 3 top athletes in the Longoni NextGen 3C circuit **25-26** and 2 CEB Wild Card in qualifications groups for the top 2 athletes in the CEB Ladies Ranking at **31/8/2026**.
4. Athletes for the remaining places in qualification groups: 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 and further athletes is determined by the concerned CEB 3C Ranking Individual taking in consideration only the nationality of the athletes, each nation is considered only once for the best standing. Federations not represented in the ranking will be considered as last. Athletes registered as third (NORMAL 3) will also be accepted according to the same criteria until the total number of participants is reached. The same procedure will be applied for fourth, fifth etc, until the total number of participants is reached (NORMAL 4,5 etc..).

If a Placed athlete cancels his participation after the registrations deadline he will not be replaced. One more player will be qualified from the qualification groups (one best second) and the first player of the qualification ranking will take the place of the 16th placed in the main tournament groups. If a placed player is not registered or he is cancelled before the registration deadline the next in the ranking will be placed.

Art. 3. QUALIFICATION GROUPS

The inscribed athletes in qualification groups, the organizer Wild Card and the other CEB wild cards are placed in 16 groups of 3 athletes according to the system Z and the CEB 3-Cushion ranking. Athletes not figuring on the ranking will be placed at the end by drawing.

Distance of the games: **40 points/50 innings (equal innings, no penalties). A draw is possible (1 match point each).**

Group ranking:

1. Match points
2. General average
3. Best game average
4. Highest run, second highest run.
5. Draw

Qualification ranking:

1. Group rank.
2. Match points
3. General average
4. Best game average
5. Highest run, second highest run.
6. Draw

Art. 4. MAIN TOURNAMENT GROUPS

The athletes of the final round are:

1. The 16 first of the qualification groups
2. The title holder
3. The 15 best placed on the CEB 3-cushion ranking.

The main tournament will be played by 8 groups of 4. The best two from each group will advance to the main

tournament KO round.

Distance of the games: **40 points (equal innings, no penalties). A draw is possible (1 match point each).**

The starting ranking will be:

Place 1 The title holder

Places 2-16 15 placed athletes according the CEB 3-cushion ranking.

Places 17-32 16 first of the qualification groups listed according to the qualification ranking.

Title Holder	Rank Player 1	Rank Player 2	Rank Player 3	Rank Player 4	Rank Player 5	Rank Player 6	Rank Player 7
Rank Player 15	Rank Player 14	Rank Player 13	Rank Player 12	Rank Player 11	Rank Player 10	Rank Player 9	Rank Player 8
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
Q16	Q15	Q14	Q13	Q12	Q11	Q10	Q9

Group ranking:

1. Match points
2. General average
3. Best game average
4. Highest run, second highest run.
5. Draw

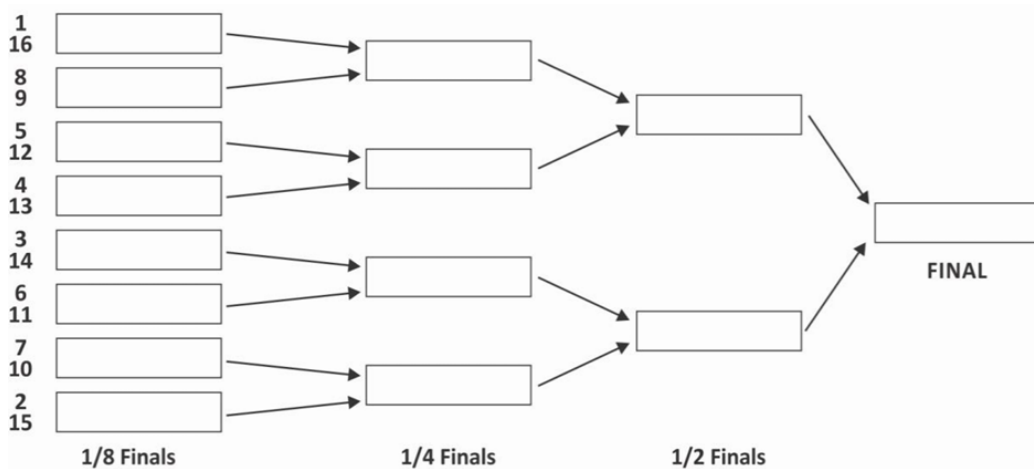
Main tournament ranking:

1. Group rank.
2. Match points
3. General average
4. Best game average
5. Highest run, second highest run.
6. Draw

Art. 5. MAIN TOURNAMENT KO ROUND

The 8 group winners and 8 group seconds are qualified to the Main Tournament KO round; the 8 group winners will be placed 1 to 8, and the 8 group seconds will be 9 to 16, on main tournament groups ranking order.

Distance of the games: **50 points (no equal innings).**



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 40 points and 50 points matches 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 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 players and the spectators.

- One break of five minutes per match is applied, after 20 points for 40 points matches, and after 25 points for 50 points matches - reached by either player.

Art. 7. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM / ENCOUNTERS

It will be played following the joined scheme according to athlete's position in the CEB ranking and system Z.

Constitution of the qualification groups

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48