

International Invitation Tournament Rules

1. Definition:

An invitation tournament reaches the status **“International”** when involving more than one player from a different continent. Only one International Invitation Tournament is permitted per Confederation per calendar year.

Participation quota:

- Minimum 50% of the participating players, invited according to their place in the UMB World Ranking dated 8 weeks before the start of the event, are seeded players.
- Remaining number of participating players as selected by the Organizer.

2. Requirements for the organization of an International Invitation Tournament:

- a) An application must be sent to UMB at least 7 months prior to the date of the event, via the relevant Confederation. The event must be officially published before the 30th of June.
- b) The organization fee is set at € 1.000,00 for the organizing Confederation, to be invoiced prior to publication.
- c) The duration of the tournament should not exceed 7 days, including one weekend.
- d) Material requirements (table cloth and balls) are to be respected according to the obligations of the UMB and its sponsors and partners.
- e) The UMB grants FIVE&SIX TV broadcasting rights (Terrestrial, Cable or Satellite) to one television station. This right will be free of charge, limited to one feed provided to one TV Channel.
- f) The UMB grants FIVE&SIX the non-exclusive internet rights and non-exclusive highlight TV rights concerning International Invitational Tournaments recognized by the UMB.
- g) The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for “Four Star” hotel accommodation, including breakfast for UMB delegate each for the duration of the entire tournament.

3. Exception:

Exceptions to these rules may apply when concerning specific tournaments aimed at the strategic promotion of billiards sports to a higher level. These exceptional tournaments may be recognized by the UMB for participation of players from more than one continent. Playing system and event rules are to be approved by the UMB prior to recognition.

4. Players obligations:

- a) Participation in International Tournaments that are not recognized by the UMB is not permitted.
- b) Infringements of these rules by the players will result in a suspension for the duration of 1 calendar year, by the UMB, from the start of the non-recognized international tournament.
- c) Non-participation of seeded players without previous UMB consent, will be sanctioned by deducting 100 ranking points from their position in the actual World ranking.

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from January 1st, 2021