

## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

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#### **1. Participating with 48 players**

The nomination of the participants is determined by the following regulations:

- 1) The invitation will be published 10 weeks before the start of the World Championship; the last updated World Players Ranking at the date of the invitation will be applied for the all World Championships.
- 2) The title holder player will be invited as participant number 1. The title must be dated less than 4 years for the participation to be valid, any older title is not permitted due to the statute of limitations.

The title holding player will receive traveling expenses, according to the following:

Continental players will receive €500, international players will receive €770 according to the reimbursement rules for players and officials.

The organizer of the World Championship is responsible for these costs. Confirmation of participation of the title holder must be carried out by the Federation of which he/she is a member; this confirmation must be given to the UMB Sports Director at least 56 days (8 weeks) prior to the beginning of the concerned World Championship.

- 3) Numbers 2-17 are to be invited, these participants represent numbers 1-16 of the UMB World Ranked Players. Should the title holder be one of these 16 ranked players, number 17 of the UMB World ranking list will be invited. Compensation for travelling and accommodation costs are not paid by the organizers unless otherwise agreed. Confirmation of the 16 players' participation must be done by the relevant Federations to the UMB Sports Director at least 49 days (7 weeks) prior to the beginning of the World Championship.
- 4) Participants 18 to 46 are to be invited as follows:
  - 13 participants from the European region. The CEB is responsible for the nomination, inscription and decision.
  - 8 participants from the Pan-American region; CPB is responsible for nomination, inscription and decision.
  - 6 participants from the Asian region; ACBC is responsible for nomination, inscription and decision.
  - 2 participants from the African region; ACC is responsible for nomination, inscription and decision.

Participation confirmation for the 29 participants must be done by the Confederations of which they are members. This confirmation must be done to the UMB Sports

Director at least 35 days (5 weeks) prior to the beginning of the concerned World Championship.

It is a possibility that the nominated and appointed participants, mentioned in this point, may not figure on the world ranking list under the numbers 1 to 16 (17).

Participant numbers 47 and 48 are to be invited as “wildcard” participants of the Federation who is in charge of organizing the World Championship, the organizing Federation is completely free to make its own decision. Confirmation of the participation of these participants must be done to the UMB Sports Director at least 35 days (5 weeks) prior to the beginning of the World Championship.

#### 5) Seeding of the participants before entering the World Championship

The title holder will be placed as number 1. The other participants will be seeded as numbers 2 to 48 in accordance with the World Players Ranking applied for the World Championship preceding the current world championship in concern. The UMB Sports Director will carry out a draw in order to establish the seeding if there is an ex-aequo on the UMB world players ranking list. Players who do not figure on the world ranking list, will be seeded at the end of the entry list by draw.

The nationality of the participants is not taken into account under any circumstances; however, should there be two or more participants of the same nationality classified in the same group, these participants will compete against each other immediately.

#### **Classification of the groups:**

16 groups of 3 participants; according to the z-system

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

## 2. Non-fulfilled nominations and inscriptions:

In the event that participants have not been nominated prior to the inscription cut-off date they will be replaced as follows:

- a. Ranked players will be replaced by other ranked participants based on the World Players Ranking applied for the World Championship. The replacement will take place in descending order and will continue automatically, if necessary, until one week before the start of the World Championship. Following this period a decision regarding the replacement will be taken by the elected Board members.
- b. Players nominated by a Federation can be replaced by the Federation up to one week before the start of the World Championship on the condition that the concerned confederation submits the relevant documents (medical or juridical reasons) to the UMB Sports Director. Following this period a decision regarding replacement will be taken by the elected Board-members.
- c. In the event that the title holder is not nominated, automatically the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final results table of the last organized World Championship will be assigned under the

same conditions as the holder of the title without any financial compensation for travel expenses.

- d. In the event that one or more of the nominated players is not present due to circumstances beyond his/her control, at 20.00hrs the day before the start of the World Championship, the UMB Delegate will deliberate with the organizer and decide on his/her participation in the championship.

Player replacements (in the groups) will be seeded on the entry list at the same level of the participant who is not present (regardless the date of replacement). Once seeded groups are published, no changes will be allowed, under any circumstances, in the composition of the groups themselves, only the replacements will be noted.

### **3. Groups**

With 48 players in total the competition will start with 16 groups of 3 participants. The playing schedule in groups of 3 participants will be:

1. 2-3
2. 1-loser 2-3
3. 1- winner 2-3

In the event of a “no-show” in one or more groups the other participants in these groups will compete with each-other twice.

Groups A and B will play at the same time as well as groups C and D and so on.

### **4. Matches**

Within the groups, as well as during the final tournament (from the 1/8-finals), all matches are to be played in accordance with a total of 40 points with equalizing innings, without penalties within the groups and 1 match point for each player in the case of a tied match with penalties during the final tournament.

#### Penalty rules:

- a) Penalty shots are played in the same order as per the start of the match.
- b) The first player starts from the starting position with his current cue ball (white).
- c) The player continues playing until he/she misses a point. The run (number of points made during the penalty inning) is noted.
- e) The second player starts with his current cue ball (yellow) from the starting position and plays until he misses a point.
- f) The player with the highest run is declared winner of the match.
- g) In the event of tied points the procedure restarts from point 1.
- h) The penalty points made do not affect the average or the highest run.

Should the first player end the match in the first inning, the other player has the right to equalize. In the event he also ends the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 match points. From then on and from the  $\frac{1}{4}$  finals on a penalty shoot-out format will be used, one inning after the other.

One break of five minutes per match is applied after 20 points is reached by one or both players. Should a match be broadcast on television there may be an exception to this rule - following joint consultation with the UMB Delegate and the UMB Sports Director, longer and/or additional breaks may be agreed upon. In exceptional cases a necessary medical break of a maximum of five minutes may be allowed with authorization of the referee. No breaks are allowed before the start of the penalties.

There is no match to be played for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places – both players are classified as 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The classification list will be specified as follows: The number 1 of each group is qualified for the Final Tournament in accordance with:

- Match points
- General average
- Highest run (s)

## **5. Time Regulation System**

The Championship, including the qualification rounds, will be played with a time regulation system:

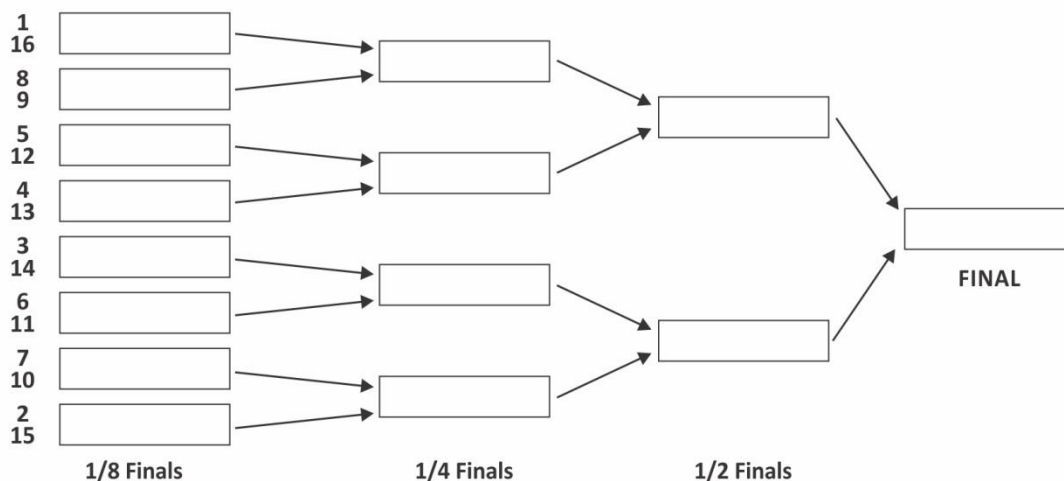
Each table must have a time-clock to be used, under the control of the referee, and according to following rules:

- a) A limit of 40 seconds (preferably in count down order) with a visual warning system at 30 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning about the 30 seconds-limit).
- b) Penalization signal (preferably audible) after the 40 seconds limit and consequently the balls will be put up for the opponent.
- c) Three time-outs for each player; a time-out can be requested at any time within the 40 second period; the new total limit is then brought to 80 seconds. The use of time-outs must be indicated clearly to players and spectators. All time-outs may be used for the same point.
- d) Remaining time-outs can be used during the penalty shoot-out.

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

## **6. Classification after the group matches**

In accordance with the classification list the 1/8 –finals, the quarter-finals and the semi-finals will be played according to the knock-out system as follows:



The final results table will be established as follows:

1. The place on the list according to the knock-out system
2. General average
3. Highest run(s) (penalty sessions are not taken into account)

#### 7. No-show

If a player does not show up for his/her match the opposing player will receive 2 match points.

#### 8. Tournament attire

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, white or plain coloured shirt with long sleeves buttoned down and bow tie worn over a buttoned collar. A jacket is compulsory (colour choice is open).

All players must wear their Federation emblem on the left side of the chest.

#### 9. Sponsoring

All players are permitted to wear advertisements "on person". The left side of the chest is reserved for National Federation emblems only. Advertisements can be worn on the right chest-side of the vest, on the left and right upper arm of the shirt.

Each of these advertising spots is permitted to have a maximum total size of 80 square centimeters; it is permitted to wear more than one advertisement on each of these spots on the condition that the total of the surface does not exceed 120 square centimetres.

One upper arm of the shirt is reserved for the advertisement "on person" of the organizer; this advertisement should not display any billiard material. If the organizer is not making use of this right the player will be allowed to use this free spot. The name of the player or of his/her country/federation can be put on the back of the shirt, vest or blouse. Advertisements with political, racial, ethnic and/or religious subjects are strictly forbidden. All advertisements must be of an appropriate nature.

Local regulations regarding prohibited subjects as tobacco, alcohol and others must be respected.

Shirt collar sponsoring is not allowed. Sponsoring on gloves is allowed. The wearing of pins is forbidden.

Referees may wear appropriate advertisements of the Organizer (not exceeding 80 square cm). All referees must wear the same advertisement in the same position.

The UMB cannot be held responsible for any financial consequences due to issues between player's sponsors and the organizer's sponsors.

#### **10. Dress Control**

Dress control will take place prior to the opening ceremony by the UMB Delegate and before each game by the responsible Sports Director. Inappropriate dress may result in exclusion from the tournament.

#### **11. Opening Ceremony**

All players must be present during the opening ceremony; a player's absence may result in exclusion from the tournament.

Players of the same nationality do not need to wear the same advertising.

#### **12. Prize Money and/or Reimbursement**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	€ 10.000 x 1 = € 10.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	€ 6.000 x 1 = € 6.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup>	€ 3.500 x 2 = € 7.000
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	€ 2.000 x 4 = € 8.000
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	€ 1.000 x 8 = € 8.000
17 <sup>th</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	€ 600 x 32 = € 19.200
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 58.200</b>

The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 23.000 prize money.

Prize money should be paid to the players on a net basis. Additionally, taxes arising in the organizing country must be paid by the Organizer for all foreign players. Players are personally liable and responsible to pay tax on their prize money according to the taxation laws of his or her native country. Third persons are exempt from such liability.

The UMB and the responsible Confederation transfer the event to the National Federation after their corresponding application has been made to the Confederation.

The Organizing Federation is responsible to maintain these rules and ensure any further statutes and rules are adhered to. It is solely within the discretion of the Organizing Federation to finalise contracts with the organizers and/or sponsors for various arrangements. The liability, with respect to the players, the UMB and the Confederation however, cannot be excluded.

The UMB and the Confederation do not take on liability of any kind unless other arrangements have been made in writing. Both act as promoters and representatives but have no influence on the economic participation and economic results.

At the request of the Organizer the prize money receipts must include the player's complete address and passport number.

The receipt should indicate that the prize money has been paid net, free of tax from the organizing country, the receipt may also indicate that the recipient is liable for taxes in the player's native country or country of residence.

**Ranking points**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	120 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	81
3 <sup>rd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup>	57
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	39
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	24
17 <sup>th</sup> - 32 <sup>nd</sup>	12
32 <sup>nd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	8

**13. Financial regulations**

Financial obligations of the Organizer are as follows:

- a) The organization fee to be paid to UMB is 3.200 Euro (or equivalent in US\$). This amount must be paid together with the organization fee applied by the organizing Confederation as provided by the WOR 1 year before start of the competition. Payment should be made through the Confederation.
- b) Transportation expenses of the UMB Delegate and the UMB Sports Technical Responsible are the responsibility of the Organizing Federation, taking into account the internal UMB regulations.
- c) The player participation fee is €200 (or equivalent in US\$), invoice to be sent to the relevant Confederations. Payment should be made through the Confederations unless requested otherwise.

**14. Accommodation**

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for hotel accommodation, including breakfast for one delegate each from the UMB and the Organizing Confederation for the duration of the entire tournament, plus 2 nights.

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for hotel accommodation, including breakfast, for the UMB Technical Delegate, for the duration of the entire tournament, plus 2 nights.

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for three double rooms for the duration of the entire tournament, plus 2 nights, on a full board basis for six persons from the Kozoom team, in the officially designated tournament hotel (or a hotel of similar standard in close proximity to the venue).

**15. Anti-Doping controls**

The doping guidelines of the WCBS (World Confederation of Billiard Sport) and the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), drawn up in accordance with the given details of the IOC, must be adhered to. The financial costs of random in-competition tests will be charged to the Organizer. Doping controls do not require advanced notice. Players who refuse to participate in doping controls will not be permitted to participate in the tournament.

Players accept these controls in accordance with valid guidelines upon inscription to the tournament.

**16. Player's Personal Electrical Equipment**

All player's personal mobile phones, tablets, music players, etc., are forbidden in the arena throughout the match, including during the breaks.

**17. Media Rights**

The Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) is the sole recognized 'Worldwide Governing Body' for Carom Billiards, and is the statutory owner of the exploitation rights of the sporting events and competitions it organizes or those that are held under its auspices.

The UMB, as per the April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 agreement and until further notice, has granted KOZOOM INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD (KOZOOM) the exclusive rights of distribution across all media platforms, without geographic limitation, including television rights across cable, satellite and terrestrial, internet, IPTV and mobile, covering events organized by - or under auspices of - the UMB, as mentioned in the agreement.

The rights include live coverage, tape-delay coverage and post-event footage use.

In order to support the local promotion of UMB events, KOZOOM will grant national TV broadcasting rights (terrestrial, cable or satellite) to one local television station designated by the organizing committee/institution. This right will be free of charge, limited to one feed provided to one TV Channel. It will not include internet rights.

The organizer must officially certify, and see to it, that the local television will not sublicense the rights granted herein to any third party.

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**18. Sports-Director**

The World Championship is prepared by and remains for the duration of the competition under the control and responsibility of the UMB Sports Director, assisted by the local Sports Director.

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from September 1, 2016