



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

3 Cushion Ladies

1. Organization

The Championship will be organized every 2 years (on even years, 2014, 2016, etc.), organizations during odd years will be accepted.

2. Participants

This World Championship is strictly reserved for female players.

Invited Players: 24 Players

- 1 Current World Champion (UMB Wildcard if not available)
- 10 C.E.B. participants - European region
- 6 A.C.B.C. participants - Asian region
- 5 C.P.B. participants - American region
- 1 A.C.C. participant – African region
- 1 Organizing Federation Wildcard

In the event that these places are not filled by the 4 Confederations after the inscription period is closed, players of the participating Confederations will be invited to participate each time, one place in descending order:

- C.E.B.
- A.C.B.C.
- C.P.B.
- A.C.C.

3. Playing System

The title holder will be placed as number 1. The other participants will be seeded as numbers 2 to 24 in accordance with the World Ladies Ranking edition at the day of publishing the invitation. Players who do not figure on the World Ranking list, will be seeded at the end of the entry list according to general average.

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.

1- Groups:

The competitions will start with 8 groups of 3 participants

Groups Composition:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

Confederations must indicate the general average of their players at the time inscription confirmation.

Playing schedule for groups of 3 participants:

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

2- Matches:

Matches within groups are to be played in accordance with a total of 25 points with equalizing innings, without penalties.

The 8 groups winners and 8 groups seconds are qualified to the Final Tournament; the 8 groups winners will be placed 1 to 8, and the 8 groups seconds 9 to 16.

3- Classification:

The classification list will be established as follows:

- match points
- general average
- highest descending run

4- Final Tournament:

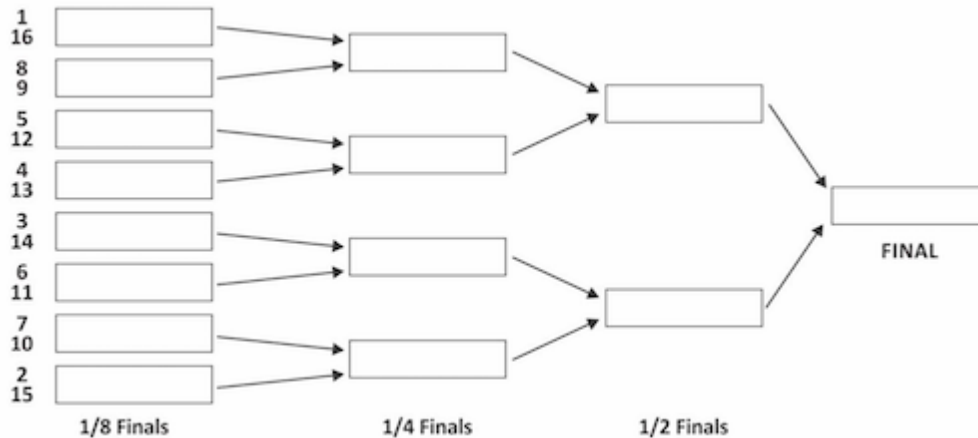
1/8 Round - Quarter Final - Semi Final - Final (There is no match for 3rd and 4th place)

In the final tournament, the matches will be played in accordance with the knock-out system. Matches in the final round are played with a total of 30 points with equalizing innings and penalties.

Final Results Table:

To be established as follows and must include all players:

- match points
- general average (points made during penalties are not taken into consideration)
- highest descending run (runs made during penalties are not taken into consideration)



4. Match Equalizing

Should the first player end the match in the first inning the opponent has the right to equalize. In the event that she also ends the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 match points. However, from the quarter finals onwards equalized matches will be decided by penalties, one inning after the other.

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 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.

5. Tournament Attire

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, long-sleeve one colored shirt or blouse. Waistcoat and bow-tie are not compulsory.

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

6. Sponsorships

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 centimeters.

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

7. 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) Two 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.
- d) The second time-out may be used for the same point.
- e) A time-out can be used during the penalty shoot-out.
- f) Time will not be stopped for the use of a device (cue extension, bridge, etc.) or for glove changes.

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

8. Breaks

One break must be held at the 15 points mark.

9. 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.

10. Opening Ceremony

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

11. Prize Money & UMB Support

1 st Place	€ 2.000 x 1 =	€ 2.000
2 nd place	€ 1.500 x 1 =	€ 1.500
3 rd + 3 rd	€ 1.000 x 2 =	€ 2.000
5 th – 8 th	€ 750 x 4 =	€ 3.000
9 th – 16 th	€ 500 x 8 =	€ 4.000

TOTAL		€ 12.500

The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 12.500 prize money.

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Disclaimer:

The Union Mondiale de Billard reserves the right to change the financial conditions in relation with the Sponsoring and Media-rights income. Any changes will be announced prior to the inscriptions to the tournament. UMB assumes no other responsibilities on this subject.

12. Financial Regulations

- Player's participation fee €100.00, excluding the current World Champion. The total amount will not exceed €500 for the CEB (directly above the Confederation), €300 for the CPB (to be paid by the Federations) and €400 for the ACBS (to be paid by the Federations), according to Article 2, paragraph 2 these maximums can be increased.
- The organizing Federation's Wildcard and the UMB's eventual Wildcard is €100 to be paid by the Confederation or Federation depending on the continent to which the player belongs
- Obligations of the Organizer:

Each player will be provided with a single room (Bed & Breakfast basis).

UMB organization fee to be paid over the Confederation €1000.00 (€500.00 UMB and €500.00 Confederation).

Travel Expenses and hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast basis) for the UMB Delegate and UMB Technical Delegate.

Travel expenses for the title holding player (Not applicable in the event that the World Champion is replaced by the UMB Wildcard player), according to the following:

- €350 – Continental player
- €850 – Inter-continental player

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).

13. 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 December 6th, 2017 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.

The Organizer will provide the necessary conditions for the Kozoom coverage, including transport of the Kozoom crew and equipment between the airport and the venue.

14. Image Rights:

Within the frame of World Championship competition, the players cede the "rights of images" of their person and agree that images of their person may be used for any media-application within the limits normally accepted within the international sports world. Should these images be used for commercial advertising additional rights must be applied for and approved by the UMB.

15. Sporting Material – Material, Equipment & Tournament Direction:

Billiard tables used in tournaments must comply with the standard specifications of the UMB. Cloth and balls should be authorized by the UMB, according to the make, quality and type. New cloth and balls must be provided for all tables at the start of the tournament.

Cues are the personal sporting equipment of the players and should be within the authorized standard specifications of the UMB.

Chalk, sandpaper, etc., are the personal property of the player. The Organizer must make available a long cue and long cue support at the tournament for the players' use.

In accordance to the contracts and agreements with the UMB the Organizer receives the tournament material (cloths and balls) from the respective manufacturers free of charge. Requests for the required material must be made in due time through the National Federation, or should be directly requested by the Organizer from the responsible importer/trader in the country of the organizer. If there are no importers or traders in the country of organization the material must be requested directly from the manufacturers or through the UMB at least three months before the beginning of the tournament. The UMB Technical Delegate will monitor this subject.

UMB table cloth sponsor "Simonis" will provide the organizer with 1 piece of Simonis X-1 for every 2 tables free of charge; the number of pieces according to the number of tables used will be sent by the Simonis Company to the Organizer with the table cloth. Throughout the duration of the tournament the organizer must use the Simonis X-1 to clean the tables between matches or whenever required, at the exclusion of any other material; the use of Simonis X-1 does not prevent the obligation of using the vacuum cleaner each day before the start of the matches and from then on for every two rounds and whenever required.

The entire tournament, including the qualification-rounds, will be played with "Aramith Pro-Cup Prestige Spotted Balls". Chemical cleaning or chemical treatment of the balls is prohibited.

VECTOR cushions are manufactured by KLEMATCH in the same profile and with the same dimensions as the Kleber P37 type, and exclusively worldwide distributed by BIS company. UMB officially appointed BIS as its exclusive cushion partner. Consequently, UMB will allow only VECTOR cushions to be used, taking the "force majeure" disclaimer clause into consideration. BIS will provide the cushions free of charge, for each table manufacturer that for the first time supplies its table for the event. BIS will contact the table manufacturer and commit itself to supply the cushions 60 days prior to the start of each event. Therefore, the shipping address must be provided by the table manufacturer at least 90 days prior to the event.

Water must be provided on the players' table during the match.

Large indicating/score boards for each billiard table with clear visibility must be available in the arena.

The Kozoom Live Scoring System is recognized and accepted as the official scoring system in both the arena and on the website. Should the Organizer wish to use his own scoring system the UMB must approve and the system must be compatible with the Kozoom Live Scoring System

Billiard tables and indicating boards should display numbers in order for easy recognition by spectators.

The Organizer may decide to allow for some or the entire qualification rounds to be played in different venues. The venues must be at an acceptable distance from one another and the Organizer must provide transportation between the venues or from the official hotel to all venues. The additional venues and conditions provided to the players is the final decision of the UMB Technical Delegate. All venues must provide public and VIP areas. Obligations regarding sponsors and flags of the UMB and Confederations are valid for all venues.

In the event that the Tournament Director is provided by the UMB the Organizer must provide all necessary equipment according to UMB requirements and in accordance with qualified tournament executives.

High speed internet access must be made available at all times for the UMB Delegate and the UMB Technical Delegate.

The organizer will provide the necessary conditions for web coverage including:

- A dedicated internet line for the Kozoom team guaranteeing a minimum bandwidth of 8 Mbps.
- The necessary laptops and connected monitors for each table in the competition.
- A workspace with a power outlet for the Kozoom control center near the area of play.

The organizer will further provide a separate working room for the UMB Technical Delegate and/or the UMB delegate including:

- A permanent and separate internet line by plug connection.
- A color-printer (Up to A3 size).

16. Printed Matter, Greeting, and Sponsors of the UMB and the Confederation:

The following obligations must be observed and carried out by the Organizer:

UMB has the right for 50% of all banners in playing area and around TV Table (s), also 50% of floor publicity. Design and contents for the 50% of the banners and floor publicity will be provided to the organizer by UMB or Kozoom, in accordance with the used measurements.

In addition to the official name of the tournament, the logo of the UMB and of the responsible Confederation must be included on all printed material.

The same is also applicable for promotional material, printed, digital or internet based media. "Words of Greeting" in program books must be requested in due time (approximately 3 months prior to printing) from the UMB and the responsible Confederation. A one page advertisement must be provided for each of the following companies – Simonis and Aramith.

Flags for Simonis and Aramith must be placed in a prominent position to be easily viewed by spectators in the tournament arena. These flags are generally in the possession of each National Federation, if not they must be requested from the UMB not less than three months prior to the beginning of the tournament. The UMB Delegate will bring them to the event.

Publicity on tournament tables is reserved for UMB. Stickers for Simonis, Aramith, Kozoom and Vector should be placed on each tournament billiard tables on the outer cushion frame for the duration of the tournament. The required quantity of stickers should be requested in advance along with cloths, etc. Advertisement on the cloth playing surface and on the upper edge of the cushion is not allowed. Simonis is permitted to fix an advertisement between the kick-off border cushion and the table cloth (sloped surface). The training tables, when available, are part of the tournament tables.

Logos for Simonis, Aramith, Kozoom and Vector must be included on all advertisements and/or posters and web/internet based presentations and media.

The Organizer is forbidden to allow any publicity or advertising from any company competing with the UMB Sponsors, Simonis, Aramith, Kozoom and Vector within the arena or on any World Championship related material.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Exceptions

All unforeseen cases will be decided by the UMB Delegate, in accordance with the organizer.

20. 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 January 1st, 2019.