

RULES

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - 3 CUSHIONS - SINGLES

A. Participation 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 W.C.; the last updated World Players Ranking at the date of the invitation will be the only one applied for the World Championship at all time.
- 2) As participant number 1 is to be invited the player holding the title. The participation will be officially admitted if the winning of the title is dated less than 4 years. An older title is barred by the statute of limitations. *The player who is holding the title will receive traveling expenses, taking into account the following:*

Continental players receive 500,00 euro and Intercontinental players receive 770,00 euro according to the actual reimbursement rules for players and officials.

The organizer of the world championship must support these costs. (The confirmation of the participation of the holder of the title must be done by the federation of which the holder of the title is a member; this confirmation must be done to the UMB Sports Director at least 56 days (= 8 weeks) before the beginning of the world championship in concern).

- 3) As participants numbers 2 to 22, are to be invited those 21 participants, who are figuring as the numbers 1 to 21 of the UMB World Players Ranking applied for the World Championship. In case the holder of the title is mentioned among these 21 participants, number 22 of the UMB world players ranking list has to be invited. *A compensation for traveling and accommodation costs is not paid by the organizers unless the organizers decide otherwise.* (The confirmation of the participation of these 21 participants must be done by the Federations to the UMB Sports Director at least 49 days (= 7 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championship in concern).
- 4) As participants numbers 23 to 46 are to be invited:
 - 12 participants from the European region. CEB is responsible for nomination, inscription and the regarding decision.
 - 8 participants from the Pan-American region; CPB is responsible for nomination, inscription and the regarding decision.
 - 4 participants from the Asian region; ACBC is responsible for nomination, inscription and the regarding decision.

The confirmation of the participation of these 24 participants must be done by the confederations of which these participants are members. This confirmation must be done to the UMB Sports Director at least 35 days (= 5 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championship in concern.

It is possible that the nominated and appointed participants, mentioned in this point, may not figure on the world ranking list under the numbers 1 to 21 (22).

- 5) As participants numbers 47 and 48 are to be invited “wildcard”-participants of the federation who is in charge of organizing the World Championship in concern which means that the organizing federation is fully free to make her own decision. (The confirmation of the participation of these participants must be done to the UMB Sports Director at least 35 days (= 5 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championship in concern).
It is possible that the nominated and appointed participants, mentioned in this point, may not figure on the world ranking list under the numbers 1 to 21 (22).

6) Seeding of the participants before entering the worldchampionship in concern.

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

Under no circumstances will be taken into account the nationality of the participants; however, should there be two or more participants of the same nationality classified in the same group, these participants will compete each other immediately.

Classification of the groups

16 groups of 3 participants; in analogy with 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

B. Not fulfilled nominations and inscriptions:

In case specific participants are not nominated after closing of the term of nomination and inscription, they will be replaced as follows:

- a. “ranking” participants will be replaced by other “ranking” participants based upon the World Players Ranking applied for the World Championship. The replacement will take place in decreasing order. Such an automatic replacement will be done if necessary until 1 week before the start of the World championship. After this period a decision about the replacement will be taken by the elected Board-members.
- b. Players nominated by the confederations can be replaced by these confederations until one week before the start of the World Championship on the condition that the concerned confederation can submit the documents of necessity of replacement (medical or juridical reasons) to the UMB Sports Director. After this period a decision about the replacement will be taken by the elected Board-members.
- c. In case that the holder of the title will not be nominated automatically the 2nd place in the final results table of the last organized W.C will be assigned under the same conditions as the holder of the title, but without any financial compensation for the travel expenses.

- d. In case one or more nominated participants are not present under circumstances beyond one's control (at 20.00 hours) the day before the start of the World Championships in concern, the UMB- delegate will decide after deliberation with the organizer.

Replacing participants - in the groups - will be seeded on the entry list at the same rang of the participant who is not present (regardless the date of replacement). As soon as the seeded groups are published, under no circumstances changes will be allowed in the composition of the groups themselves, only the replacements will be noted.

C. Groups:

With 48 participants 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 case of a no-show in one or more groups the other participants in these groups will compete each-other twice.

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

D. 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 distance of 40 points with equalizing innings, without penalties within the groups and 1 match point for each player in case of tie match, with penalties during the final tournament.

Penalty-rules:

1. The following order of playing the penalty shots is the same as for the original start of the match.
2. The first player starts from the "Aquit" position with his current cue ball (white).
3. The player keeps on shooting until his misses a point. The run (number of points made during the penalty inning) is noted.
4. Then the second player starts with his current cue ball (yellow) from the "Aquit" position and keeps also shooting until he misses a point.
5. The player with the highest run is declared winner of the match.
6. In case of equality the procedure restarts from point 1.
7. The penalty points made do not affect the average

Should the first player end the match in the first inning, the other player has the right to equalize. In the case he also ends the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 match points. However, at that moment and from the ¼ finals on it will be necessary to shoot penalties, one inning after the other.

One break of five minutes per match is obligated after 20 points reached by one of both players. There is NO match to be played for the 3rd and 4th place – both players are classified 3rd.

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)

E. Time-Regulation-System:

The whole Championship– including the qualification-rounds – will be played with a time regulation system.

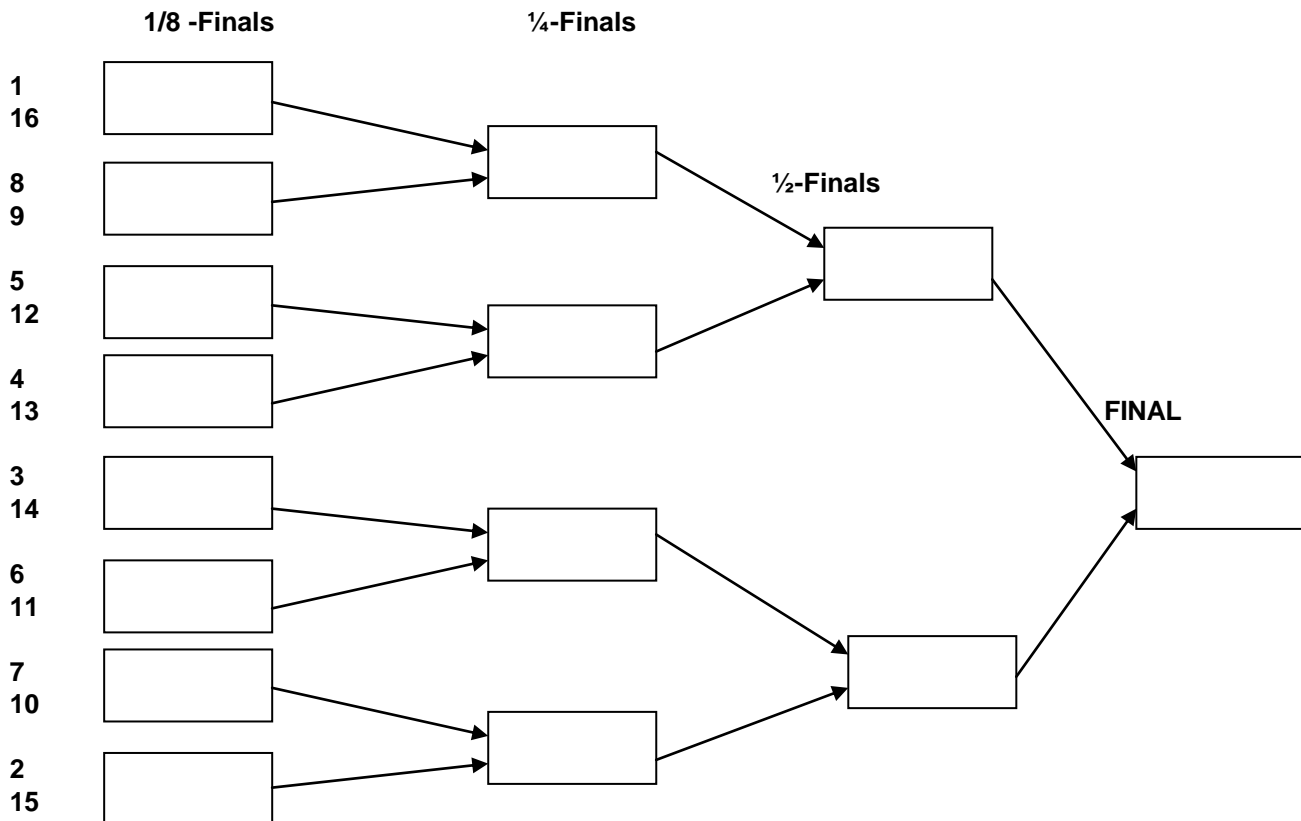
On each table a time-clock will be used under the control of the referee and according to following rules:

- limit of 40 seconds (by preference in count-down) with lightning warning system at 30 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning about the 30 seconds-limit)
- penalization-signal (by preference sonic) after the 40 seconds with putting up the balls for the opponent as consequence
- two Time-Outs per match for each player are allowed. A time-out can be asked at all time within the 40-seconds period. The new total limit is than brought to 80 seconds. At the use of a device (cue extension, bridge, etc) or changing of glove(s), the ongoing time will not be stopped.
- The second time-out can be used for the same point
- A time-out can be used during the penalty shoot-out.

The clock has to be put up in the sports arena in a good visible way for the sportsmen /women and the spectators.

F. Classification after the 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 depending on the results of the K.O. system
2. General average
3. Highest run(s)(penalty sessions are not taken into account)

G. No-show:

If a player is giving a so called no-show, the other player will receive 2 matchpoints.

H. Clothes of the players:

Black trousers, black socks and black shoes are obliged just as the wearing of a jacket. The color of the jacket is free to decide. White shirt, closed at the neckline, with long sleeves held down and with bow tie. It is obliged for all players to wear the emblem of their federation or country on the left side of the chest.

I. Sponsoring:

All sportsmen/women are allowed to wear advertisements “on person”. No publicity can be worn on the left chest-spot as this place is reserved to the National emblem of a Federation.

Advertisements can be worn on the right chest-side of the vest, on the left and right upper arm of the shirt and on the collar of the shirt or blouse.

Each of these advertisement-spots is allowed to have a total size of maximum 80 square centimeters; it is allowed to wear more than one advertisement on each of these spots on the condition that the total of the surface runs not over 120 square centimeters.

One upper arm of the shirt is reserved for the advertisement “on person” of the organizer; this advertisement should not concern any billiard material. If the organizer is not making use of this right the sportsman/woman will be allowed to make use of this free spot. The name of the player or of his/her country/federation can be put on the backside of his/her shirt, vest or blouse.

Advertisements with political, racial, ethnical and/or religious tendencies are strictly forbidden. All advertisement must be decent and appropriate.

Local regulations about any prohibited subjects as tobacco, alcohol and others have to be respected.

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

It is allowed to the referees to wear, in an adequate way, advertisements of the organizer (not over 80 square cm). All referees must wear the same advertisement on the same place.

Contracts of Sportsmen/women and/or the federation/organizer on one side and the sponsor(s) on the other side cannot oblige UMB and consequence which they could have, cannot be reflected on the UMB.

J. Check on the clothes:

The check on the clothes will take place before the opening ceremony by the delegate of the UMB and before each game by the responsible Sports Director. Disrespect of the above mentioned clothing and sponsoring rules may have as consequence an exclusion of the player(s).

K. Opening-Ceremony:

All players have to be present during the opening ceremony. Also here a disrespect of this rule may have as consequence an exclusion of the player(s).

L. Prize-Money:

1 st Place	4.800 x 1 =	4.800 €
2 nd Place	3.200 x 1 =	3.200 €
3 rd + 3 rd	1.600 x 2 =	3.200 €
5 th – 8 th	1.200 x 4 =	4.800 €
9 th – 16 th	800 x 8 =	6.400 €
17 th – 48 ^t	400 x 32 =	<u>12.800 €</u>
Total		<u>35.200 €</u>

The prize money has to be paid net to the sportsmen/women. In addition to that, taxes which are possibly arising in the country of the organizer have to be paid by the organizer at his expense for all foreign sportsmen/women.

With regard to taxes which the sportsman/woman has to pay from the prize money in his/her native country (the country in which they are liable to pay tax), he/she is personally liable. Third persons are expressly exempted from such liability.

The UMB and the responsible confederation are transferring the event to the responsible national federation after corresponding application of the same through its responsible confederation.

With respect to the UMB and the confederation the organizing federation is having the responsibility to keep these rules and to keep further generally binding statutes and rules. It is only within the discretion of the organizing federation to complete contracts with the organizer and/or sponsors which are making an internal, different arrangement. The liability with respect to the sportsmen/women, the UMB and the confederation can, however, not be excluded in them.

The UMB and the confederation are taking on no liability of any kind, except that something else has been arranged with them in writing. Both are as promoters only the ideal representatives and they have no influence at all on the economic carrying out and are not participating in the economic result, either.

On request of the organizer the recipients of price money have to confirm that they have received the price money by a receipt which is informing about their complete address and if need be also about their passport number etc. From the receipt has to follow that the price money has been paid net, free from tax of the country of the organizer and it is also allowed that one is recording on the receipt that the recipient is liable for taxes in the country of his/her own liability to pay tax (in most cases the native country).

Rankingpoints

1 st Place	120	points
2 nd Place	81	
3 rd & 3 rd	57	
5 th - 8 th	39	
9 th - 16 th	24	
17 th - 32 nd	12	
32 nd - 48 th	8	

N. Financial regulations:

Financial obligations of the organizer:

- 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 through the confederation.
- b. Cost of transportation and stay of the U.M.B. delegate taking into account the internal regulations valid at that moment.
- c. Participation fee of the players 200 Euro (or equivalent in US\$). Invoice will be send to the confederations. Payment through the confederations unless requested otherwise by the concerned confederation.

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from June 15th 2013
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