



Statement: Application Rules for Open International Competition

PREAMBLE

The Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) is the sole Body, recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to administer and promote the sports of Carom Billiards in all its disciplines.

Its Members are the Confederal and National Carom Billiards Federations. The UMB and its Members are non-profit organizations. They organize, or let organize by third parties, prestigious open Worlds Cup Tournaments with its ranking system leading the Players to qualify for the closed Confederal and World Championships.

Next to these Ranking tournaments, several promotional Invitational tournaments are organized by or in collaboration with third-party bodies in accordance with the relevant UMB organizational rules.

All applications are treated equally taking the available dates on the International Sports Calendar into consideration.

CONDITIONS

The Union Mondiale de Billard plays an important role in athletes' careers – It protects their financial and sportive interests. As well, as their mental and physical safety. The severe penalties that UMB imposes on Players serve to protect the legitimate, statutory approved, sports objectives, such as the integrity and proper conduct of sports.

The UMB sports rules follow these legitimate objectives. The restrictions that they create are inherent and proportionate to reaching these objectives. The revenues obtained from the organization rights of events are directly re-invested in the sport in the form of support to Organizers, incentives for youth development, increase of prize money for the players and innovation of the sport rules.

To avoid any kind of misunderstanding, the UMB conditions concerning applications for the organization of Open International Competitions as follows:

- a) *An Open International Competition is a competition organized by a third-party and/or co-organized by a third-party and a UMB Member where seeded and non-seeded players may compete together. The competition may contain any novelty in format.*
- b) *The event must be sanctioned by UMB, hereby the following provisions must be observed.*
 - i) *the entry of invited (seeded) players may be made only under the control of the respective UMB Member of the (seeded) participating player or, in a country where there is no UMB Member or no UMB Member for the respective discipline, under the control of the UMB, with any approval by the respective UMB Member or UMB, not to be unreasonably withheld or denied.*
 - ii) *the competition must be conducted in accordance to UMB Regulations subject to any novelty approved by the UMB Committee, thus exempting them from the otherwise applicable UMB rules and Regulations.*

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APPLICATIONS

Applications by third-parties, or by UMB Members that are co-organizing events with third-parties, must be made pursuant to this statement and will be dealt with based on it. For the avoidance of doubt, any application submitted by a third-party pursuant to this statement will be treated in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner as compared to applications submitted by UMB Members for any corresponding event on the UMB Calendar.

In the event of two or more competitions being organized on conflicting dates, the UMB Sports Director shall immediately inform the UMB Members and/or third-party organizers concerned to co-ordinate the dates between them.

This Statement is also valid for any application with a novelty format.

The application to organize an Open International Competition (the "Application") must be submitted in writing, with all available supportive documentation, to the UMB Office at least six months prior to the intended starting date of the competition. The UMB cannot guarantee the approval of any applications received within six months of the proposed date of the event.

Applications need to include the following information:

1. Details of the Applicant and General Information

- a) Name of the UMB Member or alternatively name, contact address, address, phone number, email address of the third-party Applicant.
- b) If a legal entity: registered address, registration number, tax number(s), name and function of representative for Applicant, direct contact number, direct contact email address.
- c) Venue and facilities.
- d) Intended list of invited Players (seeded and non-seeded)
- e) Where the event is organized by an UMB Member or co-organized by a third-party with an UMB Member, the planned TV coverage - Host Broadcaster and Media and marketing rights holder(s) for each territory, and tentative telecast schedule in each territory.
- f) Prize Money and/or appearance fees to the Players
- g) A draft announcement for the Open International Competition, including the format of competition.
- h) A clear description of any proposed novelty in used materials and/or playing rules.

2. General Criteria

- a) In order to ensure the proper functioning of Open International Competitions, proof of enough financial standing for organizing the planned Open International Competition must be provided. Applicants are requested to provide a copy of the previous annual financial report filed with the relevant companies' registry and a letter from a reputable accountancy firm confirming that the organizer is in good financial standing for the organization of the event and has enough funds to pay all prize monies or payments due to participating Players and Officials.
- b) Evidence of relevant professional liability insurance for the Applicant involved in the organization of the Open International Competition.
- c) Written declaration confirming that the Applicant conforms to the UMB Rules as well as to their enforcement by the UMB as applicable to Open International Competitions (subject to any novelties approved by the UMB Committee).

3. Technical & Sporting Criteria

In order to ensure the proper functioning of Open International Competitions, the following technical and sporting information must be provided in the Application to demonstrate that the Applicant is capable of organizing the event:

- a) Proposed dates including an indication of any potential conflicts with events on the UMB Calendar (having regard to the proposed dates, level of Players to be invited, and location of the proposed event).
- b) Proposed number and qualification of Officials or Officials to be approved by the UMB (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld).
- c) Health & Safety specific to Carom: Provide details and confirmation that the venue and medical staff shall conform to the standards in the UMB Statutes but not limited to UMB General Regulations (subject to any approved novelty). Any evidence or test runs conducted by the organizer relating to the integrity of any proposed novelty.
- d) Confirmation of compliance at the full expense of the organizers with UMB Anti-Doping Rules. The confirmation must particularly include the assurance to provide Anti-Doping equipment, facilities for collection of samples, personnel to conduct the testing, transportation of samples and analyses of the samples at an accredited WADA laboratory in accordance with the UMB Anti-Doping Rules and the UMB Anti-Doping Procedures.

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The UMB reserves the right to request further information on the above points relating to the technical organization of the proposed Open International Competition that is proportionate to the objective to be achieved.

4. Ethical Criteria

In order to protect ethical integrity, the Applicant and any party/person cooperating with the Applicant in the organization and conduct of the event, shall agree to the ethical principles as set out in the Declaration on Ethics provided in an annex to this Statement.

The UMB reserves the right to request further information relating to the Ethical Criteria that is proportionate to the objective to be achieved. In particular, the UMB reserves the right to request information concerning the directors, shareholders or *de facto* owners of a third party or sponsor of the event in order to ensure that there is no conflict of interest or integrity risk (e.g. a person involved in the organization of the event is flagged up by IOC Integrity Betting Intelligence System (IBIS) or the information is not in the public domain).

Note: It is recommended that an Applicant consult with the UMB if it has any doubts whether an activity conforms to the Declaration on Ethics.

5. Organization fee

The applicant agrees to pay a proportionate Contribution Organization fee, subject to negotiations, concerning the approved Open International Competition, to the UMB, in favor of the development of the Sports, which for the avoidance of doubt is used for solidarity and development purposes. The UMB has a right to request an audit of the books of the Organizer after the event.

6. Authorization Procedure

The UMB Committee tasks its Sports Director to verify the completeness of documentation contained in the Application and in case of incompleteness to grant the applicant the right to supplement its documentation. Failure to complete the Application with the requested time frame (or revised time frame agreed with the Applicant) shall result in the rejection of the Application for being manifestly incomplete.

Complete Applications will be submitted by the Sports Director together with a recommendation to the UMB Committee. The UMB Committee shall decide on the Application in a UMB Committee meeting or by circular vote not later than two months upon receipt of the complete Application. In the event of no response from the UMB Committee within this timeframe then the event shall be deemed approved.



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The UMB Committee shall accept or reject the Application on a non-discriminatory basis between third parties and UMB Members having regard to its objectives as set out in the UMB Regulations and based on the following criteria:

- (i) General Criteria; and/or
- (ii) Ethical Criteria; and/or
- (iii) Technical and Sporting Criteria

Approval by the UMB Committee of a novelty shall be subject to a test run to ensure the integrity of the sport as well as the health and safety of Players participating in an event with the proposed novelty (if a test run has not otherwise taken place under UMB supervision). The UMB Committee shall approve a novel element following a successful test run (subject only to the approval of any other outstanding Criteria to address a minor concern as outlined below).

The UMB Committee shall also give the Applicant the opportunity to address any minor concern and to re-apply within two months for a final decision.

The UMB Committee's decision shall be communicated to the Applicant in writing. If the Application is rejected, the UMB shall provide the Applicant with the reasons for the decision. Any appeal of an UMB decision relating primarily to the application of the Ethical Criteria or Technical and Sporting Criteria as set out above (to decisions concerning the UMB's anti-doping, health and safety or ethical rules) shall be brought before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. The rules for the appeal arbitration procedure of the Code of Sports Related Arbitration shall apply. For any other dispute relating to the UMB's decision, the UMB shall enter into an arbitration agreement at the request of the Applicant to refer the matter to the ordinary arbitration procedure at CAS in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.

The decision of CAS shall be final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction of any civil court. This is without prejudice to the right of appeal before the Swiss Federal Tribunal in accordance with Swiss law and the right to challenge the enforcement or recognition of an award on grounds of public policy in accordance with any applicable national procedural laws.

CONDITIONS FOLLOWING AUTHORISATION

Upon UMB authorization, the Event Announcement may be posted by the Organizers on the Internet and the UMB will include the Event in its Event Calendar on the UMB website.

The successful Applicant has permission to use the following statement "Approved by the Union Mondiale de Billard" or "UMB Approved Open International Competition" in any correspondence or advertising associated with the Open International Competition.



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The UMB always reserves the right to conduct an inspection before the authorized Open International Competition and to maintain an inspection team on site during the event.

The Applicant shall submit a protocol including all competition results immediately after completion of the Open International Competition to the UMB Office.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The provisions from UMB Statutes and Rules referred to above can be downloaded from the official UMB website <http://www.umb-carom.org/>. Please note that any update to the rules and regulations cited in this Statement (e.g. Anti-Doping or Ethics) are automatically applicable unless otherwise specified in the revised rules. The Applicant is invited to raise any queries and engage in a dialogue with the UMB Office during the application process.

Disclaimer.

The rules and regulations are subject to modifications without previous notification. They are published on the UMB website.