



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ARTISTIQUE

REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1 - PARTICIPANTS

The World Championship Artistic is held with 24 participants over two rounds: a qualification round of 16 players and a seeded players final round with 8 players. The composition is as follows:

A. Seeded Players Final round

- a) The title-holder regardless of nationality, unless the winning of the title is not more than 4 years ago.
- b) 1 ACBC-player
- c) 1 CPB-player
- d) 2 CEB-players
- e) one player determined by the organizing federation.
- f) one player determined by the organizing federation.
- g) one player determined by UMB.

B. Players Qualification round

- a) One player determined by the organizing federation.
- b) 4 ACBC-players
- c) 5 CPB-players
- d) 6 CEB-players

In case that sportsmen are not nominated after closing of the terms of nomination and inscription, they will be replaced by sportsmen of the organizing Confederation.

Replacing participants will be seeded in the players qualification round in the same group of the sportsmen they are replacing.

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 Championship in concern, the UMB-delegate will decide after deliberation with the organizer.

Once groups are published no changes will be allowed.

ARTICLE 2 – SEEDING OF THE PLAYERS

Final Round Seeding

The title-holder is seeded as number 1.

2nd CEB 1

3rd CPB 1

4th ACBC 1

5th CEB 2

6th First Wildcard Organizing Federation

7th CEB 3

8th Wildcard UMB

Composition of the Qualification Groups

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
CEB 4	CEB 5	CEB 6	CEB 7
CPB 5	CPB 4	CPB 3	CPB2
ACBC2	ACBC 3	ACBC 4	ACBC 5
CPB 6	CEB 10	CEB 9	CEB 8

Players of the same confederation(including the second Wildcard of the Organizing Federation) are seeded following an existing Confederal ranking list or by absence following the last Confederal Championship.

ARTICLE 3 – PLAYING SYSTEM IN THE QUALIFYING ROUND

A round-robin system applies for group rounds

The numbers 3 and 4 are eliminated. The numbers 3 are occupying the places 13 - 16 and the numbers 4 the places 17 - 24 of the final list of results

One is playing according to the "10-set-system" best of five (three winning sets). Those placed on the first and on the second place of the respective groups are qualifying for the Final round following a ranking of the results:

- a) Match points (W = 2 points | L = 0 points)
- b) Percentage = Total number of points played x 100 = % Total number of points possible
- c) Direct comparison (result of the sportsmen against each other)

ARTICLE 4 – PLAYING SYSTEM IN THE FINAL ROUND

The final round is played in four groups of four players. The four groups are composed as following:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Title Holder	CEB 1	CPB 1	ACBC 1
Wildcard	CEB 3	1 st Wildcard OF	CEB 2
1 st Qualifier	2nd Qualifier	3rd Qualifier	4 th Qualifier
8 th qualifier	7th Qualifier	6 th Qualifier	5 th Qualifier

The numbers 3 and 4 are eliminated. The numbers 3 are occupying the places 9 - 12 and the numbers 4 the places 13 - 16 of the final list of results. The division of the quarter-final takes place by means of the results of the groups according to the criteria of here above, that means 4-5, 3-6, 2-7, and 1-8.

The winners of the quarter-final are playing the semi-final, divided according to the results of the quarter-final, that means 2-3 and 1-4.

The losers of the quarter-final are eliminated and are occupying the places 5 - 8 of the finalist of results on the basis of the result in the final round according to the above-mentioned criteria. The winners of the semi-finals are playing the final and the losers are eliminated and are jointly occupying place 3 of the final list of results.

ARTICLE 5 – START OF THE SET

The matches are starting with a cushion decision. The sportsman which is starting in the 1st set has also to start in the 3rd and possibly the 5th set. The opponent is starting in the 2nd and possibly in the 4th set. The sportsman which is winning the cushion decision, has the choice of starting himself or of leaving that to his opponent. The sportsman who is starting is always starting with each figure of set 1, 3 and possibly 5 as the first.

ARTICLE 6 - TIE-BREAK

In case that a set is finishing drawn, a tie-break will follow immediately in which the first figure of the following group is played. In case that both sportsmen are missing this figure the following one is having its turn, till it is coming to a decision: as soon as one sportsman has missed a figure which the opponent has made the set will be decided. The tie-break is started by the sportsman who had also started the set.

ARTICLE 7- END OF THE SET

If one sportsman cannot be pulled up to by the opponent anymore in a set, the set will be brought to an end.

ARTICLE 8 – PROGRAMM OF THE FIGURES

The new Artistic-Programme of 100 figures has been divided up into 10 sets of 10 figures each (sets A up to J). All sets have the same degree of difficulty and contain 75 points each.

Set No. A: 61-54-95-78-09-71-93-53-04-68 = 75 Set No. B: 41-06-63-72-02-50-69-18-94-66 = 75 Set No. C: 03-49-97-44-67-24-83-46-25-92 = 75 Set No. D: 33-45-65-82-86-10-05-75- 29-58 = 75 Set No. E: 01-52-38-62-99-42-27-76-15-34 = 75 Set No. F: 79-08-80-64-57-96- 11-77-19-32 = 75 Set No. G: 73-87-35-30-47-12-89-26-23-88 = 75 Set No. H: 59-40-20-28- 55-91-51-43-70-98 = 75 Set No. I: 21-39-81-60-07-56-31-90-48-84 = 75 Set No. J: 13-16-74- 36-37-14-85-17-22-100 = 75

ARTICLE 9 – FINAL LIST OF RESULTS

The list of results is drawn up according to the following aspects:

1. Placement according to win or defeat for the places 1 up to 3 / 4
2. Comparison of the round of the match which had been achieved
3. Percentage = total number of points played x 100 = % (three digits after the point) total number of points possible

ARTICLE 10 – REGISTRATION WITH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTION

The sportsmen have to register one hour before the opening of the championship with the tournament direction. An offence against this rule can result in the immediate disqualification.

ARTICLE 11 – DRAW OF THE FIGURES

At the beginning of the tournament one is deciding by means of lots with which set one is starting on table 1; on table 2 one is beginning with the set which is 3 letters further, on table 3 once again 3 letters further.

Before the beginning of the final round the set with which one has to start is newly drawn.

Before the beginning of the 1/4-final, the 1/2-final and the final the set with which one has to start is newly drawn.

ARTICLE 12 – BREAK

After the second set a break of 5 minutes is made.

ARTICLE 13 BALLS –TABLES –LIGHTING

After the balls have been checked by the UMB representative, he or the referee spokesman will decide with which balls one is playing on which table. This is valid for the entire tournament. At least one set of replacement balls shall be available. One is playing with balls from synthetic material which are recognized by the UMB.

Concerning their size and height (upper edge of the cushion 75-80 cm) the billiard tables are determined by the rules edited by the UMB. Concerning its intensity and the height of fixing the lighting is as well determined by these rules.

ARTICLE 14 – AUXILIARY MATERIALS

The sportsmen are allowed to use a platform of a maximum height of 5 cm (inclusive of the equipment).

ARTICLE 15 – ATTEMPTS

For all sportsmen the usual number of 3 attempts is valid, those are however unimportant with regard to the final list of results.

ARTICLE 16 – CLOTHING

See specific UMB regulations for clothing

ARTICLE 16 – ADVERTISING

See specific UMB regulations for advertising

ARTICLE 17 – SPORT SUPPORTING PRICES

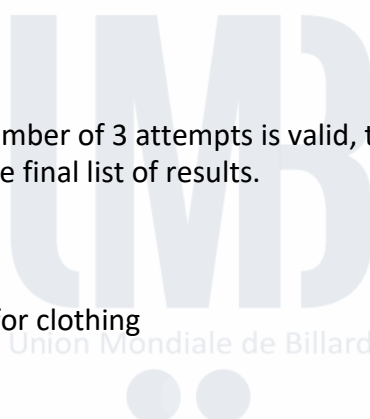
The organizer makes the following supporting prices available:

Places 17 up to 24: each Euro 200.00

Places 9 up to 16: each Euro 300.00 Places 5 up to 8: each Euro 500.00

Places 3: each Euro 1,000.00 Place 2: Euro 1,500.00

Place 1: Euro 3,000.00



ARTICLE 18 - NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

A sportsman who is/has been officially inscribed in the tournament and who is not presenting himself has the obligation to excuse himself at least three weeks before the beginning of the tournament at the organizer and the Sportmanager of the UMB; his inscription fee remains owed, no other sanctions will be taken.

In case that a sportsman is later given notice of his withdrawal, he has to submit a certified medical proof for his absence.

In case that a sportsman is absent from the tournament without an excuse the intended punishment will be applied, that means a suspension for all international encounters with regard to the current and the following season.

In case that a sportsman has to stop during the tournament on account of a recognized reason, the played and not played sets will be declared null and void. The sportsman will not be replaced.

