



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

5-PINS NATIONAL TEAMS

PREAMBLE

- This event will be organized every 2 years (on odd years 2023, 2025, etc.), organisations during even years will be accepted.
- The tournament will last from Thursday to Sunday.
- Minimum n° 4 billiard tables are required.

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

- Total of 16 registered National Teams from the affiliated Confederations by the following split:
 - Current World Champion National team (UMB wildcard if not available)
 - Organising Federation wild card
 - CEB : 10 (European region)
 - CPB : 2 (American region)
 - ACBC : 1 (Asian region)
 - AMCC : 1 (African & Middle East regions)
- One team from each Federation following Confederation rules. In case the number of 16 teams is not reached, the remaining teams will be joined as follow:
 - B-Team representative of the organizer
 - B-Team from other federations following the Confederation rules.

Art. 2. GENERAL RULES OF THE GAME

- Each team consists of 4 sportsmen plus an unlimited number of reserves. It's strongly recommended to register at least one reserve and to come to the competition with one reserve. The reserves can be used in every match, with no limits in terms of numbers. The substitution must be done and communicated to the tournament director before the start of the match. The team coach will provide in writing, prior to each match, the composition of his team to the tournament director as follows, including the reserves that can, in case, be used:
 - Sportsman I1 - match individual
 - Sportsman I2 - match individual
 - Sportsmen D1+D2 - match double
 - Sportsmen R1+R2+R3+R4 - match relay

Art. 3. PLAYING SYSTEM IN THE GROUPS

- One match “Individual” (Sportsman I1) on 100 Points – Winner 1 set point
- One match “Individual” (Sportsman I2) on 100 Points – Winner 1 set point
- One match “Double” (Sportsmen D1+D2) on 100 Points – Winner 1 set point
- One match “Relay” (Sportsmen R1+R2+R3+R4) on 160 Points - Winner 2 set points (each sportsman 40 points)

- All 4 matches must be played.

In case of no mutual agreement between athletes, flip coin will determine who will start testing the table before the match, both in singles, then in doubles, then in the relay.

Relay must be played in the same table where double has been played and the athletes who play the relay that have not played in the double have 5 minutes each to test the table.

Art. 4. GAMES OF THE GROUPS

- The 16 teams are positioned in 4 groups of 4 teams by drawing remembering that teams of the same nationality cannot be located in the same group.
- The first four national teams ranked in the last World Championship will be set as seeded in the four groups. The remaining national teams will be drawn by lot.
- If a team withdraws after the composition of the groups, the new team will take the place of the failed team.
- The first 2 classified teams of each group are qualified for the final round (8 teams total).

Art. 5. PROCEDURE TO ASSIGN THE POINTS

		Team A		Team B
Team A vs. Team B	5 – 0	3	Match Points	0
		5	Set Points	0
Team A vs. Team B	4 – 1	3	Match Points	0
		4	Set Points	1
Team A vs. Team B	3 – 2	3	Match Points	0
		3	Set Points	2
Team A vs. Team B	2 – 3	0	Match Points	3
		2	Set Points	3
Team A vs. Team B	1 – 4	0	Match Points	3
		1	Set Points	4
Team A vs. Team B	0 – 5	0	Match Points	3
		0	Set Points	5

Art. 6. PROCEDURE TO CLASSIFY THE TEAMS

1. Match points gained by the teams.
2. If 2 teams in a group have the same number of match points their respective positions will be defined by the result of their direct match.
3. If 3 teams in a group won 1 match each, set points will be considered as follows:
 - a) If each team has a different number of set points, this will be used to rank them.
 - b) If 2 teams have the same number of set points, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
 - c) If 3 teams have the same number of set points, the average is considered. The team with the lowest average will be third and the result of the direct match between the remaining two will define the first and second position in the group.
 - c1) If 2 teams have the same average, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
 - c2) If all 3 teams have the same average, penalties will be made as follows:
The 4 relay athletes will take a penalty shot each (white ball free and yellow ball in the starting position without red ball). The team that obtains the most valid points will be the winner. In case after 4 penalty shots the sum of the total points is the same, the penalty shots will be played over and over (one at a time) until one team prevails over the other

Art. 7. RANKINGS AFTER THE GAMES OF THE GROUPS

- The places 1 - 4 are received by the winners of the groups.
- The places 5 - 8 by the teams second classified in the groups.
- The places 9 - 12 by the third classified teams in the groups.
- The places 13 - 16 by the fourth classified in the groups.

Places 1-4 will be determined comparing the results of the four first classified teams taking into account:

1. Match points
2. Set points
3. Average

Places 5-8 will be determined comparing the results of the four second classified teams taking into account:

1. Match points
2. Set points
3. Average

Places 9-12 will be determined comparing the results of the four third classified teams taking into account:

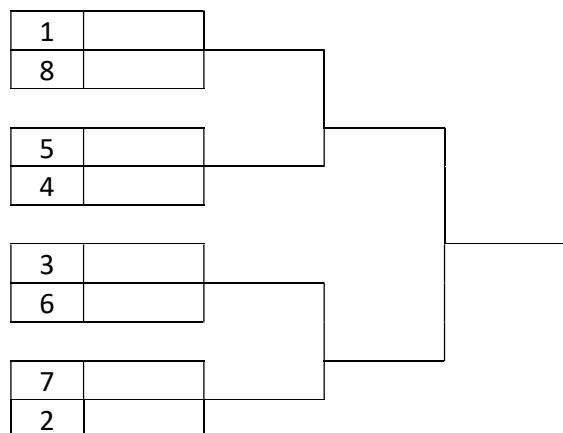
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3. Average

Places 13-16 will be determined comparing the results of the four fourth classified teams taking into account:

1. Match points
2. Set points
3. Average

Art. 8. FINAL ROUND

- Will be played by the best 8 Teams according to the KO system in the following encounters:



Art. 9. PLAYING SYSTEM OF THE FINAL ROUND

- One match “Individual” (Sportsman I1) on 120 Points – Winner 1 set point
 - One match “Individual” (Sportsman I2) on 120 Points – Winner 1 set point
 - One match “Double” (Sportsmen D1+D2) on 120 Points – Winner 1 set point
 - One match “Relay” (Sportsmen R1+R2+R3+R4) on 200 Points – Winner 2 set points (each sportsman 50 points)
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- If after 3 matches, the result is 3 - 0, the 4th match will not be played.
 - If the result is 2-1 or 1-2, the 4th match must be played to have a winner.

Art. 10. SPORT SUPPORTING PRICES

- The first 8 teams classified will get the following sport supporting prices:

1°	class.	€ 8.000 x 1 =	€ 8.000
2°	class.	€ 4.000 x 1 =	€ 4.000
3°-3°	class.	€ 2.000 x 2 =	€ 4.000
5°-8°	class.	€ 1.000 x 4 =	€ 4.000

			€ 20.000

The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 20.000 prize money.

Art. 11. TRAVEL EXPENSES & DAILY ALLOWANCE

- When playing in Europe, will not be compensated to the CEB Teams.
- The 2 teams from CPB will receive from the organizer free Hotel Accommodation (6 nights) and Meals.

Art. 12. INSCRIPTION FEES

- The registration fee to the UMB of €200,00 per Team must be paid after receiving the invoice from the corresponding confederation.

Art. 13. ORGANIZER FEE

- An organizer fee of € 1.000,00 has to be paid according to the statutes of the UMB. The organizing national federation is legally responsible for that. The fee have to be paid after receipt of the invoice from the Confederation and not later than 12 weeks before the start of the tournament.

Art. 14. UMB DELEGATE & UMB TECHNICAL DELEGATE

- The organizer will pay travel expenses and hotel accommodation (bed & breakfast basis) for the UMB Delegate and the UMB Technical Delegate.

Art. 15. ORGANIZATIONS & INSCRIPTIONS DEADLINES

- **LATEST 14 WEEKS** before the date of the event the organizer must send to UMB all needed informations for making the official invitation of the event.
- **LATEST 12 WEEKS** before the date of the event UMB must publish the invitation on the UMB website.
- **LATEST 8 WEEKS** before the date of the event the CONFEDERATIONS have to send inscriptions of the teams to UMB (this means 4 weeks time for inscriptions)
- **LATEST 7 WEEKS** before the date of the event UMB must publish the list of the participating teams.

Art. 16. TOURNAMENT ATTIRE

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, white or plain coloured shirt with long sleeves buttoned down and bow tie over a buttoned collar. A vest is compulsory (colour choice is open). All players must wear their Federation emblem on the left side of the chest. Both players of the same team must wear the same uniform

Art. 17. ADVERTISING

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 right side of the chest on the condition that the total of the surface does not exceed and should fit inside a rectangle 90 square centimeters.

Left 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

Art. 18. 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.

In order to support the local promotion of UMB events, 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.

Art. 19. 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.

Art. 20. SPORTING MATERIAL – MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT & TOURNAMENT DIRECTION

Billiard tables used in tournaments must comply with the standard specifications of the UMB. All tables used for the event should be of same model and colour. Table colour along the body and the top (Cushion frame) must be in Black, White, all shades of Grey, Blue and Brown (Natural Wood colours). Tablecloth and balls should be authorized by the UMB, according to the make, quality, and type. New tablecloth 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.

The entire tournament, including the qualification-rounds, will be played with "Gorina Table Cloth" and with "DynaSpheres Balls". Chemical cleaning or chemical treatment of the balls is prohibited.

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.

Billiard tables and indicating boards should display numbers 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.

Background music played in the arena must be instrumental and at moderate sound level, in alignment with UMB Delegate. Under no circumstances may the music take a foreground place or disturb the concentration of the players.

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).

Art. 21. PRINTED MATTER, GREETING AND SPONSORS OF THE UMB AND THE CONFEDERATIONS

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, 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.

Publicity on tournament tables is reserved for UMB. Stickers for DynaSpheres and Gorina, 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. The training tables, when available, are part of the tournament tables.

Logos for Dynaspheres and Gorina 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, Dynaspheres, or Gorina within the arena or on any World Championship related material.

Art. 22. 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.

Art. 23. PLAYERS 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.

Art. 24. EXCEPTIONS

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

Art. 25. FINAL CLAUSE – COMING INTO FORCE

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

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from February 10th, 2023.

APPENDIX 1.

Rules for the match "Double"

1. The sportsmen can free determine who begins.
2. During the match the change of the athlete in the game takes place in the following cases:
 - a) The opponent realizes valid points.
 - b) The athlete in the game loses points (two or more points of pins and / or red ball).
 - c) The athlete in the game gives "free ball" (foul 2 points).
3. The change of athlete who has made the foul does not imply a change in the opposing pair.
4. The sportsman, who by the starting stroke does not have the possibility to make valid points, will not be replaced even if the opponent realizes valid points in the first shot.
5. The sportsmen of a pair can take advice to the realizing shot, but it is strictly forbidden that the sportsman who does not play, with or without instrument (billiard cue etc.), to take in the position of his partner to help him to find the position for realizing the shot. The advice to the partner must be limited to a real theoretical advice.
6. As soon as the sportsman who shall make the shot is in position, the partner can no longer intervene.
7. If an offence against the points 4 and 5 of the present article is recorded, the referee exhorts the sportsman and, at repetition, can he ask the tournament manager who can decide to disqualify the couple by dishonesty.
8. The confusion of the ball, or of the sportsman, is considered as a mistake of 2 points to which the points that are eventually obtained by the nation which is at the table and a "free ball" for the adversary.
9. The athletes cannot ask the referee which one of them has to play the next shot.

APPENDIX 2

MANDATORY timetable to be used from quarterfinals onwards, will be as follows, to have always all teams playing at the same time, first the singles, then the doubles, then the relay (if has to be played), as shown in the diagram below:

QF 1 Single 1	QF 2 Single 1	QF 3 Single 1	QF 4 Single 1
QF 1 Single 2	QF 2 Single 2	QF 3 Single 2	QF 4 Single 2
QF 1 Double	QF 2 Double	QF 3 Double	QF 4 Double
QF 1 Relay	QF 2 Relay	QF 3 Relay	QF 4 Relay

In the group games is strictly recommended to play on 4 tables 4 different matches, so this rule has to apply always where possible, and exceptions can be done from Tournament Director after the ok of the UMB delegate.

Please note that even if quarterfinals and semi-finals must be played at the same time, broadcasting needs where provided from UMB or Organizer may change this schedule.