



World Championship Rules

Artistic discipline

ARTICLE 1 - PARTICIPANTS

The World Championship Artistic is held annually with 32 participants. Qualification rounds will be played in 8 groups of 4 players and from each group the best 2 players (16 players) are qualified for the knock-out phase. The composition is as follows:

- a) The titleholder regardless of nationality, on the condition that the title is not older than 4 years, Otherwise, the place will be assigned by UMB.
- b) 5 places assigned for ACBC players
- c) 2 places assigned for AMECC players
- d) 6 places assigned for CPB players
- e) 13 places assigned for CEB players
- f) 2 places assigned for the organizing federation.
- g) 2 places assigned for the organizing confederation.
- h) 1 place assigned for UMB.

If 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.
- C.P.B.
- A.C.B.C.
- A.M.E.C.C.

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

In case one or more nominated participants are not present under circumstances beyond one's control, at 20:00, 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 for the qualification round

The confederations responsible nominate the participating players in the following order of placement in the groups.

The players will be seeded according to the received following order from the confederations and wild cards, using the Z-system, as follows:

Group-A	Group-B	Group-C	Group-D	Group-E	Group-F	Group-G	Group-H
UMB-1	CEB-1	CPB-1	ACBC-1	AMECC-1	CONF-1	CEB-2	CEB-3
CEB-6	CPB-3	CEB-5	FED-1	CEB-4	UMB-2	ACBC-2	CBP-2
CEB-7	CEB-8	CEB-9	CPB-4	ACBC-3	AMECC-2	FED-2	CONF-2
CPB-6	ACBC-5	ACBC-4	CEB-13	CEB-12	CEB-11	CPB-5	CEB-10

The title holder, if available, will be seeded as #1, using the wildcard UMB-1. If three players of the same nationality are in one group, the UMB sports director will replace player #3 of the group. In the case where two players of the same nationality are in the same group they will meet first. The top two from each group qualify for the knock-out phase.

ARTICLE 3 - SYSTEM – BEGINNING OF THE MATCH

The games begin by cushion drawing. The player who wins the cushion drawing decides who begins the match. The match begins with the figure of a starting point (A-N). Both players try every figure until an athlete cannot be joined by his opponent. Then the match is finished. All players have to play all figures with the dotted white ball.

ARTICLE 4 - PLAYING DISTANCE

The playing distance in the group matches and in the 1/8-finals is 28 figures. The playing distance in the quarter-final, half-final and final is 35 figures.

ARTICLE 5 - TIE-BREAK

If a match in the K.O. phase does not have a winner, a tie-break will follow playing the next figure in the row. If both players solve or fail this figure, they will play the next figure until a winner is known. The tie-break will be started by the player who has started the match.

If a match in the group phase is tied after the last figure, no tie-break happens. Each player receives 1 match point.

ARTICLE 6 - BREAK

After the 14th figure played, there is a break of 5 minutes.

Additionally, in the event that a match will be broadcast live on television, the TV broadcasting company has the right to request 2 commercial breaks at any time during the whole match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds. Players must remain seated during the break. Breaks cannot be made during a player's run.

ARTICLE 7 - RANKING IN THE GROUPS

The classification of groups will be conducted using the following criteria:

- a) Match points (W = 2 Pts / L = 0 Pt)
- b) Percentage = (Total succeed points / Total possible points) x 100 = % with three decimal places (cut without rounding)
- c) Direct encounter (Mutual result)
- d) Highest run
- e) Number of solved figures with coefficient 10, 9, 8, etc.

ARTICLE 8 - QUALIFICATION RANKING

The classification after the group matches will be arranged as follows:

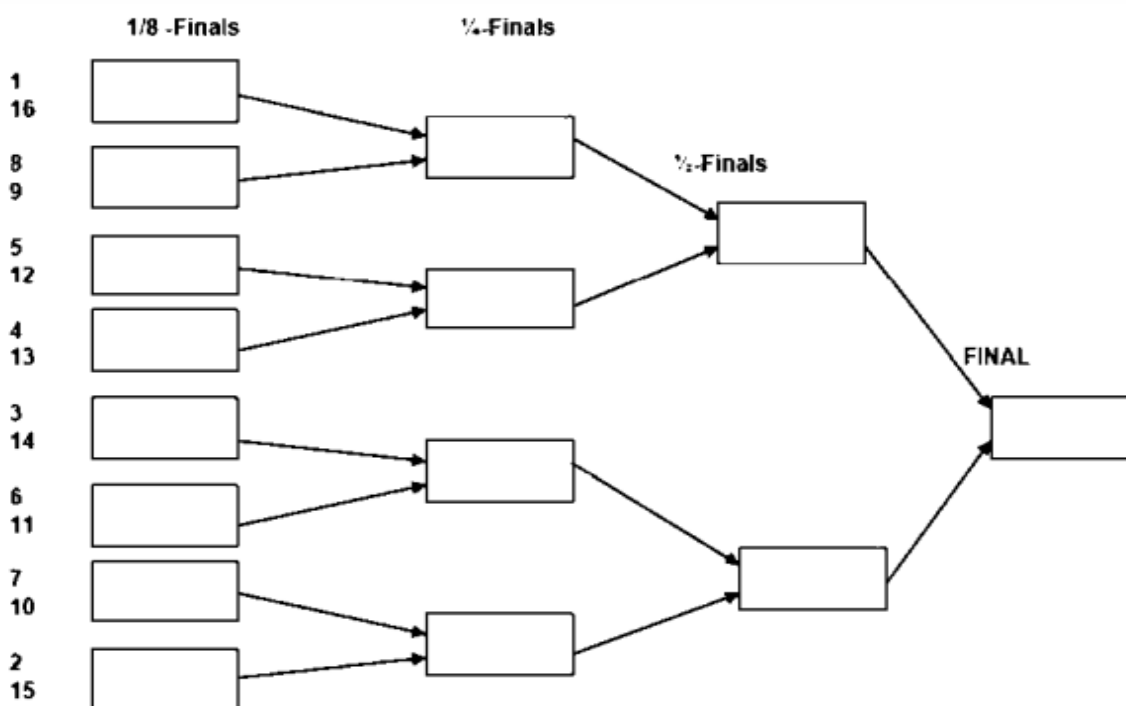
- a) Group rank
- b) Match points
- c) Percentage, as described in Art.7.
- d) Highest run
- e) Number of solved figures with coefficient 10, 9, 8, etc.

ARTICLE 9 - FINAL RANKING

The ranking will be done according to the following criteria:

1. Placement according to the winner or loser for the places 1 to 3 / 4
2. Reached round.
3. Percentage = (Total succeed points / Total possible points) x 100 = % with three decimal places (cut without rounding)

ARTICLE 10 - Tournament system in the KO phase



ARTICLE 11 - PROGRAM of the FIGURES

98 figures of the "artistic" program of 100 figures are arranged in one row. After figure 58 the matches or tiebreaks will continue with figure 85. The starting points (A-N), the figure numbers and beneath their coefficients:

A	85	49	35	10	37	16	82	B	51	8	19	78	94	96	32	C	3	26	20	24	57	6	92
	5	8	7	9	6	8	10		5	8	7	10	7	9	10		5	8	7	9	6	8	10
D	69	4	99	36	2	87	34	E	21	74	55	50	27	52	88	F	11	54	47	100	89	76	84
	5	7	6	10	6	8	10		5	7	6	9	5	8	10		5	8	6	10	5	8	10
G	79	18	23	66	29	90	72	H	61	63	95	42	67	17	44	I	33	40	48	71	5	14	60
	5	8	7	10	7	8	10		5	7	7	9	6	8	10		5	8	7	9	5	9	10
J	93	45	15	56	9	77	28	K	1	70	81	91	83	43	62	L	73	65	22	30	7	39	68
	5	8	7	9	6	8	10		5	7	7	9	5	8	10		5	7	7	10	6	8	10
M	31	80	38	98	86	46	64	N	13	25	97	12	59	53	58								
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ARTICLE 12 - DRAWING of the FIGURES

At the beginning of the tournament a draw will decide the starting point for table 1. On table 2 the match starts 3 letters further, on table 3: 6 letters and on table 4: 9 letters. The following matches at the same table begin at the next starting point. Before the start of the 1/8, 1/4, 1/2-final and the final a new draw of the starting point will take place.

ARTICLE 13 - HELP / AUXILIARY MATERIALS

It is allowed for players to use an elevation with a maximum height of 5 cm overall.

ARTICLE 14 – ATTEMPTS

The usual 3 attempts are given to all players, but they are irrelevant to the final classification. If a limiter is used in a figure, the attempt is valid if the limiter does not tip over. Simply touching it without the limiter falling is not enough.

ARTICLE 15 - Attire

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, long-sleeve one colored shirt, waistcoat and bow tie for male players. For ladies, a one colored blouse is compulsory and the waistcoat and bow tie is not.

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

ARTICLE 16 – 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 like 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

ARTICLE 17 - Dress Control

Dress control will take place prior to the opening ceremony by the UMB Delegate and before each game by the Sports Director responsible. Inappropriate dress may result in exclusion from the tournament.

ARTICLE 18 - 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.

ARTICLE 19 - Player’s Personal Electrical Equipment

All players’ personal mobile phones, tablets, music players, etc., are forbidden in the arena throughout the match, including during the breaks.

ARTICLE 20 - Opening Ceremony

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

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.

ARTICLE 21 - Sporting 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 with 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 "SIMONIS Tablecloth" and with "Dynaspheres 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 GDM as its exclusive cushion partner. Consequently, UMB will allow only VECTOR cushions to be used, taking the "force majeure" disclaimer clause into consideration. GDM will provide cushions free of charge, for each table manufacturer that for the first time supplies its table for the event. GDM 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. Billiard tables and indicating boards should display numbers for easy recognition by spectators.

ARTICLE 22 – PRIZE MONEY AND UMB SUPPORT

<i>1st Place</i>	$€ 3.500 \times 1 = € 3.500$
<i>2nd place</i>	$€ 1.700 \times 1 = € 1.700$
<i>3rd + 3rd</i>	$€ 1.000 \times 2 = € 2.000$
<i>5th – 8th</i>	$€ 600 \times 4 = € 2.400$
<i>9th – 16th</i>	$€ 400 \times 8 = € 3.200$
<i>17th – 32th</i>	$€ 300 \times 16 = € 4.800$
NET TOTAL	€ 17.600

The UMB will support the Organizer with the total amount of € 15.000, as follows:

- The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 7.800 for organization.
- The UMB will transfer direct prize money to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd + 3rd places (€ 7.200).

Prize money should be paid to the players on a net basis. Additionally, taxes arising in the organizing country must be paid by the Organizer for all foreign players. Players are personally liable and responsible for paying tax on their prize money according to the taxation laws of their country. Third parties are exempt from such liability.

Prize money paid by the Organizer to the player is paid in cash, unless the fiscal laws of the organizing country restrict cash payments to a maximum amount, in this case the prize money payment should be made net by bank transfer to the player's account, all bank transfer charges are covered by the organizer. UMB assumes no liability in this matter, that is the sole responsibility of the Organizer.

The UMB and the Confederation responsible transfer the event to the National Federation after their corresponding application has been made to the Confederation.

ARTICLE 23 – Financial Regulations

- Player's participation fee € 200.00, excluding the current World Champion.
- The organizing Federation's Wildcard and the UMB's eventual Wildcard is € 200 to be paid by the Confederation or Federation depending on the continent to which the player belongs

Obligations of the Organizer:

- UMB organization fee to be paid over the Confederation € 3.200.00 (plus the fee of the organizing 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

ARTICLE 24 – 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 October 31st, 2023, agreement, and until further notice, has granted Soop CO., LTD (SOOP) 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.

Except SOOP Cameras, no other Cameras are allowed to Live-Streaming or produce the event. In case that any organizer will request a Live-Streaming feed or own production, it should negotiate the cost in advance with SOOP.

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

ARTICLE 25 – 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.

ARTICLE 26 – 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 to 50% of all banners in playing area and around TV Table (s), also 50% of floor publicity. Design and contents for 50% of the banners and floor publicity will be provided to the organizer by the Media company chosen by the organizer or by UMB, in accordance with the measurements used.

In addition to the official name of the tournament, the logo of the UMB and of the Confederation responsible 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, SIMONIS 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 tablecloth (sloped surface). The training tables, when available, are part of the tournament tables.

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

ARTICLE 27 - Exceptions

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

ARTICLE 28 - 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 Executive Committee and are applicable from January 1st, 2025.