

## **World Cup 3-Cushion Rules**

### **PREAMBLE**

The following rules have been drawn up based on the statutes and rules of the UMB and the resolutions of their bodies. They have binding validity and are to be observed to promote and secure World Cup Tournaments. These rules are specifically tailored to World Cup tournaments, all other established sports rules and regulations remain in force unless they should contradict the rules listed in this Appendix. All organizers and players should be familiar with and accept these rules.

**An official notification will be sent by the UMB to all Organizers at the beginning of the calendar year, Organizers are required to sign and return their acceptance to strictly comply to published UMB Sports Rules and proceed with the events accordingly.**

### **1. Appeal to organize the Three Cushion World Cup Tournaments:**

The UMB invites Confederations and Federations to organize one or several World Cup tournaments on the following basis.

**A minimum of 5 World Cup tournaments must be held throughout each calendar year (1/1 – 31/12). At the end of the season, the player that obtains the highest total of points in the World Cup Season Ranking will be declared the winner of the year's circuit, and the top 3 will receive the following prize money:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>€ 30.000</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>€ 15.000</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>€ 10.000</b>

### **2. Organizer and Tournament Name:**

According to the country in which the World Cup tournament will be held, the Confederation concerned will be responsible for reserving the date and appointing the organizer. The official tittle attributed to a World Cup is reserved for UMB.

The organizer must send all basic information (hotel information, number of tables, maximum registrations, etc.) to the UMB not less than two months before the start of the tournament.

The invitation, including this basic information, will be sent out by the UMB at least 45 days before the start of the World Cup.

### **3. Prerequisite for Participation:**

All tournaments are open tournaments, all members of the UMB and all Confederal members are allowed to participate on the condition that they have not been suspended by the UMB, the Confederation or by their National Federations and that they have been inscribed within the period stipulated.

#### **4. UMB Recognized Tournaments:**

Only International open tournaments that are mentioned on the official sports-calendar of the UMB are to be considered as recognized tournaments. World Cups are recognized tournaments. Infringements of these rules by the players will result in a suspension for the duration of 1 calendar year, by the UMB, from the start of the non-recognized open tournament.

#### **5. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, agreement, and until further notice, has granted AFREECATV CO., LTD (AFREECATV) 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 AFREECATV 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 AFREECATV.**

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

#### **6. Image Rights:**

Within the frame of World Cup competitions, 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.

#### **7. Matches, Breaks, Playing Schedule and Classification:**

Video replay will not be taken into consideration for any decisions during the match.

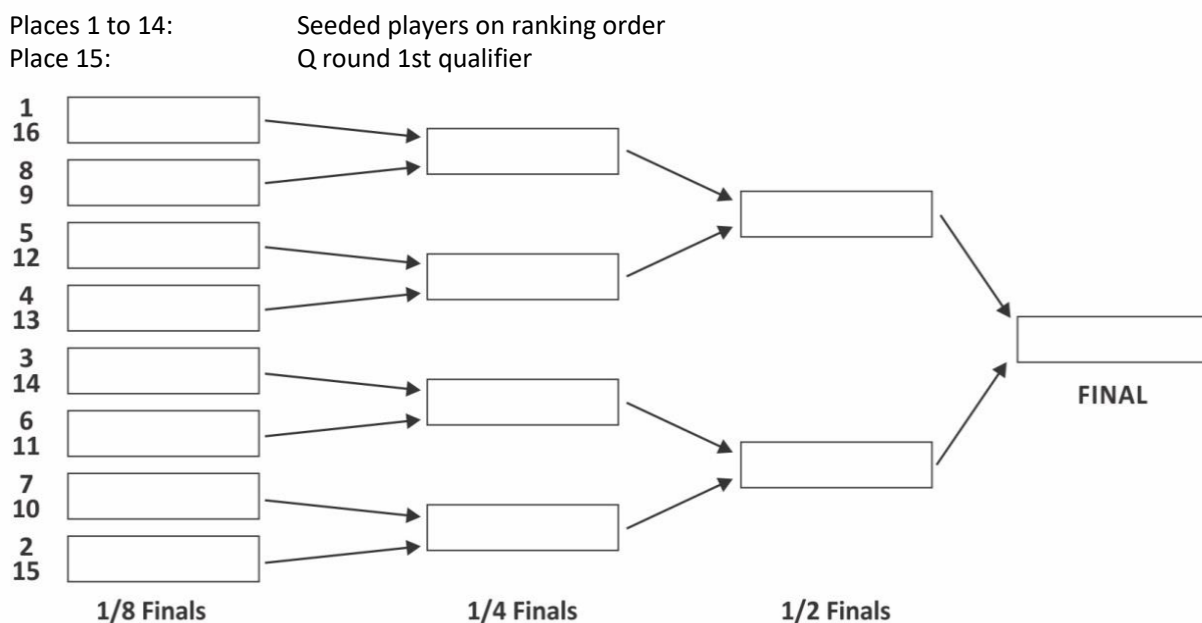
Interrupting a match, arguing, and disturbing the sportive course of the event by a player is considered as an infringement to the rules. The referee must warn the player and continue the match. Persisting in his attitude will result to an immediate statutory penalty by the UMB Delegate or Tournament Director, which may lead to the player's disqualification.

**The last UMB Events Ranking prior to the World Cup will be applied.**

Within the PPPQ, PPQ, groups all matches are to be played in accordance with a total of 30 points, **PQ groups total of 35 points**, Q groups total of 40 points, with equalizing innings, without penalties, and 1 match point for each player in case of a tied match. The 1/16 main tournament round will be played with 32 sportsmen/women in 8 groups of 4 players with a total of 40 points, with equalizing innings, without penalties, and 1 match point for each player in case of tied match. Starting from the 1/8 main tournament round playing in direct KO-system, with a total of 50 points without equalizing

innings. There will not be third and fourth place match, there will be two third places.

1/16 Main Tournament round 8 groups of 4 players, placed in the groups according to their status and ranking place (Z-system), as follows:



Place 16: Q round 2nd qualifier  
Place 17: CPB or AMECC Wild Card  
Place 18: Organizer's 1st Wild Card  
Place 19: Organizer's 2nd Wild Card  
Places 20 to 32: Q round 3rd to 15th Qualifiers

The 8 groups winners and 8 groups seconds are qualified to the 1/8 Final Tournament round; the 8 groups winners will be placed 1 to 8, and the 8 groups seconds 9 to 16, on ranking order.

One break of five minutes per match is applied after 15 points for matches of 30 points, after 20 points for matches of 40 points, and after 25 points for matches of 50 points - reached by one of both players.

Additionally, if 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 match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds. Players must remain seated during the break. Breaks cannot be made during a player's run.

#### **Playing schedule for groups of 3 players:**

- 2 – 3
- 1 – Loser (2 – 3)
- 1 – Winner (2 – 3)

#### **Playing schedule for groups of 4 players:**

- 1 – 4 and 2 – 3
- Winner 1 – 4 vs winner 2 – 3 and loser 1 – 4 vs loser 2 – 3
- Remaining matches

Groups A, B, C & D will play at the same time, as well as groups E, F, G & H, and so on.

#### **Classification:**

- Matchpoints
- General average
- Highest run(s)

#### **8. Beginning of the Match:**

The beginning of the match will be determined by the lag. The winner of the lag decides who will begin the match. The player who begins the match will play with the white ball.

The match will be held in accordance with the general rules of the UMB and the rules of the Three Cushion discipline.

#### **9. Entry fees for Players and Qualification Round:**

The entry fee for a qualification tournament is a maximum of € 100 per player and should be paid to the organizer in cash before commencing play in the tournament. The organizer is entitled to this entry fee.

In the event of a no-show by a player for the first match of the qualification round or the cancellation of his or her participation after the deadline a fine of €100 will be enforced. This fine must be paid to the UMB account (with written proof at accreditation) or to the UMB Delegate, or the UMB Technical Delegate prior to the start of any further tournaments. The player will not be entitled to participate in any future recognized international UMB tournaments if he or she fails to pay this fine. Furthermore, in the event of any absence without a valid reason the player will be penalized with 8 points on the World Player Ranking, the UMB Events Ranking, and the World Cup Ranking.

The Number of qualification rounds will be decided according to the number of registered participants; in the event a player in a group is absent before the start of a qualification round, the following rules will be applied for this group:

- a) For the first qualification round, the no-show player(s) will be replaced by (the) player(s) from the reserve list who is/are present. In the event there are no players from the reserve list present, the organizer has the right to replace the no-show player(s) with local player(s).
- b) From the second qualification round, the best non-qualified player of the previous round will replace the absent player.

The winners of the different qualification-rounds will be placed in the groups of the next round following a "Z"-system.

#### **10. Invitation and Registration:**

- Organizers must provide the UMB Technical Delegate with all required information a minimum of 10 weeks before the World Cup date.
- The invitation will be published on the UMB Website 8 weeks before the World Cup date. Once the invitation is published players and/or Federations can register for the qualification tournament on a "first come first serve" basis.
- One week before publishing the invitation the date will be announced on UMB home page.
- The last updated UMB Events Ranking before publishing a World Cup invitation will apply to this World Cup.
- The deadline for the qualification tournament registration is 5 weeks from publishing the invitation.

- 90 Places for the qualification tournament will be reserved for 3 days only from the publishing of the invitation, 82 places for players ranked from 15 to 96 on the applicable World Ranking, and 8 places for 8 medalists of the latest Ladies and Juniors World Championships, following this three-day period registration will be open for free places for all players until the tournament qualification deadline.
- For 3 days only, beginning from publishing of the invitation, each National Federation will have only 1 player on Players List, the remaining players from the same National Federation will be on the Reserve List according to registration priority, after 3 days they will be moved to the Players List according to available places; this rule does not affect the 90 reserved places.
- The organizer has the right to reserve a maximum of 15% of the qualification tournament for players of his Federation – in this case only players from his Federation ranked up to 96 on the applicable World Ranking can register direct to the qualification tournament.
- Wild Cards must be nominated within maximum 4 weeks from the publishing of the invitation.

Seeded players participation is automatically confirmed unless:

- The seeded player excuses himself for not participating within a maximum of 2 weeks from publishing the invitation.
- The seeded player is suspended by his federation and UMB is officially informed.
- If a Federation imposes a preliminary agreement for the participation of his players in a World Cup, this Federation must inform the UMB Technical Delegate in advance and in this case it will apply to all of the Federation's players except seeded players – A registered player can be taken out of the tournament by his Federation only if he or she has been suspended by the Federation and the UMB is officially informed about the suspension.

#### **11. Tournament Attire:**

Whilst in the tournament hall and associated areas, as well as throughout official occasions (press conferences/receptions/banquets, etc.) both sportsmen and women must wear appropriate clothing. During the opening and presentation ceremonies and whilst in the sports arena the following tournament clothing is valid:

- Black Trousers with a Black Belt, Poloshirt Long Sleeves (Any colour) worn inside the trouser, Black Shoes and Black Socks (No ankle socks).
- For sportswomen the same rules are applicable, except they have the choice to wear the Poloshirt in or out.

The wearing of jeans and/or corduroy is not allowed.

The final decision regarding acceptable clothing is the responsibility of the UMB Delegate.

#### **12. Advertising:**

All players are permitted to wear advertisements "on person", including the emblem of the club and/or the national emblem. National emblems and/or club emblems must be worn on the Polo shirt on the left side of the chest – in which case publicity will not be worn on this area.

Advertisements can be worn on the left and right chest-side and on the left and right upper arm of the Polo 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 each of these spots 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 Polo 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 Polo shirt. 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.

Referees are permitted to wear appropriate advertisements of the organizer (not exceeding 80 square cm<sup>2</sup>). All referees must wear the same advertisement on the same place.

The UMB will not be held responsible for financial or any other consequences that may arise from any advertising conflict between players and organizers.

### **13. Ranking Points:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	80 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	54 Points
3 – 4	36 Points
5 – 8	26 Points
9 – 16	18 Points
17 – 24	10 Points
25 – 32	8 Points
QUAL	5 Points
P-QUAL	4 Points
PP-QUAL	3 Points
PPP-QUAL	2 Points

Every participant in the qualification rounds will only get the points of the last round he played.

### **14. Prize Money Payment:**

Prize money should be presented in Euros or US Dollars, US Dollar payments should be made according to the official rate of exchange on the day that the tournament begins.

Prize money will be paid by the Organizer, except for places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup>, that will be transferred by UMB to the player's bank account.

#### **Minimum Prize Money & UMB Support:**

1st Place	16.000 x 1	=	€ 16.000
2nd Place	10.000 x 1	=	€ 10.000
3rd + 3rd Places	6.000 x 2	=	€ 12.000
5th – 8th Places	3.500 x 4	=	€ 14.000
9th – 16th Places	2.500 x 8	=	€ 20.000
17th – 32nd Places	1.500 x 16	=	€ 24.000
Q Non-Qualifiers	500 x 21	=	€ 10.500
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>€ 106.500</b>

In addition, UMB will support for travelling expenses the 20 Qual Round Seeded Players with € 500 per player, total € 10.000.

The UMB will support the Organizers with the amount of € 81.500 prize money and Qual Round travelling expenses support per World Cup as follows:

- UMB will transfer to the Organizer € 43.500.
- UMB will transfer direct prize money to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd+3rd places (€ 38.000).

The UMB will support the Organizers with the amount of € 30.000 for organization per World Cup. 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 to pay tax on their prize money according to the taxation laws of their country. Third persons 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 by the organizer 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. It's also the responsibility of the organizer to collect all player's bank transfer details.**

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

The Organizing Federation is responsible to maintain these rules and ensure any further statutes and rules are adhered to. It is solely within the discretion of the Organizing Federation to finalize contracts with the organizers and/or sponsors for various arrangements. The liability, with respect to the players, the UMB and the Confederation, however, cannot be excluded.

The UMB and the Confederation do not take on liability of any kind unless other arrangements have been made in writing. Both act as promoters and representatives but have no influence on the economic participation and economic results.

At the request of the Organizer the prize money receipts must include the player's complete address and passport number. The receipt should indicate that the prize money has been paid net, free of tax from the organizing country, the receipt may also indicate that the recipient is liable for taxes in the player's native country or country of residence.

**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.

**15. Travelling Allowances:**

The following flat travelling allowance must be paid by the organizer to seeded and wildcard players, the two organizer's wildcards are an exception, their allowance is decided autonomously by the Organizer:

- Players from the Organizing Confederation € 350.-
- Players from Non-Organizing Confederations € 850.-

**16. Tournament Application – Organization Fee – Entry in Calendar:**

Tournament applications should be placed in good time prior to arrangement of the international calendar for the following sporting season to be considered.



The application must be made by the responsible National Federation through the Confederal Federation at the UMB. The World Cup Tournament fee is €1000 each for the UMB and the Confederation.

With the tournament authorization by the responsible confederation the applying national Federation receives the invoice for the before-mentioned takeover fee from the responsible confederation.

The invoice should contain a reference to the latest date for payment. The UMB section of the payment should be paid to the UMB at least three months before the World Cup begins. This is valid for World Cups that have been put on the calendar for the actual and upcoming season. For all other World Cups, the total fee will be paid at the beginning of the concerned sports season.

#### **17. Main Tournament (32 players):**

- 14 Seeded players ranked from 1 to 14 on the applied UMB world ranking.
- 1 Wildcard for CPB or AMCC.
- 2 Wildcards in total for the Organizing Federation and the local Organizer.
- 15 Players from the qualification rounds (12 Groups Winners + 3 Groups Best Seconds).

In the event that a seeded player will not participate, or a wildcard is not used before registration deadline and qualification groups are formed, he or they will be replaced by the highest world ranked player(s); following the deadline and once the groups are formed, he or they will be replaced by the first or following non-qualified player(s) from the final qualification round. In all cases, the replacement player(s) is/are not entitled to financial support from the organizer for seeded or wildcard players.

In the event that one of the first 14 ranked players from the first 32 players does not participate he or she will lose 16 points on the World Player Ranking, the UMB Events Ranking, and the World Cup Ranking.

Should a player be absent for the opening ceremony without a valid medical excuse accepted by the UMB, he or she will be replaced in the same position by the best non-qualified player. Furthermore, the absent player will lose his/her tournament rights.

The time-schedule will be fixed by the local organizer in cooperation with the UMB. A player can not be scheduled to play two matches straight after each other. Final time-schedules for the following day's play must be announced to the players after the last match of the round on the evening before. A match cannot start before its scheduled time according to the time-schedule. Changing the time-schedule for an important reason can only be done with the knowledge of the players involved.

The Organizer may only use the UMB approved Tournament Results Sports-Program, using any other sports-results program in parallel with the UMB program is forbidden.

#### **18. Accommodation:**

In case that the event is taking place in the official hotel, all participants must book their rooms and stay at the official hotel(s) announced by the organizer, the booking may be done directly to the official hotel(s) or through any agency.



The Organizer will make hotel accommodation available, free of charge, including breakfast, for the 14 seeded players and the 3 wildcard players (total 17), this accommodation should be for the duration of the main tournament + 2 nights for foreign players and 1 night for national players in the officially designated tournament hotel.

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for “Four-Star” hotel accommodation, including breakfast for one delegate each from the UMB and the Organizing Confederation for the duration of the entire tournament. The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for “Four-Star” hotel accommodation, including breakfast, for the UMB Technical Delegate, for the duration of the entire tournament plus 2 nights (maximum).

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for four rooms for the duration of the entire tournament plus 2 nights (maximum), on a full board basis for minimum 8 persons from the AFREECATV team, in the officially designated tournament hotel (or a hotel of similar standard near the venue).

If the Organizer requests assistance from the UMB in providing a person to execute the position of Tournament Director, the Organizer will arrange for hotel accommodation on a full board basis for at least the duration of the main tournament plus 2 nights in the officially designated tournament hotel (or a hotel of similar standard in close proximity to the venue). Travelling expenses will be at the expense of the Organizer.

#### **19. 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 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 “Classone Tablecloth”, and with “Dynospheres 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 BIS as its exclusive cushion partner. Consequently, UMB will allow only VECTOR cushions to be used, taking the “force majeure” disclaimer clause into consideration. BIS will provide the cushions free of charge, for each table manufacturer that for the first time supplies its table for the event. BIS 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.

The entire tournament, including the qualification-rounds, will be played with a time regulation system.

A timeclock will be used on each table under the control of the referee and according to following rules:

- Limit of 40 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with a visual warning system at 30 second (if not available the referee will give a warning at the 30 second limit).
- The timeclock starts after all balls stop and the table is free for playing.
- 2 Time-Outs for each player, for all match rounds; the time-out will automatically be extended with 40 seconds (the player does not need to request an extension time-out); the new total limit is then brought to 80 seconds. A time-out must be announced by the referee immediately after the point and indicated clearly to players and spectators.
- In case both time-outs have been used, a penalization signal (by preference sonic) must be applied after the 40 second limit and consequently the balls will be put up for the opponent.
- The timeclock will not be stopped for the use of a device (cue-extension, bridge, etc) or changing glove(s).

The timeclock must be displayed in the sports arena, clearly visible for the players and spectators.

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.

The AFREECATV Live Scoring System is recognized and accepted as the official scoring system in both the arena and on the website. Should the Organizer wish to use his own scoring system the UMB must approve, and the system must be compatible with the AFREECATV Live Scoring System.

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. If 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 always made available 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 nor disturb the concentration of the players.

The organizer will provide the necessary conditions for web coverage including:

- **A dedicated internetline for the AFREECATV team guaranteeing a minimum bandwidth of 6 Mbps per table. In case that AFREECATV streams the event live on TV Channels 2 separated Internet lines with 6 Mbps bandwidth will be dedicated for AFREECATV. Total 100 Mbps bandwidth must be provided by the organizer.**
- The necessary laptops and connected monitors for each table in the competition.
- A workspace with a power outlet for the AFREECATV control center near the area of play.

The organizer will further provide a separate working room for the UMB Technical Delegate and/or the UMB delegate including:

- A permanent and separate internetline by plug connection.
- A color-printer (Up to A3 size).

## 20. 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 for 50% of all banners in playing area and around TV Table (s) **distributed evenly throughout**, 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 or AFREECATV, in accordance with the used measurements.

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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. A one-page advertisement must be provided for each of the following companies – Classone and Dynaspheres.

Publicity on tournament tables is reserved for UMB. Stickers for Classone, Dynaspheres, AFREECATV 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. Classone 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 Classone, Dynaspheres, AFREECATV 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, Classone, Dynaspheres, AFREECATV and Vector within the arena or on any World Cup related material.

## **21. Reserved VIP Places:**

The organizer has the right to reserve a number of protected VIP-places to be attributed following his own criteria. A minimum of six places must be reserved by the Organizer for the UMB for the duration of the tournament. If the Organizer is arranging a system of sponsored boxes in the tournament arena, one box with a minimum of six places should be provided for the the UMB. Additionally, the President of the Organizing Confederation along with other Confederal Presidents must be considered as VIP guests during their stay at the venue.

A reserved area around the tournament arena must also be provided for Federal Presidents and/or delegates and players and their partners for the duration of the competition.

## **22. Closing Ceremony / Official Flags in the Tournament Arena:**

The official flags of the UMB and the Responsible Confederation must be displayed in a visible position for the opening ceremony, the presentations and throughout the tournament. The flags must be requested from the National Federation in due time, three months prior to the beginning of the tournament. The UMB and/or the Confederal Representative will bring them to the tournament. Additionally flags of the participating countries should also be displayed in a prominent location throughout the tournament.

### **The Closing Ceremony:**

A victory platform should be prepared in the arena for the Presentation Ceremony and four chairs for the players.

The Organizer welcomes the guests of honour and visitors – the four ranked players are present in tournament attire in the arena.

The Organizer announces the official proclamation by the UMB Delegate or the Confederation Delegate.

Official presentation ceremony for the four players ranked first in the tournament.

The National Anthem of the first-place winner is played and (if possible) raising of the National Flags of the first placed players.

Announcement by the Organizer for the official closing by the UMB Delegate.

Closing words by the UMB Delegate

National anthem of the Organizing country.

Any additions or changes to the ceremony must be discussed and agreed with the UMB Delegate.

## **23. Information during the Tournament:**

All official international announcements, invitations etc. are carried out by the UMB within the period stipulated.

Links for any web-based media prepared by the Organizer for the tournament must be sent to the UMB and the Confederation for it to be included on their websites.

Following each round of the tournament tables and results must be provided to the Federations, those present etc., by email. A corresponding distribution list from the UMB/Confederation will be viewable in good time.

A large result board should be made available and placed in an easily viewable location within the Tournament area for all concerned to see the latest match scores. Additionally, results should be made available to take away.

#### **24. Continuation of the Three Cushion World Ranking:**

The Three Cushion World Ranking is kept and updated by the UMB. This is also valid for the Confederal and National competitions that represent a value in the rankings.

A new ranking will be calculated following each tournament and according to the results and criteria.

The last published World Players Ranking (at least seven weeks before start of a World Cup) will be applied.

Should two or more players have equal points in both World Player and World Cup rankings the points obtained during the last World Cup will be considered, should this also indicate equal points the World Cup prior to the last will be considered, and so on.

#### **25. 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.

#### **26. Player's 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.

#### **27. Declaring the Winner of the Worldcup-session:**

Each World Cup Tournament represents an equal value, there is no specific final tournament. At the close of each season a World Cup winner will be announced.

#### **28. Final Clause – Coming into Force:**

The World Cup 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.