



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

5 PINS UNDER 22

PREAMBLE

- The Championship will be organized every 2 years (on even years 2024, 2026, etc.), organisations during odd years will be accepted.
- The tournament will last from Friday to Sunday.
- Minimum n° 2 billiard tables are required.

Art. 1. PARTICIPANTS

- This World Championship is strictly reserved for players under the age of 22 years at the start of the tournament. Player's date of birth will be checked prior to the start of the competition by the official UMB delegate.
- Total of 12 registered athletes from the affiliated Confederations by the following split:
 - Current World Champion (UMB wildcard if not available)
 - Organising Federation wild card
 - CEB: 6 (European region)
 - CPB: 2 (American region)
 - ACBC: 1 (Asian region)
 - AMCC: 1 (African & Middle East regions)
- In the event that 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:
 - CEB
 - CPB
 - ACBC
 - AMCC

Art. 2. PLAYING SYSTEM IN THE GROUPS

- a) The games will be played in sets.
- b) In the groups it is played on two winning sets (best of 3)
- c) In the final round it is played on three winning sets (best of 5)
- d) The distance of a set is 60 points.
- e) Before the start of the game is decided by cushion drawing which athlete will begin. The winner of the cushion draw decides who starts the first set. He will also begin the sets 3 and possibly 5. The opponent will be starting sets 2 and possibly 4. The player starting the match will have the white ball, the opponent will have the yellow ball, the players will keep the same ball during the entire match.

Art. 3. GAMES OF THE GROUPS

- The 12 athletes will be placed in 4 groups of 3 by drawing, while athletes of the same nationality will be placed in different groups.
- In the case where several athletes of the same nationality are in the same group, they will meet first.
- Groups A and B will play at the same time as well as groups C and D and so on.
- The first two of each group will qualify for the final round.
- Playing schedule for groups of 3 participants:
 - 2 vs 3
 - 1 vs winner 2-3
 - 1 vs loser 2-3
- In the event of a 'no-show' in one or more groups the other participants in these groups will compete with each other twice.
- 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.

Art. 4. SET POINTS AND MATCH POINTS

A. If the match is at "best of three sets", the match and set points are allocated as follows:

- 2 to 0 = winner 1 match point and 3 set points, loser 0 match point and 0 set points
- 2 to 1 = winner 1 match point and 2 set points, loser 0 match point and 1 set points

B. If the match is at "best of five sets", the match and set points are allocated as follows:

- 3 to 0 = winner 1 match point and 5 set points, loser 0 match point and 0 set points
- 3 to 1 = winner 1 match point and 4 set points, loser 0 match point and 1 set points
- 3 to 2 = winner 1 match point and 3 set points, loser 0 match point and 2 set points

The ranking of the athletes in the groups will be made by the following criteria:

Art. 5. CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION OF ATHLETES IN THE GROUPS

1. Match points gained by the players.
2. If the 3 players of the group won 1 match each, set points will be considered as follows:
 - a) If each player has a different number of set points, this will be used to rank them.
 - b) If 2 players have the same number of set points, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.
 - c) If 3 players have the same number of set points, the average is considered. The player 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 players have the same average, their respective position will be defined by the result of their direct match.

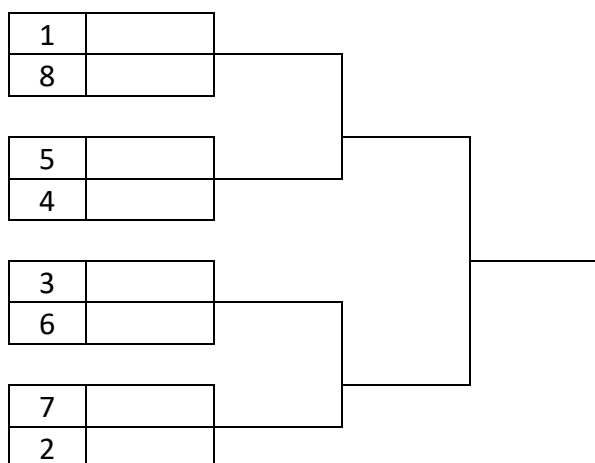
c2) If all 3 players have the same average, penalties will be made as follows: The 3 players will take 3 penalty shots each (white ball free and yellow ball in the starting position without red ball). The player that obtains the most valid points will be the winner. In case after 3 penalty shots the sum of the total points is the same, the penalty shots will be played over and over (one at a time) until one player prevails over the other.

Qualification ranking:

1. Position in the group
2. Match points
3. Set Points
4. General overall average (3 positions after the decimal point rounding down)

Art. 6. FINAL ROUND

The final round will be played according the KO system. The 8 athletes will meet as follows:



- The four firsts will take the places 1-4 according to the qualification ranking.
- The four seconds will take the place 5-8 according to the qualification ranking.
- There will be 2 third place.
- Final classification from 5th to 8th place is established according to set points, general average, draw, according to the results of the quarter finals.

Art. 7. PRIZE MONEY & UMB SUPPORT

No prize money for U22.

Art. 8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- The registration fees to the UMB of €100.00 per Player must be paid after receiving the invoice from the corresponding confederation, only will be excluding the current World Champion.
- Obligations of the Organizer:
 1. UMB organization fee to be paid over the Confederation €1000.00 (€500.00 UMB and €500.00 Confederation).
 2. Travel Expenses and hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast basis) for the UMB Delegate and UMB Technical Delegate.

Art. 9. TRAVEL EXPENSES & DAILY ALLOWANCE

- Will not be compensated to the athletes.

Art. 10. 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. 11. 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 athletes 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 athletes.

Art. 12. TOURNAMENT ATTIRE

- Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, white or plain coloured shirt with long sleeves buttoned down and bow tie worn 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.

Art. 13. ADVERTISING

- All athletes 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. 14. BREAKS

- One break of five minutes per match is applied, after second and fourth set.
- 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 match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds.
- Breaks cannot be made during a player’s run.

Art. 15. DRESS CONTROL

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

Art. 16. OPENING CERIMONY

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

Art. 17. 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. 18. IMAGE RIGHTS

- Within the frame of World Championship competition, the players give up 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. 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 color. Table color along the body and the top (Cushion frame) must be in Black, White, all shades of Grey, Blue and Brown (Natural Wood colors).
- 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 a different venue. 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 colour-printer (Up to A3 size).

Art. 20. 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. 21. 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. 22. PLAYERS PERSONAL ELETTRICAL EQUIPMENT

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

Art. 23. EXCEPTIONS

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

Art. 24. 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