



Union Mondiale de Billard

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 5-PINS "OPEN" 2015 RULES

PREAMBLE

The World Championship 5-Pins OPEN is composed by a "Qualification Tournament" and a "Main Tournament" both played one after the other at the same sporting place.

1.0. QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT (OPEN)

- 1.1. The participation to the qualification round is open to all members of UMB and all Confederal members on the condition that they have not been suspended by the UMB, the Confederations or by their National Federations.
- 1.2. The entry fee for the qualification tournament is 50,00 Euro per player. All National Federations are responsible of sending inscriptions of players to the Organizing Federation and are responsible for the payment of the entry fee.
The organizer is entitled to this entry fee.
- 1.3. The number of qualification rounds will be decided according to the number of registered participants.
- 1.4. The registered players will be drawn into groups of 8 players using the KO system, best of 5 sets to 60 points. The winners of the groups will play again by draw until the last 8 players will remain. The drawing will be made in public by the organizer.
- 1.5. The 8 remaining players will be included into the main tournament.

2.0. MAIN TOURNAMENT (48 Players)

2.1. PARTICIPANTS

The main tournament will be played with 48 players in total. These are:

- 8 players resulted from the Qualification Round
- 40 seeded players registered by the Confederations

2.2. SEEDED PLAYERS

These are:

- The titleholder
- One wild card from UMB
- One wild card from the organizer
- One or more representatives from each of the affiliated Confederations by the following split:

- CEB: 26
- CPB: 10
- ACC: 1

A federation cannot participate with more than four players, the actual titleholder, the Organizer wildcard and the UMB-wildcard will not be taken into account.

If a confederation cannot reach its quota based on the rule of max. 4 players per federation, the maximum participants per federation can be extended accordingly – giving the participating federation(s) an equal right to fill in the remaining players.

(Example: if the participating federations of CEB will only be 5 = (5x4 players= 20) the remaining six players will be distributed equally between the 5 participating federations and the last player(s) will then be found by draw etc.)

If a confederation still cannot reach its quota – the open number of participants will be distributed by UMB.

- 2.3. If a federation cannot replace an absence of an inscribed player, this place will be occupied by a player of the same Confederation according to the rule of equal distribution between federations (2.2)
- 2.4. PLAYING SYSTEM
The 48 players will be drawn in 8 groups of 6 players each, one player against all the others in the group, best of 5 sets x 60 points.
The first four players of each group will play further in the final round at 32 players according to the KO-system.
- 2.5. Concerning the making of the groups they will be made by public drawing lots conducted by UMB splitting sportsmen of the same nationality in different groups.
In the groups is played as follows:
 - 1-6, 2 - 5, 3 - 4
 - Winner (1-6) - Winner (3 - 4) and winner (2 - 5) - ((Winner (1-6) - Winner (3 - 4))
 - The remaining games
 In case there are two or more sportsmen from one nation in the same group those will have to play first against each other.
- 2.6. The groups A and B will play at the same time as well as the groups C and D and the groups E and F as well as the groups G and H.
- 2.7. If a player is not present at a game (exactly scheduled time) he will lose the match and his opponent will receive 1 match point and 3-0 set points. The sportsman has to be ready to play 15 minutes before the beginning of his match otherwise he is losing the right to test the material.
- 2.8. The organizer will present a timetable for the players involved at the beginning of the event. If during the tournament for any reason this timetable will be changed – any involved player has to be PERSONALLY informed by the tournament leader. The players have to be at disposal ready to play at the given tables at the EXACT times given therein otherwise the right to participate is excluded. The timetable shall be public presented at least 1 hour before the first round in the groups.
- 2.9. Between two matches coming after each other the sportsman shall have at least a break of 15 minutes.

2.10. Before the beginning of the match one will determine by means of the cushion decision which player is starting. The winner of the cushion decision determines who is starting with the first set. That one is also starting the sets 3 and 5, the opponent has in set 2 and 4 the first stroke. The sportsman who is starting the 1st set is always starting with the white ball and is keeping this one during the whole match.

2.11. The players do have the right to make a break of about 5 minutes after the 2nd and the 4th set. Within the framework of public interest (television) the organizer is allowed to extend the break or to also make a break between other sets.

2.12. RANKINGS AFTER THE GAMES OF THE GROUPS

The places 1 - 8 are received by the winners of the groups.

The places 9 -16 by the sportsmen who are second in the groups

The places 17 -24 by the sportsmen who are third in the groups

The places 25 -32 by the sportsmen who are fourth in the groups

The places 33 -41 by the sportsmen who are fifth in the

The places 42 -48 by the sportsmen who are sixth in the groups

2.13. PROCEDURE IN ORDER TO CLASSIFY SPORTSMEN

a) match points achieved

b) In case of "drawn" between two sportsmen, the direct encounter will decide.

c) In case of drawn between more than two sportsmen the last will be determined with the following criteria:

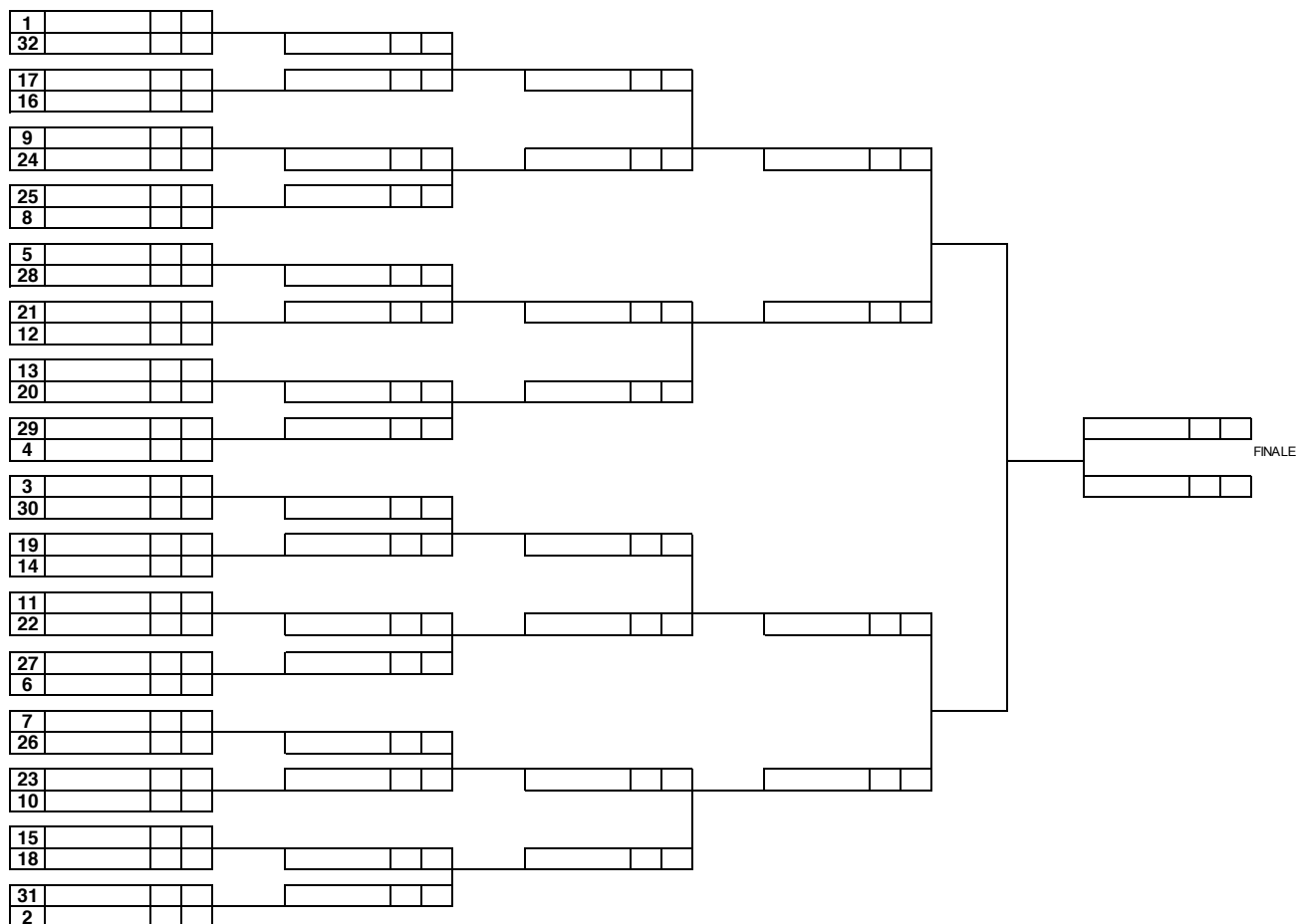
1) Set points (greater difference between sets won and sets lost)

2) Average of the sportsmen involved (3 positions after the point, rounding down)

3) For the remaining two the direct encounter will decide.

3.0. FINAL ROUNDS (32 players)

The first 32 qualified sportsmen will play the following encounters, KO system, best of 7 sets x 60 points, according to the following scheme:



4.0. PRIZE MONEY

1 st Place	3.000 x 1	=	€ 3.000
2 nd Place	2.000 x 1	=	€ 2.000
3 rd + 3 rd Places	1.500 x 2	=	€ 3.000
5 th – 8 th Places	1.000 x 4	=	€ 4.000
9 th – 16 th Places	900 x 8	=	€ 7.200
17 th – 32 th Places	700 x 16	=	€ 11.200
33 th – 48 th Places	500 x 16	=	€ 8.000

TOTAL € 38.400

5.0. TRAVEL EXPENSES & DAILY REIMBURSEMENTS

Will not be compensated.

6.0. ORGANIZER FEE

An organizer fee (currently €3.600,00) 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.

7.0. INSCRIPTION FEES FOR SEEDED PLAYERS

Inscription fees (currently €200 per player) has to be paid according to statutes of UMB and the organizing Confederation. The fee have to be paid after receipt of the invoice from the Confederation.

7.1 The organizer will pay the travel expenses and hotel accommodation for the UMB Representative and the UMB Sport Director

8.0 ADVERTISEMENT ON THE CLOTHES

The UMB rules for advertisements and sports clothing are valid. The organizer has the right to impose on the sportsmen to wear an appropriate advertisement and/or to forbid them in certain cases to wear own individual advertisements.

UMB will perform a dress control including control of advertisement before the tournament start. Any changes of dress and/or advertisements by a player during the tournament must be presented to the UMB Sport Director for acknowledgment before any use. Failure to do that will cause suspension and forfeit for the opponent.

This has to be published in the invitation.

9.0 ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

UMB and/or WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) will according to the UMB/WADA regulations perform doping tests during the tournament. Costs of max. 4 tests will be paid by the organizer.

10.0 OTHER REGULATIONS

Regulations which are not specifically defined in these rules will come into force following the other rules and statutes of the UMB. In case of doubt the committee or the delegate of the UMB is deciding.

11.0 COMING INTO FORCE

These rules will come into force at the beginning of the sporting season 2015 - 2016. It annuls all previous and contrary regulations.
