



International Biathlon-Teams Cup Open (3-cushions = 3C /5-pins = 5P)

1- Participants

The International Biathlon-Teams Cup Open is reserved for 32 pairs of Athletes registered for Federations affiliated with the Confédération Européenne de Billard (CEB) or the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB).

2- Inscriptions and participation of the teams and their pairings

Teams may be composed of Athletes of the same nationality and/or of different nationalities.

Pairings are free, so one 3C player can match with a 5P player of any nation and vice versa.

The tournament will have 32 teams registered by the affiliated European Federations with the following criteria:

Nb. 4 Wild Cards CEB (including up to 4 nations teams coming from non EU Federations)

Nb. 1 Wild Card Organizer (awarded through selection from FISBB)

Nb. 27 Teams entered from Single Players directly to FISBB with the following rules:

- The first registered team in order of 3C CEB ranking;
- If a country has no 3C player ranking, they can inscribe a 5P player who will be matched with a 3C player from a different nation
- If the required number of teams is not reached, those entered second in order of entry date, always respecting 3C CEB ranking;
- Followed by those Teams entered as third until the available places are filled.
- In case of need: local teams can be added to reach the minimum of 32 teams (local selection ranking of NQ teams)

The International Biathlon-Teams Cup Open will start on Sept. 27, 2023 and ends on October 01, 2023 with the following schedule:

- Wednesday 27/09/2023 05:00 p.m. Athletes Presentations
- Thursday 28/09/2023 10:00 a.m. Elimination Rounds
- Thursday 28/09/2023 11:00 a.m. Elimination Rounds
- Friday 29/09/2023 10:00 a.m. Elimination Rounds
- Saturday 30/09/2023 10:00 a.m. Final Round – Round of 16
- Saturday 30/09/2023 02:00 p.m. Final Stage – Quarterfinals
- Saturday 30/09/2023 06:00 p.m. Final Stage – Semifinals
- Sunday 01/10/2023 02:00 p.m. Final Stage – Final

3- General Rules of the game

Each team consists of 2 athletes, one 3C athlete and one 5P athlete

Each match consists of 2 sets, one 3C (the first being played) and one 5P (the second set).

The first team to reach 200 points is the winner.

4- Playing system

The playing distance of matches in the preliminary rounds is:

- 25 Points 3C / 100 Points 5P Italian (coefficient 4)

The playing distance of matches in the Final Stage is:

- 25 Points 3-cushions / 100 Points 5P Italian (coefficient 4)

The first specialty of play is always 3C.

In case of no mutual agreement between athletes, flip coin will determine who will start testing the table before the match.

1 First Set 3C (25 pts): The 3C athletes start playing according to the following time regulation system:

- Limit of 40 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with a visual warning system at 30 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning at the 30 second limit)
- Clock starts after all balls stop and table is free for playing.
- 2 Time-Outs for each athlete. Any remaining time-outs will automatically be applied (the athlete does not need to request a 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 athletes and spectators
- In case that both time-outs are used, penalization-signal (by preference sonic) after the 40 second limit and consequently the balls will be put up in starting position for the opponent. When the first athlete reaches the 25 points (no equalization inning), the set is finished. The achieved points of each team are multiplied by 4.

2 Second Set 5P (100 pts, no time limit) - Rules of the game B/7

- The team having lost the 3C set, starts the 5P set according to the 5P playing rules (no valid points allowed at the first initial stroke). The balls will be put in the starting position according to the 5P rules
- Each team keeps the same ball in the two sets
- The first athlete reaching 200 points wins the match

Example:

- 1st Set 3C result: Team A vs Team B = 25-21 pts. (multiply x4 --> Team A 100 pts - Team B 84 Pts)
- 2nd Set 5P starts at: Team A 100 pts - Team B 84 pts. The first team reaching 200 pts is the winner.



5- Group games

The tournament is held in two phases; the first phase consists of 8 elimination groups with 4 teams of athletes. (8 x 4 = 32 teams)

The draw is made as follows:

- The thirty-two teams will be placed by free drawing in 8 groups of 4 teams taking care that any teams entered by the same Federation are in different groups. If a team of the same nation is picked up it will be placed in the following group available.

The classification of groups is done by the following criteria:

1. Match points gained by the teams.
2. In case 2 teams of the group gained the same number of match points the direct encounter determines the better ranking position within the group
3. In case 3 teams of the group gained the same number of match points, the last shall be determined by the lowest overall average (see below example) and between the first 2 teams the direct encounter determines the winner/the better ranking position within the group:

Result Team A: 200 pts / 200 pts = 1,000 average Result Team B: 180 pts / 200 pts = 0,900 average

Result Team A: 175 pts / 200 pts = 0,875 average Result Team C: 200 pts / 200 pts = 1,000 average

Result Team B: 200pts / 200pts = 1,000 average Result team C: 168pts / 200pts = 0,84 average

Total average Team A: $200 + 175 = 375 \text{ pts}/400 = 0,938$

Total average Team B: $180 + 200 = 380 \text{ pts}/400 = 0,950$

Total average Team C: $200 + 168 = 368 \text{ pts}/400 = 0,920$

Team C is eliminated = lowest overall average

Team A is the group winner because of the direct encounter (although the average is lower).

6- Final round

The second phase is the Final round to which the first two teams of each group will enter qualified in following order:

A1

D2

C1

B2

H1

E2

F1

G2

G1

F2

E1

H2

B1

C2

D1

A2

7- Prize money:

All participating teams are hosted to stay overnight during the course of International Biathlon-Teams Cup Open.

17°/32° €. 500,00

9°/16° €. 1.000,00

5°/8° €. 1.500,00

3°/4° €. 3.000,00

2° €. 7.000,00

1° €.15.000,00

Total prize money €. 50,000.00