EUROPEAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION (E.B.S.A.)

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

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The European Snooker Championships shall be held under the ultimate authority of the European Billiards & Snooker Association (EBSA), who shall delegate at their meetings, responsibility for the organisation of these Championships to member Associations.

The Championships shall be played under the conditions approved by the EBSA and under the rules of the game as published by the (WPBSA). **The Host Association shall give notice no later than 12 months (one year) before the start of the Championships, of their inability to stage them at which time the EBSA board will seek a new venue.**

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1.1 Subject to any decision of the EBSA otherwise, it shall be a condition of holding each Championship, that the Host Association must extend an invitation to all paid up member Associations to send representative/s to compete.

1.2 The EBSA General Secretary shall forward **Entry Forms not less than twelve (12) weeks prior to the date of the commencement of the Championships**.

1.3 The Host Association must receive completed Entry Forms with photographs, **no later than (four) 4 weeks before the start of the Championships**. The Secretary within the same time frame must also receive a **notice of participation**.

1.4 The Host Association may at its own discretion accept replacements for players/Teams who withdraw after the closing date for entries, provided they are approved and nominated by the National Association/s from which the withdrawal/s has been received.

1.5 Registered letter or e-mail shall send rejection of any entries within **fourteen (14) days after the closing date**, giving clearly defined reasons of rejection. The board of EBSA must ratify all such rejections.

1.6 National Governing Bodies will ensure that entries and information contained on the travel and accommodation form comply with GDPR requirements.

1.7 It is a mandatory requirement that **ALL players must stay at the championship hotel(s)** as determined by EBSA and Host Association.

1.8 National Associations will be responsible for their own costs.

2. ENTRY & PLAYERS STATUS

2.1 Each Member Country shall be autonomous in choosing who shall represent it and will be entitled to nominate:

FIVE (5) players plus a reserve for the Men European Snooker Championships
SIX (6) players plus a reserve for the Women European Snooker Championships
FOUR (4) players plus a reserve for the Seniors European Snooker Championships (40 or over)
FOUR (4) players plus a reserve for the Super Seniors European Snooker Championships (55 or over)
FOUR (4) players plus a reserve for the 6 Reds European Snooker Championships
TWO (2) players plus a reserve for the SHOOT-OUT European Snooker Championships
FIVE (5) players plus a reserve for the Under 16, Under 18 and Under 21 European Snooker Championships (Under 17, Under 19 or 22 on the 31st of August of the year of the Championships)
TWO Teams (2 players per team) for the Men Team Snooker Championships
THREE Teams (3 players per team) for the Women European Team Snooker Championships
TWO Teams (2 players per team) for the Seniors European Team Snooker Championships
TWO Teams (2 players per team) for the Super Seniors European Team Snooker Championships

The Host Association will be allowed to enter from 4-8 players and/or from 2-4 Teams. They will have the option of entering extra players/Teams as an emergency measure, due to the non-appearance of any players at the Championships.

With the exception of the Women's championships, all other championships are open to all genders.

2.2 ***Extra Players Invites****:*

Current Champion & Runner-Up - European Men Snooker Championship
Current Champion & Runner-Up - European Women Snooker Championship
Current Champion & Runner-Up - European Seniors Snooker Championship
Current Champion & Runner-Up - European Under16, U18 and U21 Snooker Championship if age qualified.
Current Champion & Runner-Up – European Team Championships (Men, Women and Seniors)
Current Champion & Runner-Up – European 6 Reds Championship

The above will be entitled to compete, provided they are nominated by their Member Association/s for whom they will be extra entries into the Championships.

2.3 To be eligible for entry, a player must be a National of the country he/she is to represent or – **only for Women AND for Seniors and Super Senior Players** - a permanent residency for the last twelve (12) months.

2.4 All players will be eligible to compete in the Championships, subject to selection by their Member Associations. Men and 6 Reds players must be (+12) on the first day of the Championships.
Seniors Players must be 40 or more, on the first day of the Championships.
Super Seniors Players must be 55 or more, on the first day of the Championships.

3. AFFILIATION & ENTRY FEES

3.1 An Affiliation Fee of €500 (Five hundred euros), will be payable by each Country to the EBSA before the 1st of March each year. This will include 1 (one) free of charge entry fees for the U16 or U18 players.

3.2 **An Entry Fee of € 100 (One hundred euros) / Player and €50 (Fifty euros) / U16 & U18 Player + €150 (one hundred & fifty euros) / Team will be payable before the closing date of the Championships.**
Any player failing to pay the above Entry Fees will not be allowed to take part in the Championships.
Entry Fees will not be refund after the closing date for entries.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

4.1 Men European Snooker Championships
The maximum time allowed to play the Championships will be eight (8) days, unless otherwise agreed by the EBSA board. The Round Robin Stages will be made up of groups with a maximum of 5 Players. All matches will be played best of 5 frames.

Knock-out Stages: *A minimum of 40% of the players in each group will qualify to the knock-out stages.*

Last 64 & Last 32	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Pre-Quarter Finals (Last 16)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Quarter Finals (Last 8)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Semi Finals	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Final	*Best of nine (9) Frames.*

4.2 Under 16's, Under 18's AND Under 21's European Snooker Championships.
The maximum time allowed to play the Championships will be five (5) days unless otherwise agreed by the EBSA board. The Round Robin Stages will be made up of groups with a maximum of 5 Players. All matches will be played best of 5 frames for the U18 and U21.

Knock-out Stages: *A minimum of 40% of the players in each group will qualify to the knock-out stages.*

Last 64 and Last 32 and L 16 (U18 & U16)	*Best of five (5) Frames.*
Last 64 and Last 32 and L 16 (U21)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Quarter & Semi Finals (U16 & U18)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Quarter & Semi Finals (U21)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Final (U16 & U18)	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Final (U21)	*Best of nine (9) Frames.*

4.3 Women European Snooker Championships
The maximum time allowed to play the Championships will be seven (7) days, unless otherwise agreed by the EBSA board. The Round Robin Stages will be made up of groups with a maximum of 5 players. All matches will be played best of 3 frames.

Knock-out Stages:
A minimum of 40% of the players in each group will qualify to the knock-out stages.

L16 & Quarter Finals	*Best of five (5) Frames.*
Semi Finals	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Final	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*

4.4 Seniors & Super Seniors European Snooker Championships
The Format for the Championships is the same as the Women other than frames played.

Round Robins	*Best of five (5) Frames.*
Last 64 & Last 32	*Best of five (5) Frames.*
Last 16	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Quarter Finals (8)	*Best of Seven (7) Frames.*
Semi Finals	*Best of seven (7) Frames.*
Final	*Best of nine (9) Frames.*

4.5 ***<u>European Team Snooker Championships.</u>***

The maximum time allowed to play the Championships will be seven (7) days unless otherwise agreed by the EBSA board.

Championship Format for all championships (Women, Seniors, Super Seniors & Men) :
The Competition will be arranged in Groups. A minimum of 40% of each Group will qualify for Final Stages.
Matches in group stages will be best of five frames.
Knockout stages until the final will be best of 5 frames.

4.6 All sessions will be subject to change in frames played and time, if requested by the Host Association and agreed by the EBSA Board, to cover any demands from TV or Sponsors.

4.7 No frame will commence half an hour before the start of the next session. In the case that a match is not complete, it will be carried over to the next available table. When there is a carry-over match, the players concerned must stay in the venue or be given a fixed time to play their match.

4.8 ***<u>6 Reds European Snooker Championships</u>***

The maximum time allowed to play the Championships will be five (5) days unless otherwise agreed by the EBSA board.

Championship Format: Group matches : Best of 7 Frames

All matches up to the final will be best of seven (7) frames and the final best of nine (9) frames.

5. ROUND ROBIN GROUP DRAWS

5.1 For the first stages of the Championships, there will be no seeding of players/Teams.

5.2 Selection of Groups will be as follows:
Countries will be selected and drawn at random into the Groups.

5.3 No player/Team will be drawn into a group of the same country during the Round Robin Stages, other than as a replacement used by the Host Association. All players/Teams will be drawn at random into their Group playing numbers.

6. GROUP WINNERS

6.1.1 If two (2) or more players/Teams in any Group have an equal number of wins at the end of the Round Robin Stages, the following procedures will apply to determine the winner and runner-up of that Group.

i) If two or more players/Teams have the same amount of wins, the better or best will be the player with the best Frame Difference/Average.

ii) If still equal the result/s of the matches between the players or Teams will be used to determine who is successful.

iii) If a tie is involved, the best differential in the matches of the tied players or Teams will be used.

iv) If after applying points: I-iii, the players/Teams are still equal, a 5 frames re-spotted black will be used.

7. WALKOVERS AND FORFEITS

7.1 All players/Teams are expected to be in attendance at least **10 minutes** before the start of their matches. Any player or Team not in attendance at the designated start time **will lose one (1) Frame** when the match commences.

If a player/Team is not in attendance 15 minutes after their start time they shall **forfeit the match** and their opponent awarded a walkover.

7.2 A penalty of €100 will be payable by the player if he gives a walkover, which must be paid before playing his next match. If there is a second walkover from the same player, he will then be removed from the tournament, fined another €100 and all his results will become null and void.

7.3 It is the responsibility of the player's National Association to guarantee the payment of his penalty. This fine is applicable to the referees as well.

7.4 The player who misses a match will score match lost, - 4 frames and his opponent will score match won + 4 frames.

8. WITHDRAWALS

8.1 If a player/Team should withdraw from the Championship, **ALL** matches in the Round Stages by that player/Team, **will become null and void.**

8.2 All decisions regarding Walk Overs, Withdrawals and Forfeits will be made by the EBSA, who will investigate the matter/s and take disciplinary action against the offender's National Association if seen fit to do so. (See Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action)

9. SEEDING & DRAW OF THE KNOCK-OUT STAGE

9.1 On completion of the Round Robin Stages, the qualifiers will be seeded as follows.

Seeding Group Winners

1. *Players/Teams with No losses in their Groups will be seeded first.*
   a) *With the same number of matches played in all Groups, the Frame Difference will decide the seeding. If the Frame Difference is the same for two or more, a draw will settle the seeding positions.*
   b) *With a different number of matches played in any Group, the Frame Average will decide the seeding. If the Frame Average is the same for two or more, a draw will settle the seeding positions.*
2. *Players/Teams with ONE loss will be seeded next using Points. 9.1a and 9.1b.*
3. *Players/Teams with TWO losses will be seeded next using Points 9.1.a and b.*

9.2 When the winners have been seeded, they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet.

9.3 ***The Group winners*** *will be seeded from 1 to 8.* **The Number 2 of each group** will be ranked and then seeded from 9 to 16 into the opposite half of their own group winner, who they can only meet in the Final. And in the highest available spot. **The Number 3 of each group** will be ranked and then seeded from 17 to 24 in the same half as the number 2 of their group, but in the opposite quarter. **The Number 4 of each group** will be ranked and then seeded from 25 to 32 in the same half as the number 1 of their group, but in the opposite quarter.

9.4 The Draw is final and no consideration will be given to two players/Teams from the same country, being drawn to play each other in the Final Stages.

9.5 The seeding for the Final Stages will be made by the Tournament Committee.

10. DRESS CODE

10.1 *MEN: Evening dress or dark suit together with a waistcoat, long sleeved shirt (buttoned at the wrist), bow tie or tie and shoes, to be worn for all sessions.*
Women: Trousers/long skirt, waistcoat, long sleeve blouses/shirt and Shoes to be worn for all sessions.- Bow tie or suitable neck wear to be worn starting from semi-finals.

10.2 When the Championships are held at locations in which the conditions are hot, the EBSA may waive certain dress requirements.

10.3 Failure to comply with the dress code may result in the forfeiture of the match in which the player/Team concerned is involved.

11. PRIZE STRUCTURE

11.1 EBSA will announce the Prize funds in advance of every championship.

11.2 All prize money will be paid by the EBSA in Euros (€) currency and subject to yearly review. Any Tax liability is the responsibility of the recipient. The Host National Association shall be responsible for providing trophies and Certificates. Any addition to the prize money/funds must be with the sanction of the EBSA.

11.3 Prize Funds may be adjusted or subject to change. Any changes to Prize Funds will be subject to EBSA Board approval.

12. HOST ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 The Host Association will be responsible to provide the following for the duration of **All the European Snooker Championships:**

12.2 The Host Association will be responsible to arrange suitable accommodation at as low a price as possible. Free of charge full-board accommodation for the EBSA Board Members and Tournament Office, according to the signed Bid Form.

12.3 The Host Association should accommodate All players, Referees and Officials in the same Hotel where possible.

12.4 The Host Association will be responsible to arrange suitable Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

12.5 The Host Association will be responsible for producing a suitable souvenir programme for the Championships.

13. PLAYING CONDITIONS

13.1 The match tables and equipment shall conform to the standards laid down by WBPSA and shall be checked and certified by the EBSA.

13.2 EBSA shall ensure that matches are fairly spread over the tables in use and scheduled times.

13.3 EBSA has the right to transfer any match to another table or to change the scheduled time of any match.

13.4 ALL players must attend the Opening Ceremony, the Final of the Championships and the Closing Ceremony if they have not returned home.

13.5 Players and Officials involved in any Presentation Ceremony must be fully dressed.

13.6 *I) NO SMOKING/VAPING will be allowed in the playing and spectators area of the venue.*
ii) No alcoholic drinks will be allowed into the playing or spectators area of the venue.
iii) ALL MOBILE PHONES must be switched off in the playing and spectators area.
iv) No flash photography is allowed in the playing or spectators area when matches are being played.
Failure to comply with the above may result in the person/persons involved, being removed from the venue.

14. REFEREES

14.1 All referees officiating at the European Championships will be EBSA registered referees.

14.2 EBSA General Secretary will send invitations to National Associations and to key referee contacts to request visiting referees for each championship.

14.3 Accommodation will be provided by the Host Association to all approved international visiting referees attending the Championships. The Host Association will provide bed and breakfast accommodation to visiting international referees plus two daily meals to all officiating referees.

14.4 The Host Association and the EBSA shall agree the number of Referees required.

14.5 A minimum of 70% of the required number of Referees must be invited from outside the Host Association.

14.6 Referees will not be required to work more than two sessions a day if it's a best of 7 Frames or 3 sessions if it's best of 5 frames where possible.

14.7 Each country taking part in an event should send at least 1 referee.

15. DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRUGS POLICY

All persons attending the Championships under the banner of an EBSA Member Country shall be subject to the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Action associate with these Conditions.

16. SPONSORSHIP & LOGOS

16.1 Players will be allowed to wear a maximum of (2) two logos on the front of their waistcoat (only) with a maximum size of 100 mm x 40 mm, or with an 80 mm diameter. EBSA will add a maximum of their (2) two Sponsor logos if needed. Players may also wear the logo of their National Association or their national flag in addition to the (2) two logos. In additional, Players will be allowed one logo on each shirt sleeve with a maximum size of 100 mm x 40 mm, or with an 80 mm diameter. **Players are not allowed anything to be displayed on the back of waistcoat.**

16.2 The Host Association will inform players if logos may be worn during any televised stages of the Championships and, has the right to request that players wear the logos of its sponsor at this stage of the tournament. No costs or royalties will be paid to any player.

16.3 The EBSA will try to obtain sponsorship of Cloth and Balls for each Championship.

17. PLAYERS AND REFEREES MEETING

Meetings for the players and referees will take place prior to the Opening Ceremony.

18. EBSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Host Association shall make arrangements for holding the AGM in a room adequate for the purpose with suitable refreshments.

19. PRACTICE FACILITIES

The EBSA shall produce a practice schedule for each of the championships. The practice schedule will be available online (EBSA website) and a copy available for inspection at the Tournament Office. Practice tables will be allocated to each National Association participating in the championships, in proportion to the overall number of entries. National Associations will be responsible for allocating the practice tables to their players. Practice facilities will be provided before the start of play each day. Where possible, the Host Association will provide additional information about local clubs who may offer practice facilities (which may be payable) that are available throughout the championships.

20. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

It shall be the responsibility of the Host Association to ensure that all efforts are made to seek and obtain maximum publicity and media coverage for the EBSA Championships. The Host Association must arrange facilities at the venue for sending and receiving information by telephone, fax and email.

21. INSURANCE

The EBSA is not responsible or liable for any form of personal travel and health insurance cover or claim by Players, Delegates, Referees and Guests before during and after any EBSA Championship or event.

22. FRAME DIFFERENCE / AVERAGE

FRAME DIFFERENCE is the Frames Won less the Frames Lost.
e.g., Player Wins 25 Frames and Loses 10 Frames = Frame Difference +15.
FRAME AVERAGE is the Frame Difference divided by the Matches Played.
e.g., Frame Average +15 divided by 5 Matches Played = Frame Average +3.

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