

## **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE YOUTH**

### **Partie Libre**

#### **Article 1 – ORIGIN OF THE COMPETITION**

In the year 1991 an international competition for the youth had been brought into being. This competition had been declared being the European Championship for the youth in the year 1998.

#### **Article 2 – PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION**

Young sportsmen who are on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September of the beginning CEB sporting year not yet 17 years old are authorized to participate in the European Championship for the youth.

#### **Article 3 – DURATION OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP AND PARTICIPANTS**

The duration of the European Championship for the youth has been fixed on a maximum of 3 days. The championship will be held with a maximum of sixteen (16) participants. Each affiliated federation has the right to inscribe sportsmen. The sportsmen placed first of the federation are automatically qualified. In case that the title holder will participate the 2<sup>nd</sup> sportsman of his federation will receive the following free place. The following sportsman who will get a chance will be the 2 representative of the organizing federation if that one will still not have a 2<sup>nd</sup> representative there. The remaining places up to 16 will be occupied by the second representatives of the federations according to the placing at the last EC. In case that the number of 16 will still not be reached the third representatives of the federations will get their turn according to the same system.

After the 16 participants have been determined that way a list of ranking according to the initial averages will be established. The combinations are then resulting according to the enclosed scheme (EC Juniors).

In case that two or three sportsmen of the same nationality will get into one group the 2<sup>nd</sup> sportsman will be granted a number which is one unit higher (smaller number).

In case that there are not 16 sportsmen inscribed the system will be adapted by the person responsible for the youth of the CEB.

#### **Article 4 – PLAYING MATERIAL**

One will play on at least 3 billiard tables of the same size.

Tables with the measurements 2.55 x 1.275 and 2.30 x 1.15 as well as 2.10 x 1.05 are admitted.

#### **Article 5 – PLAYING DISTANCES, BEGINNING OF A MATCH**

After the examination by the person responsible for the youth the CEB board determines the playing distances. At the moment the following distances are valid:

**200 points in Partie Libre, a maximum of 20 innings**

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**Article 6 – COURSE OF THE TOURNAMENT-PLAYING SYSTEM-LIST OF RANKING**

One plays in groups of 4 sportsmen and each one will meet each of the other ones. One starts with the matches 2 against 3 and 1 against 4. In the second round the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> round in the same group will meet each other.

In case of an equality of points in the groups the list of ranking will be established as follows:

- a) General average
- b) Highest series
- c) Second highest series etc.

The two persons placed first of each group play the final round according to the scheme. The placing of the non-qualified 8 takes place according to the place which has been reached in the group, match points, in case of equality according to the above criteria.

**FINAL ROUND:** In case of drawn extra times will be played till the decision. The first extra time is a totally normal match with lag on the distance of 10 % of the normal distance and with a follow up stroke, without limitation of innings. The winner of the lag will indicate the sportsman who will start. That one always does this with the ball which has been assigned to him at the beginning of the match. In case of a new equality extra times inning per inning will be played up to a maximum of the same distance of 10 %, lag after each inning and follow up stroke.

One does not play for the places 3 and 4.

The list of ranking of the sportsmen after the fourth place takes place by comparison of the round which has been reached. Sportsmen who have reached the same playing round will be seeded on the following places according to the above criteria.

**Article 7 – TOURNAMENT HALL, PRICES AND MEDALS**

The renting of a hall, the decoration of a hall and the prizes which will be offered to the participants are exclusively at the expense of the organizers. A club room as tournament place will be sufficient.

The four persons placed first receive the medals of the CEB. A participation diploma will be handed over to each participant.

**Article 8 – COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

The travelling expenses of the sportsmen are exclusively at the expense of the sending federations which are inscribing the sportsmen. The participating federations will be reimbursed by the CEB for their participation with a flat rate amount of € 125,00 per sportsman. The sportsmen have to be accompanied by an official representative of their federation. Daily money will not be paid.

**Article 9 - INVITATIONS AND DATE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The invitations will be published on the CEB web page (eurobillard.org) at least 2 months before the championship. The date of the organization should be between the 15<sup>th</sup> of Octobre and the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

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**Article 10 - INSCRIPTIONS**

The closing date for inscriptions is approximately thirty days before the opening of the championship. The exact date will be made known with the opening of the inscriptions. The inscriptions have to be effected on the electronic way via the CEB web page (eurobillard.org) and will be processed by the sports manager of the

CEB. After the closing date for inscriptions the CEB sports manager will transmit the participation list to the CEB secretary general with a copy to the CEB youth director.

**Article 11 – FINAL REGULATIONS**

All other regulations of the CEB are also applicable to the European Championships for the youth except they would be in contradiction with these regulations.

**Article 12 – COMING INTO FORCE**

The present regulations come into force with the beginning of the playing season 2007/2008.

This text has been updated in July 2007.

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