

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR JUNIORS

THREE CUSHION

Article 1 – ORIGIN OF THE COMPETITION

In the year 1957 a competition for juniors had been brought into being by the International Billiard Federation from which the Confédération Européenne de Billard emanated in 1958. This competition had been declared being the European Championship for Juniors in the year 1970.

Since 1976/77 the competition consists of 2 different tournaments:

- a) the European Championship for Juniors in Partie Libre
- b) the European Championship for Juniors in Cadre 47/2.

Since the playing programme 1989/90 a European Championship for Juniors in the kind of game 5-pins had been introduced as well. The European Championship Three Cushion for Juniors will be re-introduced as of the playing season 1991/92 on account of a resolution of the general assembly from May 1991. On account of the resolution of the GA of the 09.06.2007 this championship will be held annually.

Article 2 – PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION

Young persons who are not older than 21 years the qualifying date being on the 1st of September of the sporting year concerned are authorized to participate in the European Championships for Juniors. The examination of the date of birth will be done by the official delegate of the CEB before the beginning of the competition.

Article 3 – DURATION OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PARTICIPANTS

The duration of the European Championship for Juniors has been fixed on 3 days. The championship will be held with sixteen (16) participants. Each affiliated federation has the right to inscribe a maximum of 3 sportsmen. The sportsmen placed first of the federations are automatically qualified. In case that the title holder participates the 2nd sportsman of his federation receives the following place. The following sportsman who will get a chance will be the 2nd representative of the organizing federation if that one will still not have a second representative there. The remaining places up to 16 will be occupied by the second representatives of the federations, according to the result at the last Junior EC of the same discipline. 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.

When the 16 participants will be known an initial list of ranking will be established according to the general average. The encounters will take place according to scheme.

In case that two or three sportsmen of the same nationality will get into one group the 2nd sportsman will be granted a number which will be one unit higher.

Article 4 – CONDITIONS FOR INSCRIPTIONS

The conditions for inscriptions are the same as at the European Championship for Seniors. In case that the European Champion intervenes or participates his nationality will be taken into consideration.

A copy of the inscriptions has to be transmitted to the responsible person for the youth work in the CEB.

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Article 5 – PLAYING DISTANCES, BEGINNING OF THE MATCH

In accordance with the regulation of the UMB one will play in the groups
15 points in three cushion, a maximum of 2 winning sets, without parity of innings.

Before the beginning of the match one will decide by lag which sportsman will start. That one also starts, as the case may be, the third set. The sportsman who starts with the first set always starts with the pure white ball and will keep that one during the entire match.

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

One will play in groups of 4 sportsmen and each one will play against each of the other ones.
One will start with the matches 2 against 3 and 1 against 4. In the second round the winners of the 1st round in the same group are meeting each other.

The list of ranking in a group will be undertaken according to the following criteria:

- a) match points (1 point per match which has been won)
- b) highest positive difference between the sets which have been won and the sets which have been lost
- c) general average (three places after the decimal point, to adjust downwards)
- d) highest series

The two persons placed first of each group will be qualified for the final round which will be played according to the scheme in the appendix.

The final round will be played in
¼ final – ½ final – final. One will not play for the third and the fourth place.

K.O. system. 3 winning sets of 15 points.

A1 – D2 / C1 – B2 / D1 – A2 / B1 – C2

The final list of ranking of all players will be established in the following order:

- match points
- difference of the set points
- general average
- highest series

Equality in the last set:

If in the last set the first player would finish in one inning, his opponent has the right to equalize. If that one also finishes in one inning, the two players receive 2 match points. In order to determine the winner extra times will be played, after the lag, inning after inning and the highest series will be determined.

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 and the costs of the stay of the sportsmen are exclusively at the expense of the corresponding federations which inscribe the sportsmen. The participating federations will be reimbursed for

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their participation with a flat rate amount of € 300,00. This amount will be increased to € 450,00 if the corresponding federation participates with 2 or more sportsmen. The sportsmen have to be accompanied by an official representative of their federation. Daily money will not be paid.

Article 9 - INVITATIONS

The invitations will be published on the CEB web page (eurobillard.org) at least 2 months before the championship.

Article 10 - INSCRIPTIONS

The closing date for inscriptions will be approximately thirty days before the opening of the championship. The exact date will be made known together 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 Juniors except that 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 2009/2010 and they annul all preceding and/or contrary regulations. The affiliated federations are binding themselves to apply them.

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