

## RULES

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - 3 CUSHIONS - SINGLES

#### **A. Participation with 48 players**

The nomination of the participants is determined by the following regulations:

- 1) As participant number 1 is to be invited the player holding the title. The participation will be officially admitted if the winning of the title is dated less than 4 years. An older title is barred by the statute of limitations. *The player who is holding the title will receive the traveling expenses, taking into account the following*  
Continental players receive 500,00 euro and Intercontinental players receive 770,00 euro according to the actual reimbursement rules for players and officials.  
*The organizer of the world championships must support these costs.* (The confirmation of the participation of the holder of the title must be done by the federation of which the holder of the title is a member; this confirmation must be done to the sports director of the UMB at the latest 56 days (= 8 weeks) before the beginning of the world championships in concern).
- 2) As participants, numbers 2 to 21, are to be invited those 20 participants, who are figuring as the numbers 1 to 20 of the UMB World Players Ranking (last update: at least 49 days before the start of the W.C.). In case the holder of the title is mentioned among these 20 participants, number 21 of the UMB world players ranking list is to be invited. *A compensation for traveling and accommodation costs is not to be paid by the organizers, unless the organizers decide otherwise.* (The confirmation of the participation of these 20 participants must be done by the Federations to the UMB Sports Manager at the latest 49 days (=7 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championship in concern).
- 3) As participants, numbers 22 to 45, are to be invited:
  - 12 participants from the European region; for nomination and inscription the CEB is responsible; for the regarding decision therefore CEB is responsible;
  - 8 participants from the Pan-American region; for nomination and inscription CPB is responsible; for the regarding decision therefore CPB is responsible;
  - 4 participants from the Asian region; for nomination and inscription ACBC is responsible; for the regarding decision therefore ACBC is responsible;The confirmation of the participation of these 24 participants must be done by the confederations of which these participants are members; this confirmation must be done to the sports-director of UMB at the latest 35 days (=5 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championships in concern.  
The under this point (3) nominated and appointed participants may not figure on the world ranking list under the numbers 1 to 20 (21).

- 4) As participants, numbers 46 and 47, are to be invited “wildcard”-participants of the federation who is in charge of organizing the World Championships in concern; the organizing federation is fully free to make her own decision. (The confirmation of the participation of these participants must be done to the sports director of UMB at the latest 35 days (=5 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championships in concern).

The under this point (4) nominated and appointed participants may not figure on the UMB -world players ranking list under the numbers 1 to 20 (21).

- 5) As participant number 48 is to be invited a “wildcard”-participant of UMB; the UMB Board of Directors is fully free to make its own decision. (The confirmation of the participation of this participant must be done to the sports director of UMB at the latest 35 days (= 5 weeks) before the beginning of the World Championships in concern).  
The under this point (5) nominated and appointed participant may not figure on the UMB -world players ranking-list under the numbers 1 to 20 (21)

- 6) Seeding of the participants before entering the worldchampionship in concern.  
The holder of the title will have number 1. The other participants will be seeded as the numbers 2 to 48 in accordance with the UMB –world players ranking list (last updating 49 days before the start of the W.C.).preceding the world championships in concern. Should there be an ex-aequo in the UMB world players ranking list, the sports director of the UMB will do a draw in order to establish the seeding. Should there be participants who may not figure on the world ranking list, these participants will be seeded at the end of the entry list by drawing.

Under no circumstances will be taken into account the nationality of the participants; however, should there be two or more participants of the same nationality classified in the same group, these participants will compete each other immediately.

### Classification of the groups

16 groups of 3 participants; in analogy with the Z-system

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

### B. Not fulfilled nominations and inscriptions

In case specific participants are not nominated after closing of the term of nomination and inscription, they will be replaced as follows:

- “ranking” participants will be replaced by other “ranking” participants based upon the world players ranking of at least 7 weeks before the start of the W.C.; the replacement will take place in decreasing order;
- “confederation” participants (see A3, B9 and C15) will be replaced in accordance with a decision to be taken by the Board of Directors of the UMB;
- In case that the holder of the title will not be nominated and if no other nomination exists, then, automatically, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final results table of the last organized W.C will be assigned under the same conditions as the holder of the title, but without any financial compensation for the travel expenses..
- in case one or more nominated participants are not present under circumstances beyond one’s control, at 20.00 hours, the day before the start of the World Championships in concern, the UMB-delegate will decide after deliberation with the organizer.

Replacing participants - in the groups - will be seeded on the entry list at the same rang of the participant who is not present. As soon as the seeded groups are published, under no circumstances changes will be allowed.

### **C. Groups**

- With 48 participants the competition will start with 16 groups of 3 participants.

**The playing schedule in groups of 3 participants will be:**

1. 2-3
2. 1-loser 2-3
3. 1- winner 2-3

In case of a no-show in one or more groups the other participants in these groups will compete each-other twice.

The matches within a group will be played at the same time.

The groups A and B will play at the same time, as well as the groups C and D and so on.

### **D. Matches**

Within the groups as well as during the final tournament (from the 1/8-finals) all matches are to be played in accordance with the system **best of 5 sets** of 15 points without equalizing inning.

There is NO match to be played for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place – both players are classified 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The classification list will be specified as follows: The number 1 of each group is qualified for the Final Tournament in accordance with:

- Match points
- set balance (difference between winning and losing sets)
- general average
- highest inning

### **E. Time-Regulation-System**

The whole Championship– included the qualification-rounds – will be played with a time-regulation-system:

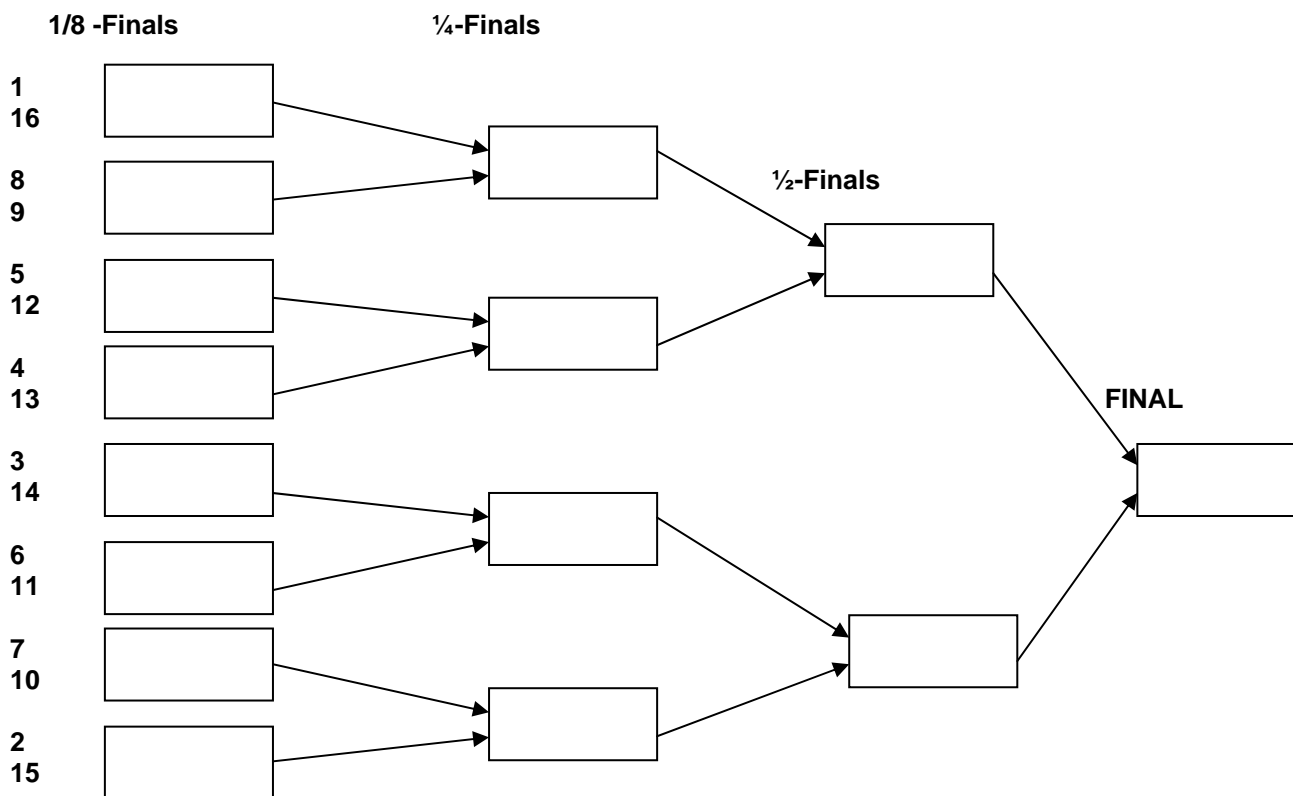
On each table a time-clock will be used under the control of the referee and according to following rules:

- limit of 50 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with lightning warning system at 40 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning about the 40 seconds-limit)
- penalization-signal (by preference sonoric) after the 50 seconds with putting up of the balls for the opponent as consequence
- one time-out for each set is possible; in this case no new time-limit (as a consequence a time-out can be asked at all time within the 50-second period)
- a player can “save” a time-out for a following set with a maximum of three time-outs to be used in one set

The clock has to be put up in the sports arena in a good visible way for the sportsmen /women and the spectators.

**F. Classification after the the group matches**

In accordance with the classification list the 1/8 –finals , the quarter-finals and the semi-finals will be played according to the knock-out system as follows:



The Final results table will be established as follows:

- 1. The place on the list depending on the results of the K.O. system
- 2. Set balance (difference between winning and losing sets)
- 3. General average
- 4. Highest run

**G. Equality in the 3rd and/or 5th set**

Should, during the final set the first player end the match in the first inning, the other player has the right to equalize. Should he also end the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 matchpoints. However, at that moment it will be necessary to shoot penalties, one inning after the other, from the start position. The player with the highest run is the winner of the match.

**H. No-show**

If a player is giving a so-called no-show, the other player will receive 2 matchpoints.

**I. Clothes of the players**

Black trousers, black socks and black shoes are obliged. The color of the jacket is free to decide. White shirt, closed at the neckline, with long sleeves held down and with bow tie. It will be obliged for all players to wear on the left chest the emblem of their federation.

## J. Sponsoring

The organization has the right to use the forearm of the players for sponsoring matters. If the organizer is not making use of it, then the players are authorized to wear on each arm an emblem of their sponsor(s) with a maximum of 80cm<sup>2</sup>. Otherwise the organizers have the right to replace one of these emblems by one of their own sponsors.

## K. Check on the clothes

The check on the clothes will take place before the opening ceremony by the delegate of the UMB. Disrespect of the above mentioned clothing and sponsoring rules may have as a consequence an exclusion of the player(s).

## L. Opening-Ceremony

All players have to be present during the opening ceremony. Also here a disrespect of this rule may have as a consequence an exclusion of the player(s).

## M. Prize-Money

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	4.800 x 1 =	4.800 €
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3.200 x 1 =	3.200 €
3 <sup>rd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.600 x 2 =	3.200 €
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	1.200 x 4 =	4.800 €
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	800 x 8 =	6.400 €
17 <sup>th</sup> – 48 <sup>t</sup>	400 x 32 =	<u>12.800 €</u>

Total 35.200 €

NET to the players, local tax deduction excluded.

Players have the right to get an official receipt signed by the responsible organizer.

It is the duty of the organizer to provide (a copy of) the official document from the public regional or national tax office declaring the amount of the tax deduction to be applied to the players.

## *Rankingpoints*

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	120
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	81
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	57
5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	39
9 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	24
17 <sup>th</sup> - 32 <sup>nd</sup>	12
32 <sup>nd</sup> – 48 <sup>th</sup>	8

## N. Financial regulations

Financial obligations of the organizer:

- Organization fee of **4.500 Euro**/or equivalent in US\$ to be paid 3 months before start of the competition  
Invoice will be send to the organizers. Payment through the confederation.
- Cost of transportation and stay of the U.M.B. delegate

- Participation fee of the players 200 Euro/or equivalent in US\$ Invoice will be send to the federations.  
Payment through the confederations or federations

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.  
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