



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

3-Cushion Ladies

PREAMBLE

The following rules have been drawn up based on the statutes and rules of the UMB and the resolutions of their bodies. They have binding validity and are to be observed to promote and secure World Championships 3-Cushion Ladies. These rules are specifically tailored to the World Championship 3-Cushion Ladies, all other established sports rules and regulations remain in force unless they should contradict the rules listed in this document. All organizers and players must strictly accept and follow these rules.

The organizing federation is solely responsible for this event, regardless of whether the federation uses sub-organizers or other partners. In case of infringement of the UMB Rules & Bylaws, or of the Tournament Regulations, and depending on the seriousness of the infringement, the UMB is entitled to demand reimbursement of part or all the granted Organizer support of € 20.000.

1. Organization:

The Championship will be organized every 2 years (on even years, 2014, 2016, etc....), organizations during odd years will be accepted.

An official notification will be sent by the UMB to all Organizers at the beginning of the calendar year, Organizers are required to sign and return their acceptance to strictly comply to published UMB Sports Rules and proceed with the events accordingly.

2. Participants:

This World Championship is strictly reserved for female players.

Invited Players: 24 Players

- 1 Current World Champion (UMB Wildcard if not available)
- 10 C.E.B. participants - European region
- 6 A.C.B.C. participants - Asian region
- 5 C.P.B. participants - American region
- 1 A.M.E.C.C. participant – African and Middle East region
- 1 Organizing Federation Wildcard

In the event that these places are not filled by the 4 Confederations after the inscription period is closed, players of the participating Confederations will be invited to participate

each time, one place in descending order:

- C.E.B.
- A.C.B.C.
- C.P.B.
- A.M.E.C.C.

3. **Playing System:**

The title holder will be placed as number 1. The other participants will be seeded as numbers 2 to 24 in accordance with the World Ladies Ranking edition at the day of publishing the invitation. Players who do not figure on the World Ranking list, will be seeded at the end of the entry list according to general average.

The nationality of the participants is not taken into account under any circumstances; however, should there be two or more participants of the same nationality classified in the same group, these participants will compete against each other immediately.

1- Groups:

The competitions will start with 8 groups of 3 participants, following the Z-System in accordance with the World Ladies Ranking.

Groups Composition:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

Confederations must indicate the general average of their players at the time inscription confirmation.

Playing schedule for groups of 3 participants:

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

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

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

2- Matches:

Video replay will not be taken into consideration for any decisions during the match.

Interrupting a match, arguing, and disturbing the sportive course of the event by a player is considered as an infringement to the rules. The referee must warn the player and continue the match. Persisting in his attitude will result to an immediate statutory penalty by the UMB Delegate or Tournament Director, which may lead to the player's disqualification.

Matches within groups are to be played in accordance with a total of 25 points with equalizing innings, without penalties.

The 8 groups winners and 8 groups seconds are qualified to the Final Tournament; the 8 groups winners will be placed 1 to 8, and the 8 groups seconds 9 to 16.

3- Classification:

The classification list will be established as follows:

- match points
- general average
- highest descending run

4- Final Tournament:

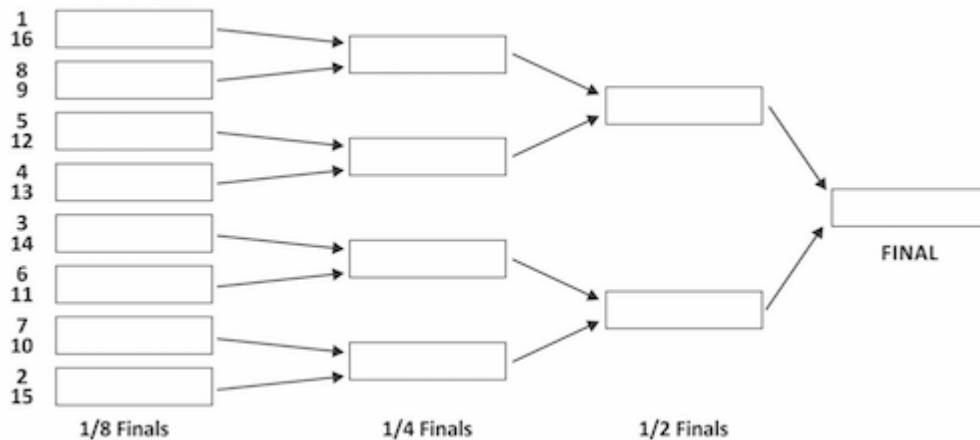
1/8 Round - Quarter Final - Semi Final - Final (There is no match for 3rd and 4th place)

In the final tournament, the matches will be played in accordance with the knock-out system. Matches in the final round are played with a total of 30 points without equalizing innings.

Final Results Table:

To be established as follows and must include all players:

- match points
- general average (points made during penalties are not taken into consideration)
- highest descending run (runs made during penalties are not taken into consideration)



4. **Match Equalizing:**

Should the first player end the match in the first inning the opponent has the right to equalize. In the event that she also ends the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 match points.

5. **Tournament Attire:**

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, long-sleeve one colored shirt or blouse. Waistcoat and bow-tie are not compulsory.

All players must wear their Federation emblem on the left side of the chest.

6. **Advertising:**

All players are permitted to wear advertisements “on person”. The left side of the chest is reserved for National Federation emblems only. Advertisements can be worn on the right chest-side of the vest, on the left and right upper arm of the shirt.

Each of these advertising spots is permitted to have a maximum total size of 80 square centimeters; it is permitted to wear more than one advertisement on right side of the chest on the condition that the total of the surface does not exceed and should fit inside a rectangle 90 square centimeters.

Left upper arm of the shirt is reserved for the advertisement “on person” of the organizer; this advertisement should not display any billiard material. If the organizer is not making use of this right the player will be allowed to use this free spot. The name of the player or of his/her country/federation can be put on the back of the shirt, vest or blouse. Advertisements with political, racial, ethnic and/or religious subjects are strictly forbidden. All advertisements must be of an appropriate nature.

Local regulations regarding prohibited subjects as tobacco, alcohol and others must be respected.

Shirt collar sponsoring is not allowed. Sponsoring on gloves is allowed. The wearing of pins is forbidden.

Referees may wear appropriate advertisements of the Organizer (not exceeding 80 square cm). All referees must wear the same advertisement in the same position.

The UMB cannot be held responsible for any financial consequences due to issues between player’s sponsors and the organizer’s sponsors

7. **Time Regulation System:**

The Championship, including the qualification rounds, will be played with a time regulation system:

A timeclock will be used on each table under the control of the referee and according to following rules:

- Limit of 40 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with a visual warning system at 30 second (if not available the referee will give a warning at the 30 second limit).
- The timeclock starts after all balls stop and the table is free for playing.
- 2 Time-Outs for each player, for all match rounds; the time-out will automatically be extended with 40 seconds (the player does not need to request an extension 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 players and spectators.
- In case both time-outs have been used, a penalization signal (by preference sonic) must be applied after the 40 second limit and consequently the balls will be put up for the

- o opponent.
- o The timeclock will not be stopped for the use of a device (cue-extension, bridge, etc) or changing glove(s).

The timeclock must be displayed in the sports arena, clearly visible for the players and spectators.

8. Breaks:

One break of five minutes per match is applied, after 15 points for matches of 25 and 30 points reached by either player.

Additionally, in the event that a match will be broadcast live on television, the TV broadcasting company has the right to request 2 commercial breaks at any time during the match, each with a maximum of 90 seconds. Players must remain seated during the break. Breaks cannot be made during a player's run.

9. Dress Control:

Dress control will take place prior to the opening ceremony by the UMB Delegate and before each game by the responsible Sports Director. Inappropriate dress may result in exclusion from the tournament.

10. Opening Ceremony:

All players must be present during the opening ceremony; a player's absence may result in exclusion from the tournament.

11. Prize Money & UMB Support:

1 st Place	€ 10.000 x 1 =	€ 10.000
2 nd place	€ 6.000 x 1 =	€ 6.000
3 rd + 3 rd	€ 4.000 x 2 =	€ 8.000
5 th – 8 th	€ 3.000 x 4 =	€ 12.000
9 th – 16 th	€ 2.000 x 8 =	€ 16.000
17 th – 24 th	€ 1.000 x 8 =	€ 8.000

NET TOTAL		€ 60.000

The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 60.000 prize money.

- UMB will transfer to the Organizer € 44.000.
- UMB will transfer direct prize money to 1st and 2nd places (€ 16.000).

The UMB will support the Organizer with the amount of € 20.000 for organization.

Prize money should be paid to the players on a net basis. Additionally, taxes arising in the organizing country must be paid by the Organizer for all foreign players. Players are personally liable and responsible to pay tax on their prize money according to the taxation laws of their country. Third persons are exempt from such liability.

Prize money paid by the Organizer to the player is paid in cash, unless the fiscal laws of the organizing country restrict cash payments to a maximum amount, in this case the prize money payment should be made net by bank transfer by the organizer to the player's account, all bank transfer charges are covered by the organizer. UMB assumes no liability in this matter, that is the sole responsibility of the Organizer. It's also the responsibility of the organizer to collect all player's bank transfer details.

Disclaimer:

The Union Mondiale de Billard reserves the right to change the financial conditions in relation with the Sponsoring and Media-rights income. Any changes will be announced prior to the inscriptions to the tournament. UMB assumes no other responsibilities on this subject.

12. Financial Regulations:

- Player's participation fee €100.00, excluding the current World Champion. The total amount will not exceed €500 for the CEB (directly above the Confederation), €300 for the CPB (to be paid by the Federations) and €400 for the ACBS (to be paid by the Federations), according to Article 2, paragraph 2 these maximums can be increased.
- The organizing Federation's Wildcard and the UMB's eventual Wildcard is €100 to be paid by the Confederation or Federation depending on the continent to which the player belongs
- Obligations of the Organizer:

Each player will be provided with a single room (Bed & Breakfast basis).

The UMB organization fee amounts €500. The organizing Federation will receive the invoice for both UMB and Confederal organization fees, from the respective Confederation. The respective Confederation will receive the invoice from the UMB for its own organization fee.

Travel Expenses and hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast basis) for the UMB Delegate and UMB Technical Delegate.

Travel expenses for the title holding player (Not applicable in the event that the World Champion is replaced by the UMB Wildcard player), according to the following:

- €350 – Continental player
- €850 – Inter-continental player

The Organizer must arrange and pay costs for four rooms for the duration of the entire tournament, plus 2 nights, on a full board basis for minimum 8 persons from the SOOP team, in the officially designated tournament hotel (or a hotel of similar standard in close proximity to the venue).

13. Media Rights:

The Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB) is the sole recognized 'Worldwide Governing Body' for Carom Billiards, and is the statutory owner of the exploitation rights of the sporting events and competitions it organizes or those that are held under its auspices.

The UMB, as per the October 31st, 2023, agreement, and until further notice, has granted SOOP CO., LTD (SOOP) the exclusive rights of distribution across all media platforms, without geographic limitation, including television rights across cable, satellite and terrestrial, internet, IPTV and mobile, covering events organized by - or under auspices of - the UMB, as mentioned in the agreement and amendment.

The rights include live coverage, tape-delay coverage and post-event footage use.

Except SOOP Cameras, no other Cameras are allowed to Live-Streaming or produce the event. In case that any organizer will request a Live-Streaming feed or own production, it should negotiate the cost in advance with SOOP.

The Organizer will provide the necessary conditions for the SOOP coverage, including transport of the SOOP crew and equipment between the airport and the venue.

14. Image Rights:

Within the frame of World Championship competition, the players cede the “rights of images” of their person and agree that images of their person may be used for any media-application within the limits normally accepted within the international sports world. Should these images be used for commercial advertising additional rights must be applied for and approved by the UMB.

15. Sporting Material – Material, Equipment & Tournament Direction:

Billiard tables used in tournaments must comply with the standard specifications of the UMB. All tables used for the event should be of same model and colour. Table colour along the body and the top (Cushion frame) must be in Black, White, all shades of Grey, Blue and Brown (Natural Wood colours). Tablecloth and balls should be authorized by the UMB, according to the make, quality, and type. New tablecloth and balls must be provided for all tables at the start of the tournament.

Cues are the personal sporting equipment of the players and should be within the authorized standard specifications of the UMB.

Chalk, sandpaper, etc., are the personal property of the player. The Organizer must make available a long cue and long cue support at the tournament for the players’ use.

In accordance to the contracts and agreements with the UMB the Organizer receives the tournament material (cloths and balls) from the respective manufacturers free of charge. Requests for the required material must be made in due time through the National Federation, or should be directly requested by the Organizer from the responsible importer/trader in the country of the organizer. If there are no importers or traders in the country of organization the material must be requested directly from the manufacturers or through the UMB at least three months before the beginning of the tournament. The UMB Technical Delegate will monitor this subject.

The entire tournament, including the qualification-rounds, will be played with “Simonis

Table Cloth” and with “**Aramith Balls**”. Chemical cleaning or chemical treatment of the balls is prohibited.

VECTOR cushions are manufactured by KLEMATCH in the same profile and with the same dimensions as the Kleber P37 type, and exclusively worldwide distributed by BIS company. UMB officially appointed BIS as its exclusive cushion partner. Consequently, UMB will allow only VECTOR cushions to be used, taking the “force majeure” disclaimer clause into consideration. BIS will provide the cushions free of charge, for each table manufacturer that for the first time supplies its table for the event. BIS will contact the table manufacturer and commit itself to supply the cushions 60 days prior to the start of each event. Therefore, the shipping address must be provided by the table manufacturer at least 90 days prior to the event.

Water must be provided on the players’ table during the match.

Large indicating/score boards for each billiard table with clear visibility must be available in the arena.

The SOOP Live Scoring System is recognized and accepted as the official scoring system in both the arena and on the website. Should the Organizer wish to use his own scoring system the UMB must approve, and the system must be compatible with the SOOP Live Scoring System.

Billiard tables and indicating boards should display numbers for easy recognition by spectators.

The Organizer may decide to allow for some, or the entire qualification rounds to be played in different venues. The venues must be at an acceptable distance from one another and the Organizer must provide transportation between the venues or from the official hotel to all venues. The additional venues and conditions provided to the players is the final decision of the UMB Technical Delegate. All venues must provide public and VIP areas.

Obligations regarding sponsors and flags of the UMB and Confederations are valid for all venues.

In the event that the Tournament Director is provided by the UMB the Organizer must provide all necessary equipment according to UMB requirements and in accordance with qualified tournament executives.

High speed internet access must be made available at all times for the UMB Delegate and the UMB Technical Delegate.

Background music played in the arena must be instrumental and at moderate sound level, in alignment with UMB Delegate. Under no circumstances may the music take a foreground place nor disturb the concentration of the players.

The organizer will provide the necessary conditions for web coverage including:

- A dedicated internetline for the SOOP team guaranteeing a minimum bandwidth of 6 Mbps per table. In case that SOOP streams the event live on TV Channels 2 separated Internet lines with 6 Mbps bandwidth will be dedicated for SOOP. Total 70 Mbps bandwidth must be provided by the organizer.
- The necessary laptops and connected monitors for each table in the competition.
- A workspace with a power outlet for the SOOP control center near the area of play.

The organizer will further provide a separate working room for the UMB Technical Delegate and/or the UMB delegate including:

- A permanent and separate internet line by plug connection.
- A color-printer (Up to A3 size).

16. Printed Matter, Greeting, and Sponsors of the UMB and the Confederation:

The following obligations must be observed and carried out by the Organizer:

UMB has the right for 50% of all banners in playing area and around TV Table (s) distributed evenly throughout, also 50% of floor publicity. Design and contents for the 50% of the banners and floor publicity will be provided to the organizer by UMB or SOOP, in accordance with the used measurements.

In addition to the official name of the tournament, the logo of the UMB and of the responsible Confederation must be included on all printed material.

The same is also applicable for promotional material, printed, digital or internet based media. "Words of Greeting" in program books must be requested in due time (approximately 3 months prior to printing) from the UMB and the responsible Confederation.

Publicity on tournament tables is reserved for UMB. Stickers for **Aramith**, Simonis, SOOP and Vector should be placed on each tournament billiard tables on the outer cushion frame for the duration of the tournament. The required quantity of stickers should be requested in advance along with cloths, etc. Advertisement on the cloth playing surface and on the upper edge of the cushion is not allowed. Simonis is permitted to fix an advertisement between the kick-off border cushion and the tablecloth (sloped surface). The training tables, when available, are part of the tournament tables.

Logos for **Aramith**, Simonis, SOOP and Vector must be included on all advertisements and/or posters and web/internet based presentations and media.

The Organizer is forbidden to allow any publicity or advertising from any company competing with the UMB Sponsors, **Aramith**, Simonis, SOOP and Vector within the arena or on any World Championship related material.

17. Anti-Doping Controls:

The doping guidelines of the WCBS (World Confederation of Billiard Sport) and the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), drawn up in accordance with the given details of the IOC, must be adhered to. The financial costs of random in-competition tests will be charged to the Organizer. Doping controls do not require advanced notice. Players who refuse to participate in doping controls will not be permitted to participate in the tournament. Players accept these controls in accordance with valid guidelines upon inscription to the tournament.

18. Player's Personal Electrical Equipment:

All player's personal mobile phones, tablets, music players, etc., are forbidden in the arena throughout the match, including during the breaks.

19. Exceptions

All unforeseen cases will be decided by the UMB Delegate, in accordance with the organizer.

20. Final Clause – Coming into Force

The World Championship is prepared by the UMB Sports Director and remains for the duration of the competition under the control and responsibility of the UMB Delegate, assisted by the UMB Technical Delegate.

The present rules are reviewed by the UMB board and are applicable from January 1st, 2026.

