



6 Reds Snooker World Championship Conditions

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The IBSF 6 Red Snooker World Championship shall be held under the ultimate authority of the International Billiards & Snooker Federation, who shall at their Annual General Meetings delegate responsibility for the organisation of these Championships to Member Associations, wherever possible two years in advance.

In the event that no candidate can be announced during the Annual General Meeting, the IBSF Board will be able to take any decision needed to ensure the continuity of competitions and review candidates who present their nominations to host an event after the AGM.

The Championships shall be played under the Conditions approved by the IBSF and under the Rules of the Game as published by the IBSF.

DEFINITIONS:

IBSF Championship Committee

This committee will be responsible for the preparation of the event in conjunction with the host country. The committee will consist of:

- a) IBSF General Secretary
- b) IBSF Sport Committee Chairman
- c) IBSF Referees & Rules Committee Chairman
- d) IBSF Tournament Director to be appointed by the IBSF
- e) The Host Association representative

IBSF Tournament Committee (as per clause 23)

This committee will be responsible for the running of the event from the day of the Opening ceremony till the Closing ceremony has finished.

The committee will consist of:

- a) Tournament Director to be appointed by the IBSF Championship Committee
- b) International Head Referee to be appointed by the IBSF Championship Committee
- c) IBSF Tournament Overseer (IBSF representative)
- d) The Host Association representative

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

1.2 The Secretary shall forward information packs giving all relevant details pertaining to the Championships-not less than twelve weeks prior to the date of the commencement of the Championship.

The IBSF 6 Reds Snooker World Championships will be held from 1st March – 30th April in any year.

No IBSF Championship can commence within 4 weeks of the end of another IBSF Championship

A variation of the above dates may only be granted upon application to the IBSF giving supporting arguments for the proposed variation.

All entries must be received by the IBSF website including photographs, and all other required information (4) weeks before the start of the Championships. Failure to complete the entries correctly will result in exclusion from the Championships. If a National affiliate is in arrears with its fees no entries will be accepted until the overdue fees are paid. NO entries will be accepted after this date. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

1.3 Rejection of entries other than overdue fees, shall be sent an email by the IBSF Secretary within 3 days after the subscription online, to the Member Country concerned with clearly defined reasons of rejection ratified by the IBSF Board. A copy of that email must also be sent to the Secretary of the Regional Federation.

1.4 The IBSF shall in close cooperation with the Host Association invite and/or accept replacements for players who withdraw after the closing date for entries. Provided that such player/s are approved and nominated by their National Association/s from whom withdrawal/s have been received, and of which are financial members.

1.5 All players must register at the Championship Office before the Opening Ceremony, or inform the Host Association of possible late arrival. Failure to do so will be taken as a withdrawal of the player/players concerned.

1.6 The IBSF retains the right to consider and evaluate all Championships opportunities and proposals, and make the necessary amendments to these Conditions for the overall benefit of the sport.

2. ENTRY AND PLAYER STATUS

2.1 Each National Association shall be autonomous in choosing who shall represent their National Association and will be entitled to nominate entries as follow:
Two (2) Male players + Two (2) Female players for the IBSF 6 Reds Snooker World Championships.

The Host Association will be allowed one player per each group, with a maximum of 8 players, plus the option of extra players as an emergency measure, due to the non appearance of any players prior to the start of the Championship subject to the sanction of the IBSF.

2.2 Extra Players that are to be invited:

The Regional 6 Reds Champions

The Defending Champion of the IBSF 6 Reds Snooker World Championship.

The above players will be entitled to compete as extra players, provided they are nominated and their entries approved by their National Association/s.

2.3 To make up uneven groups the IBSF will have the option to invite players from the other countries in the Host Region.

2.4 To be eligible for entry, a Player must be a National/Citizen of the country and must not have represented another country for at least three years before the start of the Championships.

2.5 A Player who has dual nationality may elect to represent either country, provided that he has not represented his former country in the previous three years and is nominated by his new country.

2.6 The current top 96 Ranked World Snooker Association Main Tour Players (or the figure as announced by the WPBSA for the current season) will be ineligible for selection by their National Associations.

3. AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

3.1 An Affiliation Fee of US\$300 - will be payable to the IBSF by the last day of March each year.

The fee will be payable irrespective of the Championship being held in any year or not and NO refunds will be made or reductions given for part or non entry into the Championship.

3.2 An Entry Fee of US\$50 per player will be payable to the Host Association, on the first day of the Championships.

3.3 The IBSF retains the right to refuse any entries if the National Federation hasn't paid the annual affiliation fees before the start of the World Championship.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

4.1 The maximum time allowed to host the Championships will be 6 days + the Opening Ceremony, with the final day being scheduled for a Friday or Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Federation and the IBSF.

4.2 The players will be placed in groups of 6 players minimum, so each player will have the guarantee to play at least 5 matches, and the two best players after the round robin will be qualified for the knock out stages.

The females will be integrated in the same groups as the men, as this event will be played without gender distinction.

Matches format :

- Round robin : best of 7 Days 1-4
- Last 32 : best of 9 Day 5
- Last 16 : best of 9 Day 5
- Quarters : best of 9 Day 5
- Semi finals : best of 11 Day 6
- Final : best of 13 Day 6

The sessions are organized every 2 hours, so 6 sessions per day.

10h00 - 12H00 - 14H00 - 16H00 - 18H00 - 20H00

- Day 1 : Round robin (60 matches)
- Day 2 : Round robin (60 matches)
- Day 3 : Round robin (60 matches)
- Day 4 : Round robin (60 matches)
- Day 5 : 10h00: Last 32
- 14h00: Last 16
- 18h00: Quarter finals
- Day 6 : 10h00: Semi finals
- 16h00: Final
- 20h00: Closing Ceremony

4.3 All sessions will be subject to possible change in time and frames played if requested by the Host Association and agreed by the Championship Committee, to cover any possible demands by Sponsors or for TV Coverage.

5. ROUND ROBIN GROUP DRAWS

The IBSF Championship Committee shall make the draw.

5.1 The IBSF Championship Committee will use the official IBSF ranking to seed 8 countries.

5.2 The remaining players will then be drawn at random into the group headings, and placed as best as possible so that the players from the same region are spread evenly over all groups.

5.3 No player will be drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, other than an emergency replacement from the Host or Regional Association-

5.4 If a player is drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, he will automatically go to the next available group.

5.5 All groups should be of equal numbers whenever possible.

6. WALKOVERS AND FORFEITS

6.1 A penalty of US\$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 and fined another US\$100.

It is the responsibility of the player's National Association to guarantee the payment of his penalty.

6.2 Any player not in attendance at the designated start time will lose one (1) Frame when the match commences.

6.3 If a player is not in attendance 15 minutes after the designated start time, their match shall be declared a walkover given to their opponent. If both players are in default of being absent after the aforesaid grace period of 15 minutes, both players will be forfeited, and the match deemed to be a walkover against both players.

6.4 Notwithstanding the aforesaid forfeiture, the defaulting player(s) concerned shall be further subject to reprimand actions after the case has been investigated by the Championship Committee, based on IBSF Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

6.5 There shall be no re-scheduled matches for the declared walkover. (See also 6.2.iv and 6.3)

6.6 By the aforesaid default, the Championship Committee shall decide as follows the status of the Championship as on the last day's play of the Round Robin Stages.

6.7 If the result affects positions and/or qualifications in any Group, a player may be awarded up to a maximum of four (4) frames and one win point for each walkover. This will enable the player's Group position to be on a possible par with the player immediately ranked above him. (Rule 8 herein shall also apply).

6.8 In the case of seeding for the top 8 positions, Rule 9 shall apply herein, taking into due consideration that the frame average scored with no win being awarded thereto.

6.9 In the event of a player failing to be present for two matches, they shall be declared withdrawn from the Championship. Additional disciplinary action may be taken against them, pursuant to the provisions of the IBSF Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

6.10 Under extenuating circumstances, the Championship Committee shall have the right to consider valid appeals in writing submitted by the aggrieved player(s)

concerned, subject further to the burden of proof connected therewith.

6.11 Should any player be unable to play a match due to illness, the following conditions shall apply:

The Tournament Director must be informed in writing of the player's indisposition at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time of the match in reference.

An authorized medical certificate must be obtained and forwarded to the Tournament Director from the designated Championship Doctor, as specified by the Host NSA.

6.12 The granting or otherwise of a rescheduled match in this instance is at the absolute discretion of the Tournament Director in consultation with the Championship Committee. Such decision shall be given within thirty (30) minutes from the time of the written appeal being received from the affected player.

6.13 In the case a match that is interrupted because one of the players is indisposed because of illness, the following procedure must be applied:

- The referee must leave all the balls on the table exactly as it was before the interruption until the Tournament Director gives his final decision.

- If the circumstances and the conditions of the suffering player are serious enough, the Tournament Director can decide to postpone the match.

- The Tournament Director must give in writing to each player involved, the revised schedule with the day and time for the match to continue to completion.

- The frame scores as recorded when the match had been interrupted, is the starting point for the continuation of the match

- The Tournament Director could require from the suffering player a medical certificate which confirms that the player is able to play. In addition a letter from the player who confirms that if he continues to play, that he does so at his own risk, and cannot hold the IBSF responsible for any untoward or further illness that he may be suffering.

6.14 These procedures are applicable to the referees as well.

7. WITHDRAWALS

7.1 A player will be withdrawn from the Championship if missing 2 matches so designated by the IBSF Board. ALL matches in the Round Robin Stages played by that player will become null and void and removed from the results schedule.

7.2 All decisions regarding Walkovers, Withdrawals, and Forfeits will be made by the IBSF Championship Committee. They will investigate the matter/s and shall if

deemed valid take disciplinary action against the offenders National Association.

8. GROUP WINNERS

8.1 At least two players from each group will go forward to the Final Knock out Stages.

8.2 Matches Win Points will first decide the winners.

If two or more players in any group have an equal number of wins at the end of the Round Robin Stages, the following procedure will apply to determine the position of the qualifiers of that group:

1. If two or more players have an equal number of wins the better or best will be the player with the best Frame Difference (See Supplement)
2. If still equal the result/s of the matches between the players will be used to determine who is successful.
3. If a tie is still involved the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be used.
4. If after applying points 1-3 the players is still equal, one-frame play-off using frame scores if needed will determine the separation of the players. If needed, a re-spotted black will be used.

9. SEEDING AND DRAW OF THE KNOCK OUT STAGES

The results of the Round Robin will provide the seeded positions 1-32 for all players in the Knock Stages of the Championships. Accordingly the players will be placed in their respective positions for the Knock stage of the Championship.

10. DRESS CODE

10.1 Men's Dress Code

Evening dress or a dark suit shall be worn to all opening and closing ceremonies, and National dress or National costumes are also allowed. Only dark colour dress shoes are acceptable. No sport style shoes will be allowed.

Evening dress or dark suit together with waistcoat shall be worn to all match sessions. Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist, waistcoats, bow ties and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches, other than when the Championship conditions are hot, at which time certain dress requirements may be waived by the Championship Committee.

10.1.2 Women's Dress Code

For the opening and closing ceremonies, evening dress shall be worn, (which includes dress, skirt or costume) National dress or National costumes are allowed. Also colour dress shoes shall be worn. Shoes can be open toe or closed.

Dark trousers or dark skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Predominately plain coloured shirts with sleeves below the elbow and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Dress ladies dark coloured shoes shall be worn to all sessions, and can be open toe or closed. No sports style shoes, sandals,

boots will be allowed.

10.1.3 In all cases the Tournament Championship Committee retains the right to refuse any player (man or woman) who wears attire which could be considered inappropriate in any way, thereby disrupting the competition or portraying a damaging or conflicting image to the best standards and interests of the IBSF.

When the conditions during the Championship are inclement, the Championship Committee may vary certain dress requirements.

10.2 Players will be allowed to wear a sponsor's logo only on the front of the waistcoat with a maximum size of 100 mm x 40 mm or 80 mm diameter. The Host Association will inform players if their logos may be worn during any televised stages of the Championship and has the right to request during this stage of the Championship that players wear logos of the Host Association sponsor at no cost to themselves.

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

10.4 The IBSF Condition of Entry is that players own sponsors must not conflict with the IBSF Sponsors

11. PRIZE STRUCTURE

11.1 All prize money subject to yearly review and must be paid in US\$ currency. All prize money must be paid in full and not subject to any tax deductions. The Host National Association shall be responsible for providing prizes as follows:

Total Prize Fund minimum US\$10,000

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money.

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| Winner - | 40% plus Trophy, Certificate and Medal as Champion |
| Runner-up - | 20% plus Trophy, Certificate and Medal as Runner-up |
| 3rd place - | 12.5% plus Trophy, Certificate and Medal |
| 4th Place - | 7.5% plus Trophy |
| 5-8th. - | 10% |
| 9-16th. - | 10% |

PRIZE FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE ON THE IBSF BOARD'S APPROVAL

11.2 Any extra prizes offered by the Host Association at their own discretion and approved by the Championship Committee.

12. HOST ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

12.1 The Host Association on finding suitable accommodation is required to negotiate special room rates including breakfast, for ALL persons attending the Championships. This rate, which should be no more than US\$90 per room including breakfast, should be a minimum of 40% discount off the published room prices at the time of the Championships and must be confirmed in the Championship Tender, at least twenty-four (24) weeks before the start of the Championships.

12.2 The Host Association will be responsible for supplying free of charge, accommodation including breakfast as per the Bid File for these Championships.

12.3 All National Associations will be responsible for payment of the total accommodation costs as per 12.1 for all their Delegates, Managers, Players, Officials and Supporters.

12.4 The Host Association will be responsible to arrange and host a suitable Opening Ceremony, and a Closing Ceremony that is inclusive food and drinks.

12.5 The Host Association must provide the necessary Internet supply, and office space close to the playing area for the IBSF Webmaster in accordance with the Bid File requirements.

13. PLAYING CONDITIONS

13.1 The Match Tables, Venue and Equipment shall conform to requirements as laid down in the IBSF Championship Tender, and shall be checked and certified by the Tournament Director and the International Head Referee before the start of the Championship.

13.2 The Host Association shall ensure that the players matches are fairly spread over the tables in use and the scheduled times. Players who play the last match at night should not be required to play the first match the following morning during the Round Robin Stages. The IBSF will provide a playing schedule.

13.4 The Host Association has the right to transfer any match to another table or to change the scheduled times of any match, if they see fit to do so. The Tournament Director and International Head Referee must approve and arrange these changes, and sufficient notice must be given to all players affected by the changes.

13.5 All players must attend the Opening Ceremony, and if they have not returned home they must also attend the Final and the Closing Ceremony.

13.6 NO SMOKING will be allowed in the playing or spectators area inside the Match Venue.

13.7 NO ALCOHOLIC DRINKS or FOOD will be allowed into the playing or spectators area inside the Match Venue.

13.8 Players and Referees will not be allowed to partake of any alcoholic drink during the course of their game.

13.9 NO MOBILE PHONES, TWO WAY RADIOS or BLEEPERS will be allowed inside the Match Venue.

14. REFEREES

14.1 The IBSF will appoint an International Head Referee from amongst the invited International Referees. The Host Association will appoint a Local Assistant to the Head Referee from amongst their Referees. *The Head Referee* will be in control of all the Referees, Markers and Recorders for the duration of the Championship.

14.2 For All IBSF events a minimum of 50% of the required number of Referees must be invited from outside the Host Association + 1 International Head Referee.

14.3 The IBSF Referees Committee in conjunction with the IBSF Board will decide the allocation of the referees from each region for the World Championships according to the location of the Championships.

14.4 The total number of referees will represent twice the number of tables to be used in the venue.

14.5 All Referees at the Championship must have received the specific graduation given by the IBSF Regional Bodies for the IBSF 6 Reds Snooker rules

a) Grade 3 or higher for the Round Robin Stages and shall hold a certificate as such, issued by approved affiliates of the IBSF.

b) Referees for the Final Stages must be at least a Grade 2 Referee and they will be selected from the Referees of the Round Robin Stages only.

c) The IBSF Referees Committee must approve all Referees, supplied by the Regional Referees Association.

14.6 Invitations for Referees outside of the Host Association must be fairly spread and must be directed to the Regional Referees Associations through the IBSF Referees Committee.

14.7 All National Associations should offer to supply Referees for the Championships if possible.

14.8 The Host Association is required to supply free accommodation (Bed & Breakfast) for all the invited International Referees on the basis of sharing a room with another referee.

14.9 The Host Association is required to supply a daily food allowance of USD\$ 10.00 or its equivalent in food vouchers (at least Half board).

14.10 The Host Association is required to supply Markers and Recorders for all matches where possible, and definitely the Final Stages of the Championships.

15. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should any player, delegate, referee or person representing a Member Country put the game into disrepute at any time during the Championships; the Disciplinary Rules & Procedures as attached to these Conditions, will be applied.

16. DRUGS POLICY

The policy and rules of the IOC to control the use of banned substances as adopted by the IBSF are contained in a separate WADA document to these conditions, which the IBSF fully recognises. The IBSF will be responsible for assisting the Host Association in the implementation of any Drug Testing.

17. PLAYERS AND REFEREES MEETINGS

These will be held prior to the start of the Championships, under the direction of the IBSF Tournament Committee.

18. PRACTICE FACILITIES

The Host Association must arrange practice tables at the Championship Venue, to be used on a rota basis by the players. They should also arrange other practice tables at nearby clubs or snooker facilities, at as low a cost possible to the players. If needed, the Match Venue Tables will also be made available for practice as per a time schedule set out by the Tournament Directorate.

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 IBSF Championships.

- The IBSF reserve the selling rights to any televised parts of the Championship, outside the Host Associations Regional Area. All transmissions outside of the Host Nations Regional area must have the prior knowledge and agreement of the IBSF
- At no time can anyone broadcast our championship by Internet without the prior permission and agreement of the IBSF.
- At no time can anyone use the IBSF Logo on any item including merchandising items without the prior permission and agreement of the IBSF.

21. CHAMPIONSHIP OVERSEER

The IBSF shall appoint a Championship Overseer to oversee the Championship of that year. That person will be responsible to monitor all activities as they deem necessary, and to ensure that the Championship proceeds as planned. The Overseer will report to the IBSF Board. The person selected will not be a member of the Host Association.

22. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The IBSF shall appoint a Tournament Director who will be in control of the Championship. That person will ensure that the tournament is conducted and completed to the standards of a World Class Event.

The Host Association shall appoint an Assistant Tournament Director and assistant Head Referee.

23. IBSF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee will comprise of 4 persons:

- a) Tournament Director to be appointed by the IBSF Championship Committee
- b) International Head Referee to be appointed by the IBSF Championship Committee
- c) IBSF Tournament Overseer (IBSF representative)
- d) The Host Association representative

24. SPONSORSHIP AND LOGOS

25.1 Players will be allowed to wear a logo on the front of their waistcoat with a maximum size of 100 mm. x 40 mm. or 80-mm diameter.

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

25.2 Milliken are the Official IBSF Cloth Sponsor for 2007 - 2009 and will supply free of charge, Strachan Cloth to cover an agreed maximum amount of tables for the IBSF Snooker Championships, which is subject to the terms of agreement between Milliken and the IBSF. Details will be supplied for each

25.4 Saluc is the official IBSF ball sponsors for 2009 – 2011 and will supply the required sets of Aramith Championship Balls for all IBSF World Championship events. These conditions are subject to the terms and agreement between Saluc and the IBSF.

25.5 If any sponsored tables, cloth, balls and any IBSF sponsors products are not used in the Championships, they must be returned to the sponsor or paid for at the normal trade terms of the supplier

25.6 The IBSF shall inform the players and referees of any extra sponsors logos that are required to be worn during any stages of the Championships, and shall be affixed at no cost to the IBSF or the Host Nation.

25. SUPPLEMENTS

25.1 GROUP WINNERS:

The FRAME DIFFERENCE is the FRAMES WON minus FRAMES LOST

Example: Player Wins 25 frames and Loses 10 frames then, +15 Frames is the Frame Difference.

25.2 SEEDING Knock out stages

The FRAME DIFFERENCE as above is only used when all groups played the same amount of matches.

The FRAME AVERAGE is used when groups play a different amount of matches and is found by dividing the FRAME DIFFERENCE by the NUMBER OF MATCHES PLAYED.

Example: Player's Frame Difference is +15 and he has played 5 MATCHES in his group then +15 divided by 5 gives the Frame Average of +3 for this player.

The Frame Average is the average amount of frames won (or lost) in the Round Robin Stages and is used only to find the seeding or group position.

26. MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

26.1 The IBSF is not responsible for any form of personal insurance cover for players, delegates, referees or guests before, during and after any IBSF Championship.

26.2 It will be the responsibility of those attending IBSF Championship's and associated events, to cover any possible losses due to cancellations. This includes medical, loss of luggage, and travel expenses.

26.3 It will be the sole responsibility of all Member Associations, in deciding to send players, referees and delegates to any IBSF Championship or associated event.

26.4 The IBSF will not be responsible for any losses incurred due to the cancellation of any IBSF Championship or related event.

A COPY OF THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY DURING THE HOSTING OF THESE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. ANY CHANGES TO THESE CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE PLAYERS MEETING